

Now more than ever language-related career opportunities abound in the United States and elsewhere in every field imaginable, including government, education, business, communications, medicine, social services, law enforcement, research, and others:

(1) *international business and finance* — A field that includes understanding and drafting national and international trade treaties; banking and trading with export and import companies, small and mega-multinational corporations, industries serving international tourists, non-English speaking US populations, and international business clients within your own city. Employment opportunities with other countries exist at home and abroad.

(2) *international law* — Constitutional rights guarantee adequate counsel and representation, which can only be achieved through competent communication. Employment can be found with local, national and international legal firms. The World Trade Organization addresses issues that affect international business and the US government.

(3) *international medicine* — Opportunities abound for exploring serious world health issues plaguing our planet; engaging in international medical practice and research; accessing international research; working with international and non-English speaking US clients on a daily basis, as in Tulane University Hospital and Ochsner Medical Foundation, major US health facilities that serve countless Latin American patients and other world citizens.

(4) *international education* — Employment exists as a study abroad adviser or program director; in international schools at home and abroad; and in US bilingual classrooms. Even the latest developments in technology must be translated and taught in different languages.

(5) *telecommunications and international journalism* — The professional or personal exchange of information and ideas in government, commerce, law, education, and the arts requires fluency in other languages.

(6) *information brokers* — Information, wealth, manufacturing, and technology brokers are as important to international commerce today as stockbrokers are to financial markets.

(7) *diplomatic relations, conflict resolution negotiations, politics, urban policy development* — Second and third languages are essential for many government assignments as well as for many federal and state employment positions at the city, state, national and international levels. You can even formulate national foreign policy and help establish world peace.

(8) *entertainment* — Entertaining the world community in music, dance, theater, fine arts, and film is a multilingual, multicultural enterprise that involves protecting US intellectual creative properties in a global industry.

(9) *international travel and tourism* — This is a mega industry for personal and professional enhancement.

(10) *technology* — Technology is an international commodity that can be bought and sold based on communicative and cultural understandings. Effective use of the global Internet requires multilingual competencies, a multicultural understanding of technology, as well as an intercultural familiarity with priorities, design, listings, and other consumer preferences.

Finally, language competencies and fluency are rewarding for one's personal development; to enjoy literary masterpieces and original works of international authors, philosophers, psychologists, politicians, etc.; for pleasant conversations; and to acquire items of clothing, art, living and travel accommodations.

Languages are your keys to the world!