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As a University of London Institute in Paris (ULIP) student, you will receive a free dedicated careers service through Queen Mary Careers & Enterprise. Whether you need help with writing a CV, developing your interview skills or planning further study once you graduate, you will benefit from the support and services offered by Queen Mary Careers and Enterprise to make sure you make the most of the opportunities offered by your programme.

Careers opportunities

Our students graduate with considerable fluency in French and in-depth knowledge of French ways of thinking, negotiating and planning, as well as broader analytical, management and communications skills. This makes them readily employable in multiple sectors.

ULIP students graduate with the linguistic skills and cultural confidence to work across the world. A ULIP degree opens the door to truly global opportunities.

ULIP supports its students in their career paths through the following channels:

- Work experience placements
- Careers advice
- Workshops & careers events

Work experience

We are committed to helping students gain work experience through internships in France and the UK to maximise employability after graduation. Alumni networks and membership of the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry give us contact with a wide range of Paris-based businesses and organisations, many of whom have opportunities suitable for ULIP students.

Online resources

You will have access to thousands of online resources from Queen Mary Careers & Enterprise via the website. Resources include job sector information, self-analysis tools and expert advice on job-hunting, CVs, applications and interviews.

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Erasmus Impact, European Commission - Education and Culture

Individual advice

Dedicated careers advisers from Queen Mary Careers & Enterprise hold one-to-one appointments to offer tailored advice. Students can also access careers services up to two years after graduation.

Careers talks and events

A range of online panel discussions and workshops are available for registration through the Careers Hub. Careers talks with ULIP alumni and other local professionals also take place in Paris.

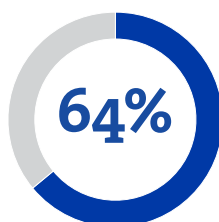


Benefits of studying abroad

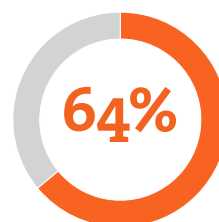
There are undeniable qualitative benefits to studying abroad, such as learning about different cultures, expanding your network of friends, becoming independent and more, but research carried out by government organisations also provide us with important quantitative data. Both the UK Higher Education International Unit and the European Commission have found a positive correlation between studying abroad and employment outcomes.



of employers are looking for transversal skills such as curiosity, problem-solving skills, tolerance and confidence.

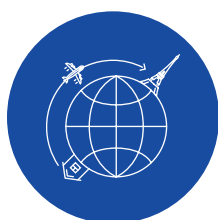


of employers think international experience is important for recruitment



of employers say graduates with international background are given greater professional responsibilities

Sources - Erasmus Impact, European Commission - Education and Culture: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/erasmus-impact-study_en



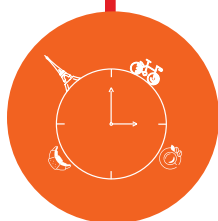
LIVING ABROAD

Deciding to study and live abroad is a bold move, a serious step that requires a certain level of maturity and commitment compared to your peers. It is also a personally enriching experience as your day to day interactions with people from different cultures will teach you to broaden your horizons and cultivate cultural awareness. It is also an unforgettable experience, during which you will form long-lasting friendships.



STEPPING OUTSIDE ONE'S COMFORT ZONE

By stepping into an unfamiliar social, cultural and professional environment, you demonstrate to future employers your ability to step outside of your comfort zone, your openness to new challenges, and your ability to adapt to any situation. It shows your determination, your ability to take risks and your confidence to go out and experience something new.



BUILDING TRANSVERSAL SKILLS

On a daily basis, you will have to learn to fend for yourself, be flexible and communicate in another language. Without noticing it you might develop project management skills as you deal and juggle with your responsibilities. As you grow independent and confident, you will also learn to be more resilient and refine your decision making skills. You'll become a real problem-solver and develop or consolidate your language skills, skills that are sought after among recruiters.



BENEFITS

Studying abroad will boost your résumé as you will have developed sought after skills gained by your international experience that will make you stand out from the crowd of job-seeking graduates. It will also open the doors to various opportunities in international organisations and businesses.

