

# CAREERS

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**French**



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# WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN IN THIS SUBJECT?

- **First and foremost, learning a foreign language, you will develop the 4 main skills of:**
  - 1- LISTENING:** accuracy = being a good listener
  - 2- SPEAKING:** oral competence = being a good communicator
  - 3- READING:** written comprehension
  - 4- WRITING:** expressing your opinions and view points in structured and continuous text
- **You will also gain varied generic skills such as: problem solving skills + adaptability + social skills working in a team + leadership skills leading presentations to the class.**
- **Open-mindedness. You will also gain cultural knowledge on the French speaking countries round the world and on key current international affairs, relevant to the French speaking world.**
- **Creativity. You will be exposed to French Literature, Cinema, Visual Arts and Culture thus becoming familiar with French writers and film-makers.**



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# WHAT CAREERS LINK TO THIS SUBJECT?

French opens the door to a wide range of careers in varied sectors such as:

-  **Language & Education**
-  **Travel & Tourism**
-  **Culture, Media & Arts** (as a Journalist, or Foreign Affair correspondent)
-  **Translation, Interpreting & Localization** (as a Localization Specialist, adapting software, games or media for French-speaking audiences).
  
-  **Government, Diplomacy & Nonprofit charities** (as an Intelligence Officer / Security Analyst)
  
-  **Business, Marketing & Communications** (working in exports/ imports with global brands)
  
-  **Emerging / Hybrid Careers**
  - 1.Content Creator / Influencer (Bilingual)** – Create cross-cultural or educational content.
  - 2.Tech Industry Localization Manager** – Help global tech products work in French markets.
  - 3.International Law / Human Rights** – French is an official UN language, key in international law.



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# WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

- For general browsing:

You can consult the careers associated with French on the UNIFROG and/or UCAS websites.

- For advice on :**Translation, Diplomacy & International Work**

•**Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI)** – [iti.org.uk](http://iti.org.uk) – for info on translation and interpreting careers.

•**United Nations Careers** – [careers.un.org](http://careers.un.org) – since French is one of the UN’s official languages.

•**Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK)** or **U.S. State Department** – for language-related diplomatic or civil service roles.

## **Bonus Tip**

Try searching “**careers using French + [your interest]**” on LinkedIn or Google (e.g., “careers using French in international development” or “bilingual marketing jobs”). You’ll see live examples of roles and employers.



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# UCAS website: where can French take you?

Find out more about your career prospects from studying languages. The following information is based on a typical teacher of English as a foreign language role.

 **Available jobs**  
**17,843 vacancies in the past year**  
3.56% growth over next eight years

 **Average salary**  
**£37,368**  
Up to £55,636

## Career options

### Information services

Translators

Journalists

Public relations professionals

### Hospitality

Hotel and accommodation managers

Travel agency managers



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# A career with a twist.....

## Languages at MI5

At MI5, we work together with our partners MI6 and GCHQ to safeguard Britain's people, interests and businesses. To do that, we rely on Language Specialists who can speak, read, write, listen to, and understand a wide range of languages and dialects. And, who have an in-depth knowledge of a country's history, culture, ideology and politics.

As a Language Specialist at MI5, you'll help piece together intelligence from a range of audio and written materials. While translating and transcribing are part of the job, it's about much more than words. Your insights will help unlock the bigger picture, drive investigations forward and even shape government policy.



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