

GREAT JOB PROSPECTS FOR LANGUAGE GRADUATES

Year, after year, after year, after year, after year.....

Myth:

IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A JOB WITH A LANGUAGE DEGREE

Reality: AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AMONG NEW GRADUATES IN THE UK 1996-2002	% OF GRADUATES UNEMPLOYED
MEDICINE/DENTISTRY/VET SCIENCE	0.44%
EDUCATION	3.19%
LAW	3.65%
GERMAN	4.67%
FRENCH	4.85%
ALL MODERN LANGUAGES	5.51%
MATHEMATICS	6.21%
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	6.25%
ENGLISH	6.49%
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	6.61%
PSYCHOLOGY	6.64%
BUSINESS/ ADMINISTRATION	6.66%
AGRICULTURE/ FORESTRY	6.70%
HUMANITIES	6.94%
SOCIOLOGY/ ECONOMICS/ POLITICS	7.12%
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY	7.77%
COMPUTING	8.91%
MEDIA STUDIES	9.48%
CREATIVE ARTS/ DESIGN	9.51%

Myth:

THE ONLY JOBS FOR LANGUAGE GRADUATES ARE TEACHING AND TRANSLATING

Reality: THE JOBS NEW UK LANGUAGE GRADUATES REALLY DID IN 2002	
BUSINESS SERVICES	25.3%
BANKING / FINANCE	10.8%
WHOLESALE & RETAIL SALES/ MAINTENANCE	11.5%
MANUFACTURING	9.0%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	9.2%
COMMUNITY / SOCIAL / PERSONAL / SERVICES	6.9%
EDUCATION	8.0%
TRANSPORT / COMMUNICATIONS	6.9%
HEALTH / SOCIAL WORK	5.3%
HOTELS / RESTAURANTS	4.4%
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	0.2%
OTHER AREAS	2.4%

NB These figures on jobs relate to graduates who entered employment immediately rather than going on to research, further education or training.

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