

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

Bachelor of Arts

Chinese

College of Arts and Sciences

The Chinese major is offered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and includes courses in the language, culture, literature, and linguistics of China. Students studying Chinese progress from an elementary working knowledge of the language to oral and written fluency. Once students are familiar with basic patterns of pronunciation and language structure, they are introduced gradually to the unique writing system of the language. The rich body of Chinese literature is first studied in English translation; as students progress in the major and develop their language skills, they continue their readings in Chinese.¹ Visit the Foreign Language Center for up-to-date information on how foreign language skills can be put to use in the professional world, and to receive guidance on how to conduct on-line job searches, compose global resumes and develop strategies that relate to rewarding professional careers in the age of globalization.

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Management and Industry

Knowing Chinese can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)

Financial Services Officer
Senior Account Executive
Human Resources Director
Flight Attendant
Hotel Manager
Travel Agent
Tour Guide

Communication and Media

Journalist
Photographer
Foreign News Correspondent
Bilingual Production Assistant

Health Professions

Translator/Interpreter
Nurse

Education

ESL Instructor
Professor/Teacher/Tutor
Study Abroad Coordinator
Linguistics Researcher

Government/Politics

International Diplomat
United Nations Member
Foreign Policy Analyst
National Security Agent
Immigration/Naturalization Officer
Foreign Intelligence Manager
Military Officer
Immigration Attorney

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

Transferable Skills:

Basic Computer Skills
Language Fluency
Expressing Ideas
Speaking Effectively

Written Communication
Cultural Understanding
Social Perceptiveness
Teaching/Instructing Others

Adaptability/Flexibility
Analytical/Critical Thinking
Attention to Detail
Coaching/Mentoring

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

<http://ccss.osu.edu>

Professional Links:

International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: <http://www.iatefl.org/>

American Translators Association: <http://www.atanet.org/>

Vistawide World Culture and Language Careers: http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language_careers.htm

Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters

Foreign Language Center: <http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers>