

What can I do with a major in **CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

Provide an opportunity for students to focus their study on this important area of the world, by examining the history, culture, and religions of China and Japan, in addition to developing some proficiency in the Japanese language. It provides essential background for students considering a career in education, business, government, or the arts related to the East Asian cultural sphere. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in overseas programs in either China or Japan.

Relevant skills for a CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES major:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ability to adjust to new environments ◆ Ability to overcome barriers ◆ Adaptability ◆ Analyzing and comparing cultures ◆ Analyzing communication situations ◆ Analyzing community needs ◆ Appreciation for diverse cultures/cultural awareness ◆ Critiquing and organizing principles ◆ Decision making ◆ Diagnosing ◆ Effective in problem solving tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Explaining ◆ Explaining concepts ◆ Foreign language competency ◆ Good listening and clarifying skills ◆ Guiding ◆ Helping ◆ Independence ◆ Informing ◆ Leading discussions ◆ Oral and written communication in English & in foreign language ◆ Organizing people and ideas ◆ Organizing/classifying | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Planning and designing projects ◆ Problem solving ◆ Reviewing/evaluating ◆ Risk-taking aptitudes ◆ Selecting and training ◆ Sensitivity to people of other cultures ◆ Solving problems ◆ Summarizing ◆ Summarizing/Presenting results ◆ Teaching ◆ Trouble-shooting ◆ and others! |
|---|--|--|

Sample work activities for Graduates in CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES (some may require an advanced degree)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcer (radio, TV) • Anthropologist • Art historian • Biographer • Booking Agent • Caseworker • Community Organization Worker • Community Relations & Service Advisor • Customs Inspector • Editor, foreign news broadcast • Employment Interviewer • Flight Attendant • Foreign Attendant • Foreign Exchange Program Director • Foreign Export Marketer/ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translator • Foreign Information Officer • Foreign Language Translator • Foreign Student Advisor • Foreign Tax Accountant • Foreign Travel Escort Officer • Immigration Inspector • Importer/Exporter • Intelligence Specialist • International Broadcaster • International Relations Specialist • International Trade Economist • Interpreter • Interviewer & Claims Adjuster | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Researcher • Linguistic Scientist • Manager, Industrial development • Manager, World Trade • News writer/Foreign Languages • Road Manager • Special agent/FBI • Teacher, second language/international • Tour Guide • Training Instructor • Translator, computer • Writer, technical publications • and others! |
|--|---|--|

Potential hiring institutions for CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES majors:

- ◆ Advertising department & agencies
- ◆ Agency of International Development
- ◆ Air, bus, and rail lines
- ◆ Airports
- ◆ Banks, savings & commercial
- ◆ Chambers of commerce
- ◆ Civil Service Commission
- ◆ Colleges & Universities, domestic & abroad
- ◆ Commerce Department
- ◆ Consumer Affairs Office
- ◆ Education Department
- ◆ Federal Communications
- ◆ Federal Trade Commission
- ◆ Foreign Service Department
- ◆ Government agencies
- ◆ Hotel chains
- ◆ Immigration & Naturalization Service
- ◆ Import/export companies
- ◆ International Studies/International Exchange Organizations
- ◆ International Businesses/Corporations
- ◆ Investment firms
- ◆ Library of Congress
- ◆ National Archives
- ◆ News bureaus
- ◆ Peace Corps
- ◆ Public relations firms
- ◆ Public service organizations
- ◆ Secondary schools, domestic & international
- ◆ Travel agencies
- ◆ United Nations
- ◆ US Armed Forces
- ◆ Visitors & convention bureaus
- ◆ Vista
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES majors:

- Advertising & Public Relations
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Asian Literature
- Asian Studies
- Business Administration
- Chinese
- Chinese History
- Conflict Resolution & Mediation/Peace Studies
- Demography & Population Studies
- Divinity School/Seminary
- Education
- European Studies
- Geography
- Hospitality Management
- International Business
- Japanese
- Japanese History
- Law
- Nonprofit Management
- Oriental Art
- Oriental Medicine & Acupuncture
- Public Policy & Administration
- Religion
- Sociology
- Travel & Tourism
- Urban Studies
- World Literature

Sources of additional information for CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES majors:

- VU Department of Foreign Languages East Asian Language: <http://www.valpo.edu/cjsp/>
- American Translators Association: This site will help you learn more about the American Translators Association and the translation and interpretation professions. <http://atanet.org>
- Asiaco.com: A search engine for everything related to Asia including jobs and cultural information. <http://www.asiaco.com>
- Career China: Career opportunities in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, U.S. and beyond - Leave it to Career Wise at [Dragonsurf.com](http://www.dragonsurf.com/careerwise/) to assist you in realizing your utmost potential. <http://www.dragonsurf.com/careerwise/>
- CareerCross Japan: Jobs in Japan & Japanese-related positions overseas. Plus an in-depth look at living & working in Japan and more. <http://www.careercross.co.jp/english>
- EscapeArtist.com: International job marketplace. <http://jobs.escapeartist.com>
- International Monster.com: The international component of the popular Monster Board web site. <http://international.monster.com/>
- JapaneseJobs.com: Employment service bringing together bilingual professionals who speak Japanese and English with hiring companies. <http://www.japanesejobs.com>
- Jobs in Japan: Job opportunities and other information. <http://www.jobsinjapan.com>
- JobsDB.com: Overseas opportunities in Asia & Australia for US professionals. <http://www.jobsdb.com>
- OverseasJobs.Com: the Web's #1 resources for international employment and work abroad. Expatriates and job seekers can search the job database by keywords or locations and post a resume online for employers to view. <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>
- The Electronic Embassy: a resource of and for the Washington, DC embassy community. <http://www.embassy.org/>
- United Nations Homepage: Various information on the United Nations, including recent news, publications, etc. <http://www.un.org/>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *Alternatives To The Peace Corps : A Directory Of Third World And Us Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One*
- *Career Opportunities In Politics, Government & Activism*
- *Career Opportunities In Travel And Tourism*
- *Careers For Culture Lovers & Other Artsy Types*
- *Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados & Other Multilingual Types*
- *Careers For History Buffs & Others Who Learn From The Past*
- *Careers For Introverts & Other Solitary Types*
- *Careers For Travel Buffs & Other Restless Types*
- *Careers In International Business, 2nd Ed*
- *Careers In Sociology*
- *Civil Service Career Starter*
- *Directory Of Foreign Consulates And International Trade Assistance Organizations In Chicagoland*
- *Directory Of Jobs And Careers Abroad*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2003*
- *For The Common Good: Internships With Social & Community Service Agencies 2003*
- *Global Resume And CV Guide*
- *Government Job Finder*
- *Graduate Programs In Education*
- *Graduate Programs In Humanities*
- *GRE Exam 2003*
- *Great Jobs For Foreign Language Majors*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Guide To Homeland Security Careers*
- *Inside Secrets To Finding A Career In Travel*
- *Insider's Guide To Washington Internships & Part-Time Employment*
- *International Directory Of Voluntary Work*
- *International Jobs : Where They Are, How To Get Them*
- *International Jobs: Where They Are And How To Get Them, 6th Ed*
- *Internships And Fellowships With The Smithsonian Institution*
- *Internships In International Affairs*
- *Job Surfing : Working Abroad : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *Jobs And Careers With Nonprofit Organizations : Profitable Opportunities With Nonprofits*
- *LSAT 2003*
- *Non-Profits Job Finder*
- *Opportunities In Business Management Careers*
- *Opportunities In Federal Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Foreign Language Careers*
- *Opportunities In Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Library And Information Science Careers*
- *Opportunities In Nonprofit Organization Careers*
- *Opportunities In Overseas Careers*
- *Opportunities In Sales Careers*
- *Opportunities In Social Science Careers*
- *Opportunities In Travel Careers*
- *Peterson's Game Plan For Getting Into Business School*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *Porter County Resource Directory*
- *Project Book*
- *Response ... Directory Of Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Resumes For Business Management Careers*
- *Resumes For Sales And Marketing Careers*
- *Student's Guide To International Internships*
- *Student's Guide To Legal Internships*
- *and others!*

For more information about majoring in CHINESE AND JAPANESE STUDIES, contact:

Zhimin Lin, Ph.D.
Chair, Chinese and Japanese Studies Program
Huegli Hall 330
464-5749

For more questions about your career decisions, please make an appointment with a VU Career Counselor by calling 464-5005, stopping by the Career Center in Alumni Hall or e-mailing us at Career.Center@valpo.edu