According to Universities UK International's Gone International report, "There is a correlation between outward mobility and improved academic and employment outcomes. Graduates who were mobile during their degree were less likely to be unemployed (3.7% compared to 4.9%)" and "Those in work were more likely to be in a graduate level job (76.4% compared to 69.9%) and earn 5% more than their non-mobile peers."

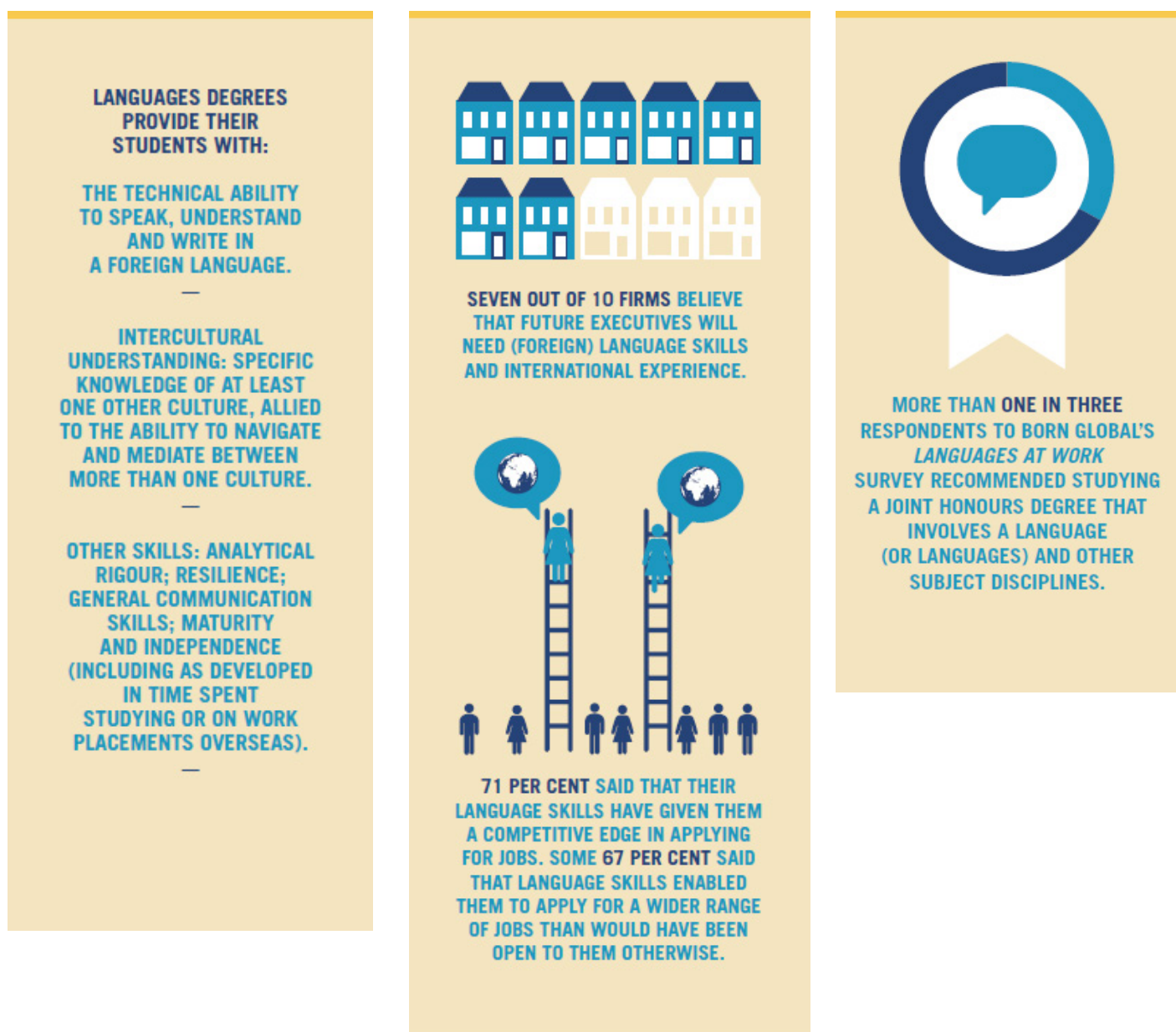
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Benefits of learning another language

Learning a new language not only opens doors to numerous opportunities, it also improves your memory as you strengthen your mental 'muscle' while learning new rules and vocabulary, boosts your perceptiveness and multi-tasking skills as you become more adept at focusing on relevant information and excluding non-essential information. In this global era where everything is hyper-connected, it is becoming more and more essential to speak two or more languages.

