

# What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

## Folklore Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

While Comparative Studies is broadly concerned with the study of culture and cultural differences, students develop particular areas of expertise. The Folklore concentration provides an introduction to the study of folklore methods and folk materials—such everyday activities as riddles, ethnic jokes, urban legends—that seem unimportant but that are significant in producing identities and strategies of resistance or control. Students develop a particular focus within a particular area to provide depth. That area might be the folklore of a particular geographical region or community, or the study of a particular genre, such as oral narrative or performance. Students will learn how different cultural groups interact among themselves and with others, while focusing their study on particular subjects (verbal arts, material culture, etc.) or particular geographical regions or cultural groups. <sup>1</sup>

### Career Areas/Job Titles:

#### Management and Industry

Market Research Analyst  
Archivist  
Arts Administrator  
Cultural Events Coordinator  
Anthropologist

#### Communication and Media

Journalist  
Technical Writer  
Publisher

Film Critic  
Media Analyst

#### Education

Teacher/Professor  
Librarian  
Translator/Interpreter  
Curriculum Developer  
Research Assistant

#### Non-Profit/Advocacy

Peace Corp Volunteer

Clergy or Religious Leader  
Social Worker  
Grant Writer  
Human Rights Advocate

#### Government/Politics

Lawyer  
Legal assistant  
Legal/Policy Researcher

*\*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

### Transferable Skills:

Basic Computer Skills  
Language Fluency  
Law and Policy Awareness  
Expressing Ideas  
Listening Skills  
Provide/Respond to Feedback

Written Communication  
Verbal Communication  
Cultural Understanding  
Social Perceptiveness  
Teaching/Instructing Others  
Gathering Information

Research Skills  
Adaptability/Flexibility  
Attention to Detail  
Organization Skills  
Analytical/Critical Thinking

*\*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:*

<http://ccss.osu.edu>

### Professional Links:

American Folklore Society: <http://afsnet.org>  
American Folklife Center: <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/>  
National Association for Ethnic Studies: <http://ethnicstudies.org/>  
American Foreign Services Association: <http://www.afsa.org/>  
American Studies Association: <http://theasa.net>