

Modern Languages

Typical Career Fields:

Government (projected growth 22% or higher) ☀️

- Translation/ Interpretation
- Court Reporter
- Linguistics
- Diplomacy
- Civil Service
- Immigration
- Security & Protection
- Law Enforcement

Industry/Commerce (projected growth 8% to 14%)

- Translation
- Banking/Finance
- Sales
- Customer Service
- Engineering/ Technical
- Operations
- Advertising/ Marketing
- Human Resources

Travel and Tourism (projected growth -1% to 1%)

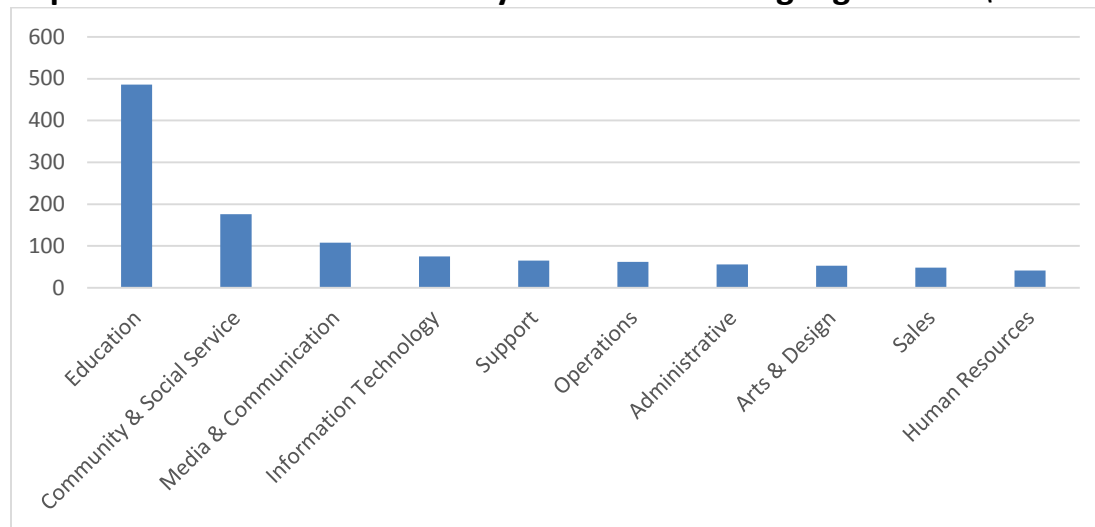
- Translation/ Interpretation
- Airline Services
- Management
- Booking/ Reservations
- Travel Services/ Guidance
- Ecotourism

Service and Education (projected growth 15% to 21%) ☀️

- Translation/ Interpretation
- Teaching
- Educational Administration
- Nonprofit or Public Interest Law
- Research

☀️ = Bright Outlook Source: O*NET

Top Ten Career Fields Chosen by ESU Modern Language Grads: (Source: LinkedIn)



Where Our Grads Go (top ten):

- Olathe School District
- Univ. of Kansas
- Johnson County Library
- Kansas State Dept. of Education
- Flint Hills Technical College
- Jefferson County Public Library
- Hewlett Packard
- City of Boulder
- ITT Technical Institute
- Allen Press

View a list of required courses for this major at <http://www.emporia.edu/sac/list-of-majors.html>.

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Modern Languages Majors

Strategies on how to become more marketable at graduation

Teaching and Education (Teaching, Translation/Interpretation, Research, Nonprofit, Administration)

- As an undergraduate, maintain a high GPA and make connections with faculty for future recommendations.
- Serve as a tutor, peer mentor, language partner, or other student leader positions.
- Look for opportunities to assist faculty with research.
- Study languages, both Indo-European and non-Indo-European.
- Earn relevant graduate degrees to prepare for other fields such as, information science, ESL/TESOL, or language education.
- Foreign language instruction requires teacher certification for K-12 and a doctoral degree for postsecondary.
- To prepare for work with non-native English speakers, get involved with the campus or local international community. Study abroad and attend multi-cultural events on campus or in the community.

Government and Public Administration (Civil Service Admin., Arts Admin., Equality and Diversity Officer, Local Government Officer, Court Reporter, Intelligence)

- Seek leadership positions in campus organizations such as model United Nations, student government, and cross-cultural organizations.
- Develop skills in computers, statistics, and data analysis.
- Acquire foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions. Consider studying critical needs languages, e.g. Arabic, Farsi, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, etc.
- Complete an internship with the federal government. There are a large number of specialized agencies within the federal government. Do extensive research in order to find the area that best fits your interests and to learn about candidate requirements.
- Become familiar with the government application process. Utilize applicable websites and seek assistance from your college career center.

Museums and Libraries (Diplomacy, Operations, Translation/Interpretation)

- Complete an internship with an insurance agency.
- Talk to professionals in the industry to learn more about claims, underwriting, and risk management. Many entry-level positions exist in these areas.
- Initiative and sales ability are necessary to be a successful agent or broker.
- Develop strong communication skills as many positions require interaction with others and the ability to explain information clearly and concisely.

Travel and Tourism (Translation, Airline Services, Management, Ecotourism, Booking Reservations)

- Develop a solid background in business including marketing and accounting.
- Take courses in American Sign Language.
- Learn to work well people of varying ages and backgrounds, including those with disabilities.

Media and Internet (Translation/Interpretation, Customer Service, Computational Linguistics)

- Supplement undergraduate curriculum with courses in computer science.
- Develop skills in computer programming, computer scripting, natural language processing techniques, and other relevant technologies.
- Gain experience by completing an internship in the computer industry.
- Read use/net or netnews groups and professional journals to understand current trends in the field.
- Be prepared to continuously learn new computer languages and technologies to stay abreast of changes.