Transferable Skills
A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries. Graduates with a major in Chinese are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to practice for long periods of time
- Ability to organize and memorize detailed information
- Understanding of other cultures and people
- Ability to think logically and quickly and make analogies
- Creativity
- Wide range curiosity
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Computer literacy
- Proficiency in phonetics
- Background of general knowledge
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Good listening, clarifying and responding skills

Range of example positions held by Foreign Language Majors:
Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit O*NET On-line.

- Accountant
- Advertising Executive
- Brand/Product Manager
- Commercial Banker
- Computer Programmer
- Consultant
- Counselor
- Entry-Level Manager
- Financial Analyst
- Fundraiser
- Graphic Artist
- Health Care Administrator
- Human Resources Manager
- Information Systems Analyst
- Investment Banker
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Production Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Registered Nurse
- Reporter
- Researcher
- Sales Manager
- Software Designer
- Systems Engineer
- Teacher
- Urban Planner
- Writer/Editor

Professional Associations
Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- Chinese Language Teachers Association
- American Association of Teachers of German
- American Association of Teachers of Italian
- American Society of Greek & Latin Epigraphy
- Association of Ancient Historians
• German American Business Association
• German American Chamber of Commerce of the Western United States
• Society for Italian Historical Studies