

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

Bachelor of Arts

## Japanese

College of Arts and Sciences

The Japanese major is offered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and includes courses in the language, culture, literature, and linguistics of Japan. Students studying Japanese 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 writing system and written Japanese. The rich body of Japanese literature is first studied in English translation; sustained study prepares students to read a variety of written genres in the original language.<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 Japanese can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)  
Financial Services Officer  
Senior Account Executive  
Flight Attendant  
Hotel Manager  
Travel Agent  
Tour Guide

#### Communication and Media

Journalist  
Photographer  
Foreign News Correspondent  
Bilingual Production Assistant

#### Health Professions

Translator/Interpreter  
Social Worker  
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>