European Studies

European studies and language graduates may be found in every sector of the economy, and much depends on their interests and ambitions. However the Public Sector, including UK Central and Local Government is attractive to many. At the time of writing it is not clear what opportunities might exist within the Institutions of Europe although to date this has been a relevant areas. In addition the linguistic and other skills that European Study graduates have mean that many work within the commercial sector, including industry, Finance, Advertising and Marketing and tourism and transport. The Education sector both in the UK and overseas will attract many. In addition, they may be found in the communication sector of Publishing and translation.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further, pre-assessed useful information.

- Civil Service Fast Stream
- Administrator in the European Union
- Careers with the European Union
- Government Communications HQ Analyst
- Translator
- Interpreter
- Secondary (languages) Teacher
- English as a Foreign Language Teacher or English as a Second Language Teacher
- Broadcast Journalist
- Newspaper Journalist
- Sales Executive
- Marketing Executive
- Chartered Accountant/Auditor
- Management Accountancy
- Travel and Tourist Manager
- Passenger Transport Manager
- Solicitor
- Barrister

Finding Opportunities

For researching professional training and other postgraduate courses, Prospects is a comprehensive source of information. Translators and interpreters would need to follow a professional training course, as would those wishing to qualify as lawyers. Websites of Professional Societies often have information too, e.g. The Institute of Linguists, and The Institute of Translators and Interpreters.

A number of European Studies graduates continue studying their subject within the UK and Europe. Such courses are useful in accessing roles in public administration and research bodies, in particular within the European Institutions and policy Think Tanks. See the Prospects website, and as an example, The College of Europe.

As with most occupations work experience, internships, voluntary work and work shadowing can help enormously in helping you to decide not only on the work area that suits you, but also in finding employment. The links below will provide details of some opportunities. Many opportunities aren't advertised so networking through contacts, departmental alumni, Societies, and direct approaches to potential employers may also be
profitable. Don’t neglect the possibility of approaching small organisations and companies local to your home area with a suitably composed covering letter. Using your local media may also be useful as advertising nationally can be expensive for employers. See our Placements guide which has advice on how to go about this activity, and links to many useful vacancy sites.

Use The European Commission for details of traineeships within European institutions. Other useful sources include:

- InspiringInterns
- Indeed - paid internships in London
- Graduate Talent Pool

You'll find the links listed below also helpful to explore opportunities and vacancies:

- My Jobs Online.
- jobs.ac.uk - jobs in higher education.
- Civil Service recruitment website.
- JobsGoPublic - generic public service jobs and vacancies.
- EuroBrussels - jobs within Brussels.
- Eurojobs - vacancies within Europe.

**Further Reading**

- National Council for the Training of Journalists
- Institution of Translating and Interpreting
- The Chartered Institute of Linguists
- National Register of Public Service Interpreters
- The Oxford University Guide to International Organisations is useful for those wanting to work for an International Organisation