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## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY

## ASIAN STUDIES

# DEGREE? **UMBC - CAREER SERVICES CENTER**

**GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE**

**Intelligence/Law Enforcement**

Anti-terrorism Intelligence Agent Intelligence Specialist Intelligence Support Analyst

Intelligence Officer Intelligence Analyst Foreign Language Analyst

### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE

**Travel and Tourism (Hotels, Resorts, Travel Agencies, Tour Operations, Airlines)**

Hotel Manager Resort Manager Travel Agent

Tour Guide/Conductor Flight Attendant Sales Representative

Passenger Services Representative Foreign Travel Advisor Air Traffic Assistant

Reservations Agent Information Clerk Flight Announcer

**Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations/Sales**

Advertising Account Manager Public Relations Specialist Public Relations Manager

Labor Relations Advisor Market Research Analyst Assistant Export Buyer

Store/Department Manager Sales Representative Import/Export Traffic Manager Foreign Purchasing Agent Export Assistant

**Human Resources**

Human Resources Management Advisor

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Government (Peace Corps, USIA, USAID, USDOS, USDOA, USDOC, USDOD, Foreign Service)**

Foreign Service Officer Peace Corps Volunteer Customs Agent

Information Officer Bicultural Program Specialist Foreign Language Translator

Consular Assistant Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee Staffer

Foreign Service Peacekeeping Specialist

**International Organizations (UN, UNESCO, IMF, UNICEF, WHO, OAS, American Red Cross)**

Economics Affairs Officer Social Affairs Officer Program Manager

International Visitor Escort Int’l. Exchange Program Coord. UN Guide

American Red Cross Program Officer

**NON-PROFITS (CARE, Amnesty Int’l, Catholic Relief Services, Population Council)**

Public Policy Analyst Community/Field Organizer Membership Coordinator

Project Assistant Assistant Field Representative Research Associate

Program Developer/Coordinator Assistant for Special Projects Project Assistant

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Multilingual Services (Translation Bureaus, Phone Companies, Int’l Corporations, Government)**

International Operator Translator Interpreter

Customer Service Representative Technical Translator Software Translator

**Publishing/Journalism (Newspapers, Publishing Houses, Radio/TV, Wire Services)**

Copy Writer Travel Book Writer/Editor Reporter

Research Assistant News Writer Editor

Promotions Assistant Technical Writer Circulation Personnel

News Writer Researcher Critic

Foreign News Correspondent Textbook Representative Radio Free Asia Analyst/Writer

**EDUCATION/LANGUAGE SERVICES**

**Higher Education, Language Schools, Corporations, Overseas Schools**

Cultural Studies/History Professor Foreign Language Teacher Foreign Student Advisor

Instructional Coordinators Admissions Administrator Int’l Exchange Program Coordinator

Student Affairs Administrator English Instructor (ESL/EFL) Admissions Counselor

Literature, Linguistics Professor Bilingual Education Aide Literacy Program Coordinator

### ASIAN HISTORY

**Historical Museums/Societies, Historical/Archaeological Sites, Research Organizations**

Historian Museum Curator Historic Site Administrator

Archaeologist Historical Archivist Gallery Research Technician

Cultural Artifacts Specialist Socio-Cultural Impact Assessor Fundraiser/Grant Writer

Museum Guide Display Manager Museum Teacher

Exhibit Designer Programs Coordinator

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**

Legal Assistant Paralegal Court Translator/Interpreter

**PUBLIC POLICY**

**Congress / State Legislature / Local Government/President’s, Governor’s, Mayor’s Office**

Congressional/Legislative Aide Lobbyist Government Affairs Specialist

Public Policy Analyst Research Technician Legislative Analyst

**KEEP IN MIND...**

You also must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

(1) **Complete advanced language training** and to **pursue study-abroad opportunities**;

(2) **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CSC, the Shriver Center, and community outreach about such opportunities);

(3) **Supplement your Asian Studies course work** with **classes** that would be **relevant** and **beneficial** to your chosen career field;

(4) Remember that **certain government jobs may require an MA**, unless you already have native or near native fluency.

Make an appointment with a Career Specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Internet Sites** that allow you to explore career options for Asian Studies degree:

- **Career Services Center - Links by Major**: ([www.careers.umbc.edu/students/majorsheets/links.php](http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/majorsheets/links.php))

Major Sheets related to Asian Studies:

Modern Languages & Linguistics Philosophy Economics Education

History Political Science Sociology

- **Career Services Center - Vault Career Insider**: (www.careers.umbc.edu)

- Click on **Vault Career Insider** link located on the Career Services home page

- Select “Create a Career Insider account” under Vault Career Insider heading

- Select “Career and Industry books” to view these and additional Vault Guides:

International Guides Vault Guide to International Careers

Vault Guide to International Development

**National Associations:**

**Association for Asian Studies** ([www.asian-studies.org](http://www.asian-studies.org))

**South Asian Americans Leading Together/SAALT (**[**saalt.org**](http://www.saalt.org)**)**

**ASIANetwork** (www.asianetwork.org)

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