

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY ASIAN STUDIES DEGREE?

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## Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (\*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

## GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE

### Intelligence/Law Enforcement

- Anti-terrorism Intelligence Agent
- Intelligence Officer
- Intelligence Specialist
- Intelligence Analyst
- Intelligence Support Analyst
- Foreign Language Analyst

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE

### Travel and Tourism (Hotels, Resorts, Travel Agencies, Tour Operations, Airlines)

- Hotel Manager
- Tour Guide/Conductor
- Passenger Services Representative
- Reservations Agent
- Resort Manager
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Travel Advisor
- Information Clerk
- Travel Agent
- Sales Representative
- Air Traffic Assistant
- Flight Announcer

### Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations/Sales

- Advertising Account Manager
- Labor Relations Advisor
- Store/Department Manager
- Foreign Purchasing Agent
- Public Relations Specialist
- Market Research Analyst
- Sales Representative
- Export Assistant
- Public Relations Manager
- Assistant Export Buyer
- Import/Export Traffic Manager

### Human Resources

- Human Resources Management Advisor

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### Government (Peace Corps, USIA, USAID, USDOS, USDOA, USDOC, USDOD)

- Foreign Service Officer
- Information Officer
- Consular Assistant
- Foreign Service Peacekeeping Specialist
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Bicultural Program Specialist
- Congressional Foreign Affairs
- Customs Agent
- Foreign Language Translator
- Committee Staffer

### International Organizations (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS, American Red Cross)

- Economics Affairs Officer
- International Visitor Escort
- Social Affairs Officer
- UN Guide
- Disaster Program Manager
- Int'l. Exchange Program Manager

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Multilingual Services (Translation Bureaus, Phone/Telecom., Int'l Corporations, Government)

- International Operator
- Customer Service Representative
- Translator
- Technical Translator
- Interpreter
- Software Translator

### Publishing/Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)

- Copy Writer
- Research Assistant
- Promotions Assistant
- News Writer
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Travel Book Writer/Editor
- News Writer
- Technical Writer
- Researcher
- Textbook Representative
- Reporter
- Editor
- Circulation Personnel
- Critic
- Radio Free Asia Analyst/Writer

## **NON-PROFITS (CARE, Amnesty Int'l, Catholic Relief Services, Population Council)**

- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Community/Field Organizer
- Asst. Field Representative
- Asst. for Special Projects
- Membership Coordinator
- Research Associate
- Project Assistant

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

- Multicultural Counselor
- Community Relations Coordinator
- Mental Health Clinician
- Fundraiser
- Case Manager
- Youth Organization Worker

## **EDUCATION/LANGUAGE SERVICES**

### **Higher Education, Language Schools, Corporations, Overseas Schools**

- Cultural Studies/History Professor
- Instructional Coordinator
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Literature, Linguistics Professor
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Admissions Administrator
- English Instructor (ESL/EFL)
- Bilingual Education Aide
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Int'l Exchange Program Manager
- Admissions Counselor
- Literacy Program Coordinator

## **ASIAN HISTORY**

### **Historical Museums/Societies, Historical/Archaeological Sites, Research Organizations**

- Historian
- Archaeologist
- Cultural Artifacts Specialist
- Museum Guide
- Exhibit Designer
- Museum Curator
- Historical Archivist
- Fundraiser/Grant Writer
- Display Manager
- Socio-Cultural Impact Assessor
- Historic Site Administrator
- Gallery Research Technician
- Arts Programming Coordinator
- Museum Educator

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

- Legal Assistant
- Paralegal
- Court Translator/Interpreter

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Congress / State Legislature / Local Government/President's, Governor's, Mayor's Office**

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Public Policy Analyst
- Lobbyist
- Research Technician
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Legislative Analyst

### **Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:**

- **Focus on transferable skill sets**, as you pursue a degree in Asian Studies.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Asian Studies course work** with **classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

### **Additional Career Center Resources:**

- **Major Sheets (ASIA, HIST, MLL, POLI):** <https://careers.umbc.edu/tools/majors/>

- **The Vault:** <https://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/vault/>

- Use the top search bar to find these relevant guides:

- ["Vault Guide to Government Jobs"](#)
- ["Vault Guide to Museum and Cultural Center Jobs"](#)
- ["Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs"](#)
- ["Vault Career Guide to Education"](#)
- ["Vault Guide to Foreign Languages and Studies Jobs"](#)

- **Professional Associations:**

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

American Oriental Society: <https://www.aos-site.org/>

- **Additional Resources:**

NSA Summer Language Program:

[www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities\\_4\\_u/students/undergraduate/slp.shtml](http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/undergraduate/slp.shtml)

GoInGlobal: <https://online.goinglobal.com/default.aspx>

CIEE Teach Abroad: <https://www.ciee.org/teach>