What you can do with your ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES MAJOR



Major Skills:



Written & Spoken Language Proficiency

You read, listen to, and comprehend communication in at least one Asian language and articulate thoughts and ideas in that language verbally and in writing.



Cultural Competence

You develop awareness of and sensitivity to practices, products, and perspectives and diverse cultural, historical, social, and political contexts of other cultures along with your own.



Teamwork

You build and maintain collaborative relationships to work effectively toward common goals, while appreciating diverse viewpoints and shared responsibilities.



Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking

You analyze texts, examine perspectives and theoretical approaches to study Asia, critically examine stereotypes and inquire into the process of their construction



Creative Thinking

You generate original ideas, experiment and take risks, solve problems, and use a wide variety of media to communicate.



Research

Your read and evaluate a variety of materials to determine their origins, perspective, usefulness and reliability.

Supplement Your Skills With:



Student Org Leadership & Engagement



Fostering Equity and Inclusion Through Courses



International Study, Internships & Language Study



Career & Self Development



On or Off-Campus Employment

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your ALC major to WORK

Frequent Alumni Job Titles:

- Account Executive/Manager
- Attorney
- Business Analyst
- Communications Director
- Consultant
- Court Interpreter
- Director

- Human Resources Manager
- Manager
- Owner
- Product Manager
- Professor
- Social Media Manager
- Vice President

Frequent Employers of Alumni:

- 1. A+E Networks
- 2. Asia Society
- Children's Hospital of Milwaukee
- 4. Consulate General of Japan
- 5. Deloitte
- 6 Fisery
- 7. Huron Management Consulting
- 8. IBM
- 9. Illumination Technology Group
- 10. International Monetary Fund

- 11. Land O'Lakes, Inc.
- 12. Lussier Community
 Education Center
- 13. Madison Police Department
- 14. Mayo Clinic
- 15. Medline Industries, Inc.
- 16. SpaceX
- 17. UnitedHealth Group
- 18. University of Wisconsin
- 19. US Navy
- 20. UW Health

Recent Grads' Career Plans:

75% Employment

25% Continuing Education, Graduate School

Industry of Employment:

- 1. Education
- Information Technology
- 3. Healthcare
- 4 Finance
- 5. Government
- 6. Non-Profits

Where Alumni Live & Work:

24% Wisconsin

9% Illinois

8% California

7% Minnesota

7% Washington, DC area

45% Other



"Through my ALC major, I learned how to methodically organize and reorganize information so that it is presented in a logical manner, and I learned how to think critically about complex global and historical issues, and how their ramifications impact the rest of the world."

Betty Nen, 2020

Emergency Management Specialist,
FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division
Washington, DC



"My ability to understand Chinese culture, society, and regional geopolitics has helped me become a better-informed global citizen and a culturally competent digital advertiser. China is one of the world's biggest economies and a deep understanding of language, culture & politics enables an advertiser to tap into an otherwise hard-sought market of customers."

Cade Campbell, 2019
Senior Paid Media Associate, 1stDibs
Chicago, IL

Career Communities for ALC Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where ALC majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- Consulting, Management, Finance & Client Relations
- Non-Profit Management & Education
- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Communications, Entertainment & the Arts

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