What you can do with your
CHINESE MAJOR

Major Skills:

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.

Written & Spoken Communication
You learn to read, listen to, and comprehend Chinese and express thoughts and ideas in Chinese through written and oral communication.

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

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

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.

Research
You 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 Chinese major to WORK

Sample Job Titles of Alumni:
- Account Representative
- Application Developer
- Assistant Editor
- Chief Executive Officer/Principal
- Chinese Teacher
- Finance Manager
- Literacy Specialist
- Learning Development Specialist
- Managing Director
- Sales Consultant
- Senior Scientist
- Senior Software Engineer
- Special Counsel East Asia Affairs
- Technical Editor
- Trading Director

Sample Employers of Alumni:
- Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services
- Apple
- Amazon
- AT&T
- Cadence Design Systems
- Chinese American International School
- Chinese Mutual Aid Association
- Columbia University (New York)
- Credit Suisse
- Epic
- Factset
- Ingenio
- Northwestern Mutual
- Parasec
- Rockwell Automation
- Truenorth Collective - Sustainability Consulting
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- US Department of Justice - Antitrust Division
- US Department of State
- Wisconsin Hospital Association

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:
- 74% Employment
- 18% Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 4% Volunteer/Service Program
- 2% Military Service
- 2% Not Seeking

Industry of Employment 2016-2021:
1. Information Technology
2. Manufacturing
3. Education
4. Electronic Manufacturing
5. Food Production
6. Hospitality
7. Real Estate
8. Services

Where Alumni Live & Work:
- 26% Wisconsin
- 13% California
- 9% Illinois
- 7% New York
- 6% Minnesota
- 39% Other

"Writing skills were the most important thing I learned in college that helped me get and succeed at a job. Networking was another skill I indirectly learned throughout college that helped me get my foot in the door for jobs. Additionally, knowing how to connect with coworkers and handle conflict has been extremely important as I continue on my career."

Shane Linden, 2018
Communications Associate II, Children’s Funding Project
Washington, DC

"With my Chinese major, I have learned to appreciate communicating, hearing, and learning from everyone, especially those who may come from different backgrounds. In addition, being immersed in a language class has allowed me to develop crucial communication skills and understand the value of diverse perspectives."

Kristine Nguyen, 2021
Strategy Analyst, Deloitte
Seattle, WA

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

- Technology, Data & Analytics
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Nonprofit Management & Education

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

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