Born Global: Implications for Higher Education, is a report on language skills for employability, trade and business commissioned by the British Academy.

Below are some infographics from the Global Report, which highlights the current need for language skills in the workforce. To view the full report, please visit: www.britac.ac.uk



A portrait of Cameron McColl, a young man with short brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

Cameron McColl

Trainee Solicitor at Nockolds

Why did you choose to study at ULIP?

I wanted to speak a foreign language fluently. I picked ULIP's French Studies degree because it incorporated other interests in humanities, such as Literature and History. I decided to study at ULIP because I was excited about living and studying in Paris, and doing a degree that was unique when compared to any other degree offered in the UK.

How did you end up in your current position?

After graduating from ULIP, I got a job working at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. Working there encouraged me to pursue law. I did an English law degree remotely, then returned to UK in 2019 to complete my studies and work in a UK law firm. I applied to be a trainee solicitor and started my training contract in March 2021.

What advice or tips would you give to current ULIP students thinking about their future careers?

Go to external career fairs while you're at ULIP; Sign up to expat recruiters; Speak to alumni to help you get jobs; get employed in Paris to ensure your French reaches business standards; brush off mistakes, be prepared for rejections, don't let it get you down; Remember that by being at ULIP you have life/academic experience that very very few people can boast in the UK.

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Cameron McColl
BA in French Studies, 2015



Lallie Fraser

Managing Director at Polka Dot Elephant & Founder of The Forest Project

Why did you choose to study with ULIP?

Honestly, I just so happened to stumble across ULIP but the more I looked into it, the more studying French in Paris seemed like the most perfect idea! I hadn't really considered where my BA in French Studies could take me when I applied, but I knew having an extra language would be key to unlocking opportunities.

What skills did your time at ULIP give you which have been helpful for your career?

The experience taught me to be brave and push myself to speak in French even if I didn't quite have all the words yet. At first I was a little embarrassed to get it wrong (Parisians are slightly unforgiving when they detect an English accent!) but you've just got to keep practising, whatever it may be and you'll get there.

Do you have any words of wisdom you could offer students who are looking to set up their own business?

Without doubt, I'd say find your passion and grasp it with both hands. I could not have set up on my own without asking lots of questions and building up a trusted network of industry contacts first. That combination has been invaluable to me.

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Lallie Fraser
BA in French Studies, 2012

Modern Languages

Modern Languages open doors to a vast array of sectors. You can choose a career linked directly to your studies, such as teacher, interpreter or translator, or decide to choose a career that requires language skills, such as international agencies or companies that work with various countries and need someone who can communicate to non-English customers or suppliers.

Prospects.ac.uk list the following non-exhaustive list of jobs directly related to your degree:

- Academic researcher
- Interpreter
- Political risk analyst
- Secondary school teacher
- Translator

Prospects.ac.uk list the following non-exhaustive list of jobs where your degree would be useful:

- Broadcast journalist
- Diplomatic service officer
- Education consultant
- English as a foreign language teacher
- International aid/development worker
- Marketing executive
- Tour manager
- Publishing rights manager

Visit Prospects to find out more: www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages

International Politics

International Relations and Politics degrees open up a broad range of career opportunities, from social and political research to journalism, marketing and HR. This discipline will teach you to connect and understand world events and how various political systems work, as well as hone your analytical skills.

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- Civil Service fast streamer
- Government social research officer
- Politician's assistant
- Public affairs consultant
- Public relations account executive
- Social researcher

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- Charity officer
- Diplomatic service officer
- Local government officer
- Market researcher
- Marketing executive
- Newspaper journalist
- Public relations officer

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