The Japanese major is offered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and includes courses in the language, culture, literature, and linguistics of Japan. Students studying Japanese 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 writing system and written Japanese. The rich body of Japanese literature is first studied in English translation; sustained study prepares students to read a variety of written genres in the original language. 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 Japanese can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)
- Financial Services Officer
- Senior Account Executive
- Flight Attendant
- Hotel Manager
- Travel Agent
- Tour Guide

**Communication and Media**
- Journalist
- Photographer
- Foreign News Correspondent
- Bilingual Production Assistant

**Health Professions**
- Translator/Interpreter
- Social Worker
- 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
- Language Fluency
- Expressing Ideas
- Speaking Effectively
- Written Communication
- Cultural Understanding
- Social Perceptiveness
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Attention to Detail
- 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://fsc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers](http://fsc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers)