WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY ASIAN STUDIES DEGREE?

GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE

Intelligence/Law Enforcement
Anti-terrorism Intelligence Agent  Intelligence Specialist  Intelligence Support Analyst
Intelligence Officer  Intelligence Analyst  Foreign Language Analyst

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE

Travel and Tourism (Hotels, Resorts, Travel Agencies, Tour Operations, Airlines)
Hotel Manager  Resort Manager  Travel Agent
Tour Guide/Conductor  Flight Attendant  Sales Representative
Passenger Services Representative  Foreign Travel Advisor  Air Traffic Assistant
Reservations Agent  Information Clerk  Flight Announcer

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

Human Resources
Human Resources Management Advisor

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Government (Peace Corps, USIA, USAID, USPSAS, USDOA, USDOD, Foreign Service)
Foreign Service Officer  Peace Corps Volunteer  Customs Agent
Information Officer  Bicultural Program Specialist  Foreign Language Translator
Consular Assistant  Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee Staffer
Foreign Service Peacekeeping Specialist

International Organizations (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS, American Red Cross)
Economics Affairs Officer  Social Affairs Officer  Program Manager
International Visitor Escort  Int’l. Exchange Program Coord.  UN Guide
American Red Cross Program Officer

NON-PROFITS (CARE, Amnesty Int’l, Catholic Relief Services, Population Council)
Public Policy Analyst  Community/Field Organizer  Membership Coordinator
Project Assistant  Assistant Field Representative  Research Associate
Program Developer/Coordinator  Assistant for Special Projects  Project Assistant

COMMUNICATIONS

Multilingual Services (Translation Bureaus, Phone Companies, Int’l Corporations, Government)
International Operator  Translator  Interpreter
Customer Service Representative  Technical Translator  Software Translator

Publishing/Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)
Copy Writer  Travel Book Writer/Editor  Reporter
Research Assistant  News Writer  Editor
Promotions Assistant  Technical Writer  Circulation Personnel
News Writer  Researcher  Critic
Foreign News Correspondent  Textbook Representative  Radio Free Asia Analyst/Writer
**EDUCATION/LANGUAGE SERVICES**

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**PREPARATION FOR A COMPETITIVE JOB MARKET**

1. Complete advanced language training in order to pursue study-abroad opportunities;
2. Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences;
3. Supplement your Asian Studies course work with classes that are relevant to your career;
4. Certain government jobs may require a MA, unless you already have (near) native fluency.

Make an appointment with a Career Specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Asian Studies Program:**
 Contact Telephone: 410-455-2094; Email: asianstudies@umbc.edu; Website: www.umbc.edu/asianstudies

**Internet Sites** that allow you to explore career options for Asian Studies degree:

- **Career Center – Major Sheets**: careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
  - Major Sheets related to Asian Studies:
    - Modern Languages & Linguistics
    - History
  - Philosophy
  - Economics
  - Education
  - Political Science
  - Sociology

- **Career Center - Links by Major**: careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php
- **UMBC Career Path**: www.umbc.edu/careerpath
- **Vault Career Insider**: careers.umbc.edu/tools/
  - Click on Vault Career Insider link located in the Career Center Tool Kit
  - Select “Create a Career Insider account” under Vault Career Insider heading
  - Select “Career and Industry books” to view these and additional Vault Guides:
    - International Guides
    - Vault Guide to International Careers
    - Vault Guide to International Development

- **GoinGlobal**: careers.umbc.edu/tools/ Country and City Guides for working abroad; International job postings

**National Associations:**

- Association for Asian Studies (www.asian-studies.org)
- South Asian Americans Leading Together/SAALT (saalt.org)
- ASIANetwork (www.asianetwork.org)

UMBC, Career Center, MP 212, 410-455-2216, careers@umbc.edu, careers.umbc.edu

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