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# Careers & Employability 2025

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As a student of the Institute in Paris, you can access support from both the University of London Careers Service and Queen Mary's Careers and Enterprise service. Whether you need help with writing a CV, developing your interview skills or planning further study once you graduate, you will benefit from support and services to help you make the most of the opportunities offered by your degree.

## Careers Opportunities

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.

Students graduate with the linguistic skills and cultural confidence to work across the world. A University of London degree opens the door to truly global opportunities.

The Institute in Paris 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 our students.

## Online Resources

As well as careers talk taking place in Paris with alumni and other local professionals, students can attend online panel discussions and workshops organised by both the University of London Careers Service and Queen Mary Careers & Enterprise.

**"64% of employers think international experience is important for recruitment"**

Erasmus Impact, European Commission – Education and Culture

## Individual Advice

We have dedicated careers advisers from Queen Mary Careers & Enterprise who sometimes come to visit us in Paris but also offer online seminars and one-to-one advice sessions. Students can also access careers services up to two years after graduation.

## Careers Talks and Events

We also organise regular careers talks with the support of alumni, the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the British Embassy in Paris.

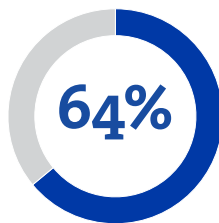


# Benefits of Studying Abroad

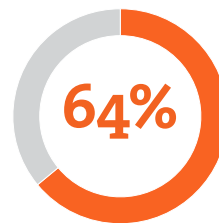
There are undeniable qualitative benefits to studying abroad, such as learning about different cultures, expanding your network of friends, becoming independent and more, but research carried out by government organisations also provide us with important quantitative data. Both the UK Higher Education 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](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."

Sources - IES abroad: <https://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/benefits>, Gone International Report by Go International: <http://go.international.ac.uk/gone-international-mobility-works>, European Commission: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-1025\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-1025_en.htm)

# 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](http://www.britac.ac.uk)

## LANGUAGES DEGREES PROVIDE THEIR STUDENTS WITH:

THE TECHNICAL ABILITY TO SPEAK, UNDERSTAND AND WRITE IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING: SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER CULTURE, ALLIED TO THE ABILITY TO NAVIGATE AND MEDIATE BETWEEN MORE THAN ONE CULTURE.

OTHER SKILLS: ANALYTICAL RIGOUR; RESILIENCE; GENERAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS; MATURITY AND INDEPENDENCE (INCLUDING AS DEVELOPED IN TIME SPENT STUDYING OR ON WORK PLACEMENTS OVERSEAS).



SEVEN OUT OF 10 FIRMS BELIEVE THAT FUTURE EXECUTIVES WILL NEED (FOREIGN) LANGUAGE SKILLS AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE.



71 PER CENT SAID THAT THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS HAVE GIVEN THEM A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN APPLYING FOR JOBS. SOME 67 PER CENT SAID THAT LANGUAGE SKILLS ENABLED THEM TO APPLY FOR A WIDER RANGE OF JOBS THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN OPEN TO THEM OTHERWISE.



MORE THAN ONE IN THREE RESPONDENTS TO BORN GLOBAL'S *LANGUAGES AT WORK* SURVEY RECOMMENDED STUDYING A JOINT HONOURS DEGREE THAT INVOLVES A LANGUAGE (OR LANGUAGES) AND OTHER SUBJECT DISCIPLINES.

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

## Cameron McColl

### Solicitor at Acuity Law

#### **Why did you choose to study at the Institute in Paris?**

I wanted to speak a foreign language fluently. I picked this French Studies degree because it incorporated other interests in humanities, such as Literature and History. I decided to study at the Institute in Paris 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, 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 Institute in Paris students thinking about their future careers?**

Go to external career fairs while you're studying; 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 the University of London Institute in Paris 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 the Institute in Paris?**

Honestly, I just so happened to stumble across the Institute in Paris 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 the Institute in Paris 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 University of London alumni 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



## Louis Sagarriga Visconti

### Pursuing an MA in International Relations at the Central European University in Vienna, Austria

**What inspired you to pursue postgraduate studies, and how did your time at the Institute in Paris help prepare you for it?**

ULIP was instrumental in preparing me for postgraduate studies. My final year, in particular, was essential in motivating me to pursue a Master's degree. I had to dedicate myself as never before to achieve my academic objective, forcing me to organise my time and work on a consistent basis.

Surprisingly, by working as hard as I did, and immersing myself in my studies, I discovered a passion for many topics which I had only considered of relative interest before.

**What life lesson did you learn at the Institute in Paris that will help you going forward?**

I would never have thought that working harder would actually have made me enjoy the process exponentially more, as I, like many students, often wished I could do anything other than research academic papers. However, at ULIP I learned that it is through hard work that I can find the passions needed to motivate me further. This is a lesson that I will carry onto my future academic and professional endeavours.

Had it not been for ULIP, I would never have discovered the fields I am the most passionate about working in. I would also add that achieving a first class degree from ULIP made my postgraduate applications extremely successful, proving the prestige and high-regard that the institute holds internationally. The professors are always available to help students in their applications through personal statement review sessions, excellent letters of reference, and simple conversations to help students identify the best next step for them.

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**Louis Sagarriga Visconti**  
BA in International Politics, 2024

# 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](http://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.

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

- 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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