The Chinese major is offered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and includes courses in the language, culture, literature, and linguistics of China. Students studying Chinese progress from an elementary working knowledge of the language to oral and written fluency. Once students are familiar with basic patterns of pronunciation and language structure, they are introduced gradually to the unique writing system of the language. The rich body of Chinese literature is first studied in English translation; as students progress in the major and develop their language skills, they continue their readings in Chinese. Visit the Foreign Language Center for up-to-date information on how foreign language skills can be put to use in the professional world, and to receive guidance on how to conduct on-line job searches, compose global resumes and develop strategies that relate to rewarding professional careers in the age of globalization.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Knowing Chinese can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)
- Financial Services Officer
- Senior Account Executive
- Human Resources Director
- Flight Attendant
- Hotel Manager
- Travel Agent
- Tour Guide

**Communication and Media**
- Journalist
- Photographer
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Bilingual Production Assistant
- **Health Professions**
- Translator/Interpreter
- Nurse
- **Education**
- ESL Instructor
- Professor/Teacher/Tutor
- Study Abroad Coordinator
- Linguistics Researcher

**Government/Politics**
- International Diplomat
- United Nations Member
- Foreign Policy Analyst
- National Security Agent
- Immigration/Naturalization Officer
- Foreign Intelligence Manager
- Military Officer
- Immigration Attorney

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Basic Computer Skills
- Written Communication
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Language Fluency
- Cultural Understanding
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Expressing Ideas
- Social Perceptiveness
- Attention to Detail
- Speaking Effectively
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Coaching/Mentoring

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)*

**Professional Links:**

- International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: [http://www.iatefl.org/](http://www.iatefl.org/)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters
- Foreign Language Center: [http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers](http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers)