

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ASIAN STUDIES?

## *Facts about an Asian Studies degree:*

- The Asian Studies Centre was established at the University of Manitoba in 1990 to stimulate and organize teaching and research on Asia.
- This program includes instruction in the languages and culture of China, India and Japan
- Students can declare a Major or Minor in Asian Studies. Related courses from other departments can be included.
- Students should carefully consider their career goals while selecting courses and should support course selections with related volunteer or paid work experience.
- Students selecting a Major in Asian Studies can support their career goals by carefully choosing their Minor.
- Internships can be an effective way of securing work-related skills and experience upon graduation.

## SKILLS POSSESSED BY ASIAN STUDIES GRADUATES:

Many employers are interested in the skills which Asian Studies majors tend to possess. These include:

- An understanding of the historical, political and cultural fabric of Asian countries and an appreciation of our differences as well as our similarities
- Ability to communicate in an Asian language(s)
- Research and writing skills
- Ability to access, analyze, and apply knowledge and skills from various disciplines (Conference Board of Canada)
- Ability to work well under pressure
- Ability to express one's ideas clearly

Many graduates will have developed a firm foundation for further work at the graduate and professional school level. Interesting options might include library science, business administration, journalism, architecture, urban and regional planning, museum studies, law, international development, translation, interpretation, tourism management and communications, to name a few!

## SAMPLE JOB TITLES FOR GRADUATES

(graduates will not necessarily be qualified for these positions)

- Foreign Service Officer
- ESL Instructor
- Customs Officer
- Customs Broker
- Immigration Officer
- Tour Organizer
- Tour and Travel Manager
- Importer/Exporter
- Conference/Event Planner
- International Recruitment Officer
- Employment Counsellor
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Immigration Program Officer (Gov't)
- Employment Equity Officer
- Community Service Worker
- Museum Education Officer
- Heritage Interpreter
- Information/Communications Officer
- Settlement Counsellor
- Intelligence Officer
- Tourism Promotion/Development Officer
- Communications Officer
- Customer Service Representative
- Foreign Language Intelligence Analyst
- Administrative Assistant
- Student Advisor
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Advertising Copywriter
- Development Officer
- Survey Interviewer
- Call Centre Agent
- Archival Technician/Assistant

## AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: (this list is not exhaustive)

Government Departments (e.g. immigration, labour, foreign affairs, customs)  
Non-governmental Organizations  
Social Service Agencies (including immigrant/refugee supporting agencies)  
Market Research Firms and Advertising Agencies/Departments  
Museums and Historic Sites  
Art Galleries  
Educational Institutions (public and private)  
Archives  
Human Resource Departments  
Consulting Firms  
Communications/Public Relations Departments and Firms  
Financial Institutions (banks, credit unions, investment firms etc.)  
Multi-cultural Organizations  
Police Forces/Correctional Institutes  
Call Centres  
Tour Organizers/Promoters  
Event/Conference Planning Firms



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<http://umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices/> - Click on "**Job Postings and Volunteer Opportunities**" and register as a **Student** to view current job postings

**Asian Studies Centre (University of Manitoba)**

[www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/asian\\_studies](http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/asian_studies)

**National Occupational Classification**

[www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca](http://www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca)

**Working in Canada**

[www.workingincanada.gc.ca](http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca)

**What Can I Do with a Major In? (University of North Carolina at Wilmington)**

[www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/](http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/)

**What Can I Do with a Major In? (University of Texas at Arlington)**

[counseling.uta.edu/majors/information/foreign.pdf](http://counseling.uta.edu/majors/information/foreign.pdf)

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