

What you can do with your **JAPANESE 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 Japanese and express thoughts and ideas in Japanese 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 Japanese major to **WORK**

Sample Job Titles of Alumni:

1. Account Executive
2. Agency Director
3. Artist
4. Business Operations Analyst
5. Business Owner
6. Chief Executive Officer
7. Chief Financial Officer
8. Consultant
9. Database Administrator
10. Digital Marketing Manager
11. Professor
12. Project Manager
13. Software Quality Engineer
14. Teacher
15. Wealth Services Associate

Sample Employers of Alumni:

- Accelerated Analytical Laboratories
- Alta Language Services
- Decision Engineering
- Defense Language Institute
- Delaware National Art Company
- Eatstreet
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- Healthpartners
- Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)
- Labcorp
- MIT Technology Review
- Morgan Stanley
- Pepsi Co
- Ravinia Festival
- Sculptor (Arts and Crafts)
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- University of Minnesota
- US Department of State

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:

- 67%** Employment
- 30%** Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 3%** Military Service

Industry of Employment 2016-2021:

1. Human Resources
2. Finance
3. Hospitality
4. Information Technology
5. Media

Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 30%** Wisconsin
- 9%** California
- 8%** New York
- 7%** Illinois
- 5%** Minnesota
- 41%** Other



"My Japanese major has given me critical communication skills and taught me how to see through different cultural perspectives to work with a unique and diverse workforce through conversation, presentations, and research."

Chandra Bearden, 2021

Technology Analyst & Software Developer, Accenture
Milwaukee, WI



"The Japanese major at UW doesn't just teach the language: it educates you on a culture that is very different from your own and helps you appreciate those differences."

Timothy Ryan Hadick, 2014

Digital Marketing Manager, Newport Ltd.
Shibuya, Tokyo

Career Communities for Japanese Majors

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

- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Technology, Data & Analytics
- Communication, Entertainment & the Arts
- Nonprofit Management & Education

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

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