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 German are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to adjust to new environments
- Ability to develop linguistic skills
- Ability to engage and process detailed information
- Ability to persevere in facing challenges and applying skills and knowledge for long periods of time
- Ability to think logically and quickly and make analogies
- Background of general knowledge
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Good listening, clarifying and responding skills
- High proficiency in reading, speaking and writing
- Interest in exploring and working with other cultures and personalities
- Understanding of historical information and influences on contemporary life

Range of Example Positions held by German 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.

- Actor/Actress
- Announcer
- Anthropologist
- Audiologist
- Buyer
- Copy Editor
- Customs Inspector
- Diplomat
- Flight Attendant
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Health Administrator
- Historian
- Hotel Manager
- Immigration Inspector
- Import/Export Manager
- International Banker
- International Businessperson
- International Student Advisor
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Musician
- News Correspondent
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Producer
- Proofreader
- Scientific Linguist
- Special Agent/FBI
- Speech Pathologist
- Technical Writer
- Textbook Publisher
- Translator
- Travel Agent

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.

- American Association of Teachers of German
- German American Business Association
- German American Chamber of Commerce of the Western United States