

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

Bachelor of Arts

## German

College of Arts and Sciences

The German major is offered by the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures and includes courses in German language, literature, and culture. For students majoring in German there is a balanced program of literary, cultural, and linguistic study together with practice in speaking and writing. For students not able to build language study into their programs, courses are offered in literature, culture, and film in translation with readings and lectures in English. In addition, the department offers instruction in Swedish, and Yiddish.<sup>1</sup> 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 German 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  
Publisher

#### 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](http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language_careers.htm)

Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters

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