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My name is Bridget. I’ve just finished studying interpreting and I’m hoping to work as an interpreter for the EU.

What languages do you speak?

I speak French, German and Arabic fluently, and still remember enough Spanish from school to have a conversation with someone.

What was your favourite part of the course?

The tutors are amazing - so patient and will give you extra help and support. We had lots of study trips and placements, which allowed us to see how conference interpreting works in the real world.

What inspired you to become an interpreter?

I’ve known since I was about 15 that I wanted to be an interpreter. I loved languages and was looking for a career that would let me use them every day, as part of the job.

What have you done since finishing your studies?

Since graduating I have spent a lot of time in Germany, bringing my German back up to a good standard, so that I can add it as a third language. That’s been really good fun and has allowed me to meet amazing people.

How has studying languages helped you obtain a job?

I’m hoping that studying languages will help me to get the job I want eventually, but I also think it’s been very important for my personal development. I know I can understand people more due to coming into contact with people from so many different backgrounds.

When you learn a language and visit a foreign country, you have to walk in someone else’s shoes. Taking that back to your own country allows you to relate to anyone.



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