

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

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

## Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)  
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)  
Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)  
Career Insider - powered by the Vault - [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources)  
\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.

## 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

## Possible Employers of Japanese Language and Literature Graduates

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Advertising Dept/Agencies	Import / Export Companies	Peace Corps
Air, Bus, and Rail Lines	Investment Firms	Premiere Technologies
Airports	Ketchum International	Print Graphix
Banks	Kimberly Clark	ProCorp
Bunim Murray Productions*	Linguarama	Public Relations Firms
Chambers of Commerce	Lodgian, Inc.	Public Service Organizations
Delta Airlines*	Maritz Internet Travel	Schools/Universities
Embassies	Marriott's Chateau Elan	Travel Agencies
Government Agencies	National Archives	ValueJet Airlines
Hotel Chains	News Bureaus	Visitors Bureaus

## **Career Center Library Resources**

*Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types* by H. Seelye and J. Day

*Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors* by Julie DeGalan and Stephen Lambert

*Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors* by Blythe Camenson

*Keys to Liberal Arts Success* by Figler, Carter, Bishop & Kravits

*Liberal Arts Jobs: The guide that turns learning into earning* by Burt Nadler

*Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers* by Wilga Rivers

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## **Campus Resources**

**Japanese Language and Literature Program** – <http://www.cmlt.uga.edu/prospective-students/japanese-major.html>

## **Employment Websites**

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

**Japan External Trade Organization** - [www.jetro.go.jp/](http://www.jetro.go.jp/)

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

**Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta** - <http://www.atlanta.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

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

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

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

**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)

**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>

**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>

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

## **Additional Resources**

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

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

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

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