FROM STUDY TO SKILLS

All academic programs offered at the UM help students develop valuable transferable skills. Students majoring in Asian Languages and Cultures will gain proficiency in a foreign language, understand the structure and use of languages, and become familiar with the literature, history, and culture of this emerging region.

Whether specializing in East, Southeast, or South Asia, concentrators have established themselves in careers ranging from government to human services to the arts. The Bachelor’s degree also provides a firm basis for graduate work in the humanities, social sciences, law, or business. For students focusing their programs on a particular field, coursework in such areas as Asian religions, literature, cultural studies, or linguistics offers additional knowledge and abilities applicable across a wide range of professions.

Related fields include Linguistics, Political Science, History, Archaeology, Museum Studies, International Studies, and Anthropology.

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BUILDING YOUR SKILLS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Employers seek out individuals who can demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills, teamwork and interpersonal skills, initiative, and a strong work ethic. Student organizations or campus employment offer valuable opportunities to add to the skills you are developing in your classes. Other options include off-campus employment or volunteering in the community.

Study abroad experiences are particularly helpful to foreign language concentrators to improve proficiency and gain intercultural skills. Finally, a summer internship may be the best way of all to test out a career field and develop marketable skills.
FROM SKILLS TO CAREER

ALC concentrators develop both general and technical skills applicable to a wide range of careers. For example, cross-cultural skills may be equally useful whether working as a language teacher, a corporate recruiter, or a freelance journalist.

Communication Skills
Foreign correspondent
Professional association editor
Film critic
Technical writer
Academic press editor
K-12 teacher
College instructor
Language lecturer

Analytical Skills
Trade lawyer/broker
 Grants and contract manager
National Security Agency analyst
Legislative committee staff person
Trade development officer
State Department officer

Many concentrators go on to graduate or professional school. The list below is a sample of careers undertaken by Asian Languages and Cultures graduates.

Interpersonal/Cross-Cultural Skills
Overseas business representative
Tour director
Manager of translation/language service
Manager, language school
Immigration officer
Student exchange program coordinator
Bilingual program teacher
International student advisor

Research/Project Development Skills
Market researcher
Corporate travel planner
Information manager
Special events coordinator
Museum/gallery curator
City cultural events planner
Special collections librarian

For more career information, see O*Net at online.onetcenter.org

= Further Study Required

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

An intermediate level of language study is a requirement of the concentration; undergraduates with native or near-native ability are not encouraged to concentrate in their respective languages. The core courses in the modern languages of East, South, and Southeast Asia are designed to develop basic proficiency of reading, writing, aural comprehension, and speaking.

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NEXT STEPS/RESOURCES

To explore opportunities for overseas study and work, go to: lsa.umich.edu/cgis or globalportal.umich.edu/study.php

To begin connecting to professionals in fields that interest you, create your own LinkedIn account: careercenter.umich.edu/article/getting-startedin.linkedin

To identify internships or job opportunities, visit Career Center Connector: careercenter.umich.edu/article/c3

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The Maize Pages list hundreds of organizations for students to get involved in:
maizepages.umich.edu

On campus jobs (work-study and non work-study jobs) are listed at:
studentemployment.umich.edu/JobX_Home.aspx

Connect to Community lists volunteer opportunities in local organizations: connect2community.umich.edu

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