

## German

### 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 German are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to adjust to new environments
- Ability to develop linguistic skills
- Ability to engage and process detailed information
- Ability to persevere in facing challenges and applying skills and knowledge for long periods of time
- Ability to think logically and quickly and make analogies
- Background of general knowledge
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Good listening, clarifying and responding skills
- High proficiency in reading, speaking and writing
- Interest in exploring and working with other cultures and personalities
- Understanding of historical information and influences on contemporary life

### Range of Example Positions held by German 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](#).

- Actor/Actress
- Announcer
- Anthropologist
- Audiologist
- Buyer
- Copy Editor
- Customs Inspector
- Diplomat
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Health Administrator
- Historian
- Hotel Manager
- Immigration Inspector
- Import/Export Manager
- International Banker
- International Businessperson
- International Student Advisor
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Musician
- News Correspondent
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Producer
- Proofreader
- Scientific Linguist
- Special Agent/FBI
- Speech Pathologist
- Technical Writer
- Textbook Publisher
- Translator
- Travel Agent

### 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.

- [American Association of Teachers of German](#)
- [German American Business Association](#)
- [German American Chamber of Commerce of the Western United States](#)