Foreign Language majors use language fluency, problem-solving, and decision-making skills in working with the public and with international agencies. Critical, logical, and analytical thinking skills are also essential in the formulation and implementation of public policy. They must work well under pressure and be able to organize and interpret economic, cultural, and political data. As jobs in this field involve contact with people of other cultures, they must relate well to people from varying backgrounds, and have sensitivity to and possess understanding of their cultural perspectives. Strong public speaking, writing, and editing are also important skills for a foreign language major to develop. They may work for a nonprofit, international agency, at a local level for the city and county or at a national level for the federal government.

Related Occupations

- Banker
- Campaign Worker
- Community Relations Officer
- Congressional Aide
- Courtroom Translator
- Criminologist
- Customs Inspector
- Educator
- Diplomat
- Drug Enforcement Agent
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Foreign Correspondent
- Importer/Exporter
- Immigration Officer
- International Trade Economist
- Journalist
- Judge/Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Mayor
- Mediator
- Military Intelligence Officer
- Missionary
- News Reporter
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Peace Corps
- Police Officer
- Politician
- Political Analyst
- Political Consultant
- Political Scientist
- Public Health Official
- Public Official
- Researcher
- Research Assistant
- School Administrator
- Teacher Abroad
- Tour Guide
- Translator/Interpreter
- Travel Agent
- Urban Planner

Some of these options require additional training and/or education

Internet Resources

- Colorado County Job Board
  www.ccconline.org/index.cfm/ID/30/Job-Board
- Colorado State/Cities Job Board
  www.colorado.gov
- Directory of Graduate Programs
  www.gradschools.com
- Embassy (Canadian) Internships/Careers
- Embassy (Brazil) Internships/Careers
  www.brasilemb.org
- Higher Ed Jobs
  www.higheredjobs.com
- Hnet Job Guide
  www.h-net.org/jobs
- Jobs In The Spanish Speaking World
  www.laneta.apc.org
- International Career Employment Center
  www.internationaljobs.org
- International Jobs
  www.rileyguide.com/internat.html
- Occupational Outlook Handbook (Careers)
  www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm
- Overseas Jobs
  www.overseasjobs.com
- US Department of State
  careers.state.gov

Professional Resources

- American Association of Applied Linguistics
  www.aaal.org
- American Translators Association
  www.atanet.org
- Amnesty International
  www.amnesty.org
- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
  www.arnova.org
- Consumer Data Industry Association
  www.cdiaonline.org
- CARE Organization
  www.care.org
- Colorado Translation Association
  www.cta-web.org
- International Business Brokers Association
  www.ibba.org
- Population Association of America
  www.popassoc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3284
- Professional Private Investigator Association
  www.ppiac.org
- United Nations
  www.un.org/english