

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

Bachelor of Arts

Portuguese

College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese offers an undergraduate Portuguese major designed to provide students a strong foundation in the language, introduce them to the study of literary works in Portuguese, and help them develop an informed awareness of the cultures of Portuguese-speaking nations. Portuguese is the language of Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, and several other countries in Africa.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 Portuguese can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)

Financial Services Officer
Senior Account Executive
Trade Specialist
Hotel Manager
Travel Agent
Tour Guide

Communication and Media

Journalist

Photographer

Foreign News Correspondent
Bilingual Production Assistant

Health Professions

Translator/Interpreter

Education

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

Non-Profit/Advocacy

Peace Corp Volunteer
Volunteer Coordinator

Government/Politics

International Diplomat

United Nations Member

Foreign Policy Analyst

National Security Agent

Immigration/Naturalization
Officer

Foreign Intelligence Manager

Military Officer

Immigration Attorney

Lobbyist

**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
Research Skills
Mediating Conflict
Organization Skills

**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>

