WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY ASIAN STUDIES DEGREE?

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       • Community/Field Organizer       • Membership Coordinator
• Project Assistant          • Asst. Field Representative       • Research Associate
• Program Developer/Coordinator • Asst. for Special Projects       • Project Assistant

HUMAN SERVICES
• Multicultural Counselor    • Mental Health Clinician         • Case Manager
• Community Relations Coordinator • Fundraiser                  • Youth Organization Worker

EDUCATION/LANGUAGE SERVICES
Higher Education, Language Schools, Corporations, Overseas Schools
• Cultural Studies/History Professor • Foreign Language Teacher • Foreign Student Advisor
• Instructional Coordinator      • Admissions Administrator • Int’l Exchange Program Manager
• Student Affairs Administrator • English Instructor (ESL/EFL) • Admissions Counselor
• Literature, Linguistics Professor • Bilingual Education Aide • Literacy Program Coordinator

ASIAN HISTORY
Historical Museums/Societies, Historical/Archaeological Sites, Research Organizations
• Historian           • Museum Curator             • Historic Site Administrator
• Archaeologist       • Historical Archivist        • Gallery Research Technician
• Cultural Artifacts Specialist • Fundraiser/Grant Writer • Arts Programming Coordinator
• Museum Guide        • Display Manager             • Museum Educator
• Exhibit Designer     • Socio-Cultural Impact Assessor

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 • Lobbyist           • Government Affairs Specialist
• Public Policy Analyst   • Research Technician       • 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): http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
• Links by Major: http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php
• Vault: http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/
-Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
-Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
  “Vault Guide to the Top Government and Nonprofit Employers”
  “Career Launcher: Education.”
• Professional Associations:
  Association for Asian Studies: http://www.asian-studies.org/
  American Oriental Society: https://www.americanorientalsociety.org/
• Additional Resources:
  NSA Summer Language Program: 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

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