

# What can I do with a major in Chinese Language & Literature

The University of Georgia Career Center

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

## Description of Chinese Language and Literature

The Chinese Language and Literature program is a branch of the language arts. Opportunities for graduates include graduate study, education, Foreign Service, and international business. Students majoring in Chinese 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 Chinese culture will make a student majoring in Chinese Language and Literature an asset to organizations around the world.

## Researching Job Titles and Careers

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

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

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

**Career Insider: Vault Guides** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

**Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

## Possible Job Titles

Border Patrol /Customs Officer	FBI Agent	Linguist
Bookkeeper	Foreign News Correspondent	Peace Corps Volunteer
Civil Service Worker	Foreign Service Officer	Press Officer
Contributing Writer	Historian	Program Specialist
Copy Editor	Hotel Manager	Research Assistant
Corps Member	International Chinese Teacher	Sales Associate
Cultural Officer	International Consulting	Senior Research Technician
Customer Service Agent	International Development Officer	Technical Writer
Defense Language Institute Officer	Interpreter / Translator	TOEFL and IELTS instructor
Diplomat	Language Librarian	Travel Advisor
Editor	Law Enforcement Officer	World Health Organization Officer
Export Coordinator	Lexicographer	

## Possible Employers

Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau	Import / Export Companies	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Bunim Murray Productions	International Banking/Business	National Archives
Chambers of Commerce	Investment Firms	News Bureaus
Chindex	Isabel Marant	International Non-Profits
City Year	JC Glass, Inc.	Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide, Beijing
Community education programs	Ketchum International	Peace Corps
Consulting Agencies	Kimberly Clark	Public Relations Firms
Delta Air Lines	Kunming Haina Training School and International Exchange Center	Testing companies
Developmental Learning Centers	Language institutes	Translation Services
Embassies	Maritz Internet Travel	Tufts University
Focus on the Family	Marriott’s Chateau Elan	
Hospitals	MEC	
Immigration Services		

*To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at [www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

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To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>  
Comparative Literature Department - <http://www.cmlt.uga.edu/prospective-students/chinese-major.html>

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Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

## Employment Websites

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

**GoinGlobal** (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** [www.idealists.org/](http://www.idealists.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs)

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages - <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

Bi-Lingual Jobs - <http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>

Center for International Trade and Security - <http://cits.uga.edu/>

Central Intelligence Agency Foreign Language - <https://www.cia.gov/careers/index.html>

DAWGlink- [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

Idealist- [www.idealists.org/](http://www.idealists.org/)

Language Jobs - <http://languagejobs.org/>

National Association for Bilingual Education - <http://www.nabe.org/>

Overseas Jobs - <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>

Peace Corps - <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm>

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages - [http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/index.asp](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp)

The United Nations - [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

U.S. Department of State Careers - <http://www.state.gov/careers/>

USAJobs- [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/)

## Professional Information Resources

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American Association for Applied Linguistics - [www.aaal.org](http://www.aaal.org)

American Dialect Society - <http://www.americandialect.org/>

American Translators Association - [www.atanet.org](http://www.atanet.org)

Association for Asian Studies - <http://www.aasianst.org/>

College Language Association - [www.clascholars.org](http://www.clascholars.org)

International Association for Language Learning Technology - <http://www.iallt.org/>

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

Modern Language Association - <http://www.mla.org/>

National Association for Bilingual Education - <http://www.nabe.org/>

The American Association of Language Specialists - [www.taals.net](http://www.taals.net)

Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries

Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the US

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. To search, select “groups” under the “interests” tab. Also, review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

## Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

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### Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: [http://career.uga.edu/graduate\\_school/](http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/)

**For additional resources and information on careers, please contact your career consultant to set up an appointment.**