

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 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 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.

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 (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

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

Possible Job Titles

Bilingual Educator	Foreign News Correspondent	Office Operations and Program
Block 2 Representative	Foreign Service Officer	Support Specialist
Border Patrol /Customs Officer	International Consulting	Peace Corps Volunteer
Civil Service Worker	International Development Officer	PR Coordinator
Consultant	Interpreter / Translator	Program Specialist
Contributing Writer	Japanese Language Specialist	Project Lead
Cultural Officer	Language Librarian	Research Assistant
Customs Inspector	Law Enforcement Officer	Technical Writer
Defense Language Institute Officer	Lexicographer	TOEFL and IELTS instructor
Diplomat	Linguist	Translator
Export Coordinator	Logistics Import & Inventory	Travel Advisor
FBI / CIA Agent	Logistics Support	Underwriter
Film Editor	Planner	World Health Organization Officer

Possible Employers

Alta Central	Hewlett-Packard	Linguarama
Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau	Horn & Uchida Patent Translations	News Bureaus
Bunim Murray Productions	Hospitals	Peace Corps
Chambers of Commerce	ImageRight, Inc	Public Relations Firms
Community education programs	Immigration Services	Public Service Organizations
Consulting Agencies	Import / Export Companies	Safe-Guard Products
Delta Air Lines	International Banking/Business	Sanofi-Aventis
Developmental Learning Centers	International Non-Profits	Testing companies
Embassies	Investment Firms	Translation Services
Embassy CES	Japan Exchange and Teaching Program	Travel Agencies
Game Informer Magazine	Ketchum International	United States Navy
Georgia Public Broadcasting - Irasshai	Kimberly Clark	
Government Agencies	Language institutes	

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/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

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

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

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

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

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

Idealist www.idealists.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

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

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>

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>

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

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

The United Nations - www.un.org

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

Professional Information Resources

American Association for Applied Linguistics - www.aaal.org

American Translators Association - www.atanet.org

College Language Association - www.clascholars.org

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

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:

Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/

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