



What can I do with a major in Japanese Language and Literature?

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.
 Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.
 Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

Description of Japanese Language and Literature

The Japanese Language and Literature program is a branch of the language arts that emphasizes the four language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Upon graduation, graduates should be able to read diverse Japanese texts as well as express ideas about complex social and literary issues using correct grammatical Japanese. Opportunities for graduates include graduate study, education, foreign service, and international business. Students majoring in Japanese Language and Literature study one of the major languages of the industrial world and prepare in literature, language, culture, and linguistics for professions in international business, banking, trade, travel, and other professions in the public and private sector. However, the development of language proficiency and an understanding of Japanese culture will make a student majoring in Japanese Language and Literature an asset to organizations around the world.

Possible Job Titles of Japanese Language and Literature Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Announcer	Film Editor	Linguist
Archaeologist	Flight Attendant	Peace Corps Volunteer
Bilingual Educator	Foreign News Correspondent	Programmer*
Civil Service Worker	Foreign Service Officer	Proofreader
Consultant*	Historian	Research Assistant*
Copy Editor	Hotel Manager	Speech Pathologist
Customs Inspector	Interpreter / Translator	Technical Writer
Diplomat	Journalist	Theologian
Educator / Instructor	Lexicographer	Translator
FBI / CIA Agent	Librarian*	Underwriter*

To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (Click on Find Occupations)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (Accessible only on campus computers)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (Type in general term for career of interest)

****Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for more information or assistance**.**

Possible Employers Who Might Hire Japanese Language and Literature Graduates

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Advertising Dept/Agencies	Delta Airlines*	Ketchum International*
Air, Bus, and Rail Lines	Embassies	Kimberly Clark*
Airports	Government Agencies	Linguarama*
Banks	Hotel Chains	Lodgian, Inc. *
Bunim Murray Productions*	Import / Export Companies	Maritz Internet Travel*
Chambers of Commerce	Investment Firms	Marriott's Chateau Elan*

National Archives
News Bureaus
Peace Corps
Premiere Technologies*
Print Graphix*

ProCorps*
Public Relations Firms
Public Service Organizations
Schools/Universities
Travel Agencies

ValueJet Airlines*
Visitors Bureaus

Strategies Associated with Japanese Language and Literature Majors

- Gain proficiency in speaking, reading and writing of the language
- Develop an awareness of alternative life-styles and build on pronounced linguistic ability
- Consider doing a study abroad program
- Brush up on your knowledge of geography and learn the traditions of fine dining, wines, etc.
- Read international newspapers and magazines to keep up with overseas developments.
- Be prepared to start in a position in the US working for a firm with an overseas presence.
- Learn federal, state and local job application procedures.
- Be familiar with the cultural base (literature, art, politics, etc.) and traditions.

Top UGA Career Center Resources for Japanese Language and Literature Majors

1. *Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types* by H. Seelye and J. Day
2. *Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors* by Julie DeGalan and Stephen Lambert
3. *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors* by Blythe Camenson
4. *Keys to Liberal Arts Success* by Figler, Carter, Bishop & Kravits
5. *Liberal Arts Jobs: The guide that turns learning into earning* by Burt Nadler
6. *Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers* by Wilga Rivers
7. Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries
8. Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the US

UGA Campus Contacts Associated with Japanese Language and Literature

Japan Club

www.uga.edu/jac

Employment Resources/Contacts for Japanese Language and Literature Majors

Alliance of the Association of Teachers of Japanese - <http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/>

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages - www.actfl.org

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages - www.tesol.edu

Japan External Trade Organization - www.jetro.go.jp/

The United Nations - www.un.org

Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta - www.japanatlanta.org/

International Job Links - <http://www.joblinks.f2s.com/>

Japan American Society of Georgia - <http://www.us-japan.org/jasg>

Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia - <http://www.jccg.org>

Japanese Jobs - <http://japanesejobs.com/>

Jobs in Japan - <http://www.jobsinjapan.com/>

Additional Resources/Contacts for Japanese Language and Literature Majors

American Association for Applied Linguistics - www.aal.org

The American Association of Language Specialists - www.taals.net

American Translators Association - www.atanet.org

College Language Association - www.clascholars.org

National Association of Japan-American Societies - www.us-japan.org

American Translators Association - www.atanet.org