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*

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

Additional Resources/Contacts for Japanese Language and Literature Majors
American Association for Applied Linguistics - www.aaal.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