

# What you can do with your **CHINESE 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 Chinese and express thoughts and ideas in Chinese 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.

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# Put your Chinese major to **WORK**

## Sample Job Titles of Alumni:

- Account Representative
- Application Developer
- Assistant Editor
- Chief Executive Officer/Principal
- Chinese Teacher
- Finance Manager
- Literacy Specialist
- Learning Development Specialist
- Managing Director
- Sales Consultant
- Senior Scientist
- Senior Software Engineer
- Special Counsel East Asia Affairs
- Technical Editor
- Trading Director

## Sample Employers of Alumni:

- Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services
- Apple
- Amazon
- AT&T
- Cadence Design Systems
- Chinese American International School
- Chinese Mutual Aid Association
- Columbia University (New York)
- Credit Suisse
- Epic
- Factset
- Ingenio
- Northwestern Mutual
- Parasec
- Rockwell Automation
- Truenorth Collective - Sustainability Consulting
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- US Department of Justice - Antitrust Division
- US Department of State
- Wisconsin Hospital Association

## Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:

- 74%** Employment
- 18%** Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 4%** Volunteer/Service Program
- 2%** Military Service
- 2%** Not Seeking

## Industry of Employment 2016-2021:

1. Information Technology
2. Manufacturing
3. Education
4. Electronic Manufacturing
5. Food Production
6. Hospitality
7. Real Estate
8. Services

## Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 26%** Wisconsin
- 13%** California
- 9%** Illinois
- 7%** New York
- 6%** Minnesota
- 39%** Other



"Writing skills were the most important thing I learned in college that helped me get and succeed at a job. Networking was another skill I indirectly learned throughout college that helped me get my foot in the door for jobs. Additionally, knowing how to connect with coworkers and handle conflict has been extremely important as I continue on my career."

**Shane Linden, 2018**

Communications Associate II, Children's Funding Project  
Washington, DC



"With my Chinese major, I have learned to appreciate communicating, hearing, and learning from everyone, especially those who may come from different backgrounds. In addition, being immersed in a language class has allowed me to develop crucial communication skills and understand the value of diverse perspectives."

**Kristine Nguyen, 2021**

Strategy Analyst, Deloitte  
Seattle, WA

## Career Communities for Chinese Majors

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

- Technology, Data & Analytics
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Nonprofit Management & Education

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

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