



## **Asian Studies**

### **Transferable Skills**

A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a major in Asian/Asian-American Studies are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Interest in and ability to speak less commonly taught languages
- Willingness to travel and immerse in other cultures
- Ability to clearly form arguments
- Strong intercultural communication skills
- Ability to interpret nonverbal language and other cues from diverse cultures
- Expert level interviewing skills
- Strong skills in oral and written expression
- Wide ranging curiosity
- Display a sensitivity to other cultures, especially non-western cultures
- Possess a diversity of knowledge across many topics or bring interdisciplinary skills (i.e skills from a variety of disciplines) to bear on problem solving
- Savvy about international politics
- Ability to think logically, critically and make analogies
- Ability to interpret
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Creativity
- High proficiency in reading, speaking and writing

### **Range of Example Positions held by Asian Studies Majors**

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit [O\\*NET On-line](#).

- Account Supervisor - Marketing
- Accountant
- Advertising Copywriter
- Anthropologist
- Arts Educator
- Attorney
- Businessperson
- Columnist
- Community Action Specialist
- Consumer Advocate
- Counselor
- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Curator
- Customer Relations Representative
- Embassy Personnel
- English Teacher Abroad
- ESL Teacher
- Family Planning Counselor
- Feminist Organization Worker
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Health Policy Advocate
- Historic Preservation Specialist
- Historic Preservationist
- Human Resources Manager
- Importer/Exporter
- International Business
- Interpreter
- Int'l. Conference Planner
- Int'l. Relations Specialist
- Journalist
- Language Instructor
- Lawyer
- Legislator
- Manager/Supervisor
- Market Research
- Martial Arts Instructor
- Medical Doctor

- Museum Curator
- Professor/Educator
- Public Policy Specialist
- Public Relations Consultant
- Scientific Writing
- Social Worker
- Television Producer
- Translator
- Travel Writer
- Writer/ Author

### **Professional Associations**

Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- [Asian American Association](#)
- [Asian Americans for Civil Rights & Equality \(AACRE\)](#)
- [Asian Inc.](#)
- [Asian Professional Exchange \(APEX\)](#)
- [Asian Research Service](#)
- [Association for Asian Studies](#)
- [Bridge to Asia](#)
- [Chinese for Affirmative Action \(CAA\)](#)
- [Global Korean Network of LA](#)
- [Korean American Family Services Center \(KAFSC\)](#)
- [Korean American Professional Society](#)
- [The Babilonia Wilner Foundation \(PUSOD\)](#)
- [U.S. Federation of Philippine American Chamber of Commerce](#)