What Is Asia?

An orientation to all things “Asian Studies” at Penn State
When the talk is over, you can find this information at...

asian.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/major-in-asian-studies

(click on “Find it here” under Study Abroad in Asia)
Topics to Cover

- Asian Studies on the PSU campus
  - Degrees
  - Language study
- Asian Studies in Asia
  - Study Abroad Application Process
  - Study Abroad Sites
  - Major Fellowships & Grants
- Asian Studies Beyond your BA
  - Internships
  - Language Exams for Professional Credentials
  - Jobs and Other Post-BA Options
Asian Studies on Campus

Majors, Minors
&
the “2-3-4” Model

(or, How much language do you need in order to do what you want to do?)
Fast Forward: How Much Language?

A knowledge of one or more foreign languages can be useful in a wide range of careers. For some jobs, such as translating, interpreting and language teaching, language skills are one of the main requirements. For other jobs a combination of languages and other qualifications, knowledge or skills may be needed. For example, people with languages plus IT, law, finance or sales skills are much sought-after.

- **Cultural competence jobs** include
  - Business (finance, HR, public relations, etc)
  - Journalism (foreign correspondent, photographer, etc)
  - Public sector work (Diplomatic Corps, United Nations, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Immigration & Customs, etc)
  - Travel industry (tour guide, travel advisor, national parks, visitor/convention bureaus, hotel management, etc)
  - Language education (TOESL)
  - Anything requiring foreign travel and/or work at a branch office/embassy in Asia.
  - For these, you need at least 2-3 years of language study.

- **Language specialist jobs** include
  - Translating (written sources)
  - Interpreting (spoken sources)
  - Language teaching (K-12, college, etc)
  - Graduate school for more advanced degrees
  - For these, you need at least 4 years of language study.
Major in Asian Studies

Useful for students who want to pursue careers which would benefit from familiarity with Asian history and culture, with basic language skills.

☐ Requires:
  ☐ Language ability through Level Two
  ☐ Gateway course: ASIA 100
  ☐ Undergraduate seminar: ASIA 405Y
  ☐ Plus 21 credits in courses on Asian history, religion, art, economics, etc
  ☐ Education abroad in junior year highly recommended
Asian Studies Major plus JAPNS/CHNS/KOR Minor

- Might include:
  - Level Three Chinese/Japanese language (five semesters)
  - At least one 42x course (advanced content, taught in English), or further language
  - Plus 21 credits in courses on Asian history, religion, art, economics, etc (6 of these can come from further language study)
  - Education abroad in junior year strongly recommended
  - (Minor in Hindi not yet available.)

Useful for students who want to pursue careers which require or would benefit from familiarity with Asian history and culture, and intermediate proficiency in an Asian language.
Chinese/Japanese Major

Requires:

- Level Four Chinese/Japanese language (16 credits of these must be at 400 level: 401, 402, 403, 404, 45x, 499)
- Study abroad for semester or year very highly recommended
- C/J 120 or 121 (English language cultural surveys), 42x, 45x (9 credits)
- 6 more credits in related areas
- Can be easily combined with a concurrent major or minor in Asian Studies

Useful for students who want to pursue graduate school training, or who aim for careers which require or would benefit from more advanced proficiency in an Asian language.
Language Study at Penn State

Chinese & Japanese

- Majors & Minors both available

- **Major**
  - Core language sequence (110, 401, 402, 403, 404)
  - English language content courses: C/J 120 or 121, plus 1 of the 42x courses, & 2 other related courses
  - 1 advanced in-language content course (45x courses)

- **Minor**
  - Core language sequence (thru 110)
  - 6-8 credits from related courses
Language Study at Penn State

Korean

☐ No Korean major ... yet
☐ New faculty, new courses!
☐ Minor
☐ Core language sequence (thru 110)
☐ 6-8 credits from related courses
Language Study at Penn State

Hindi

- No formal major or minor available... yet.
- This is a growing area of study with courses being added all the time.

- **Coursework on campus**
  - Basic language sequence (HINDI 001, 002, 003, 110)
  - Courses on India and South Asia in various departments
Resource: Language Institute at Penn State

Courses offered include
- CHNS 001, 002, 003, 110, 410 (Chns through Film)
- JAPNS 001, 002, 003, 110, 410 (Japns through Manga)
- KOR 001, KOR 002

Typical schedule
- Mid-June through early July: CHNS/JAPNS 001, 003
- Mid-July through early Aug.: CHNS/JAPNS 002, 110
- You can do 1st year OR 2nd year Chinese/Japanese over the summer.

- Classes meet in the mornings for about 4 hours.
- "Maymester": CHNS/JAPNS 410

More info: www.outreach.psu.edu/language-institute/
Heads Up: Award for Best Majors

□ Janssen Family Prize in Asian Studies
□ Best undergrad major in:
  □ Asian Studies
  □ Chinese
  □ Japanese
□ Will be awarded with:
  □ Commemorative medal to wear at graduation ceremonies
  □ Cash prize of $500

Awarded to student in each major with combination of best GPA, most impressive range of coursework and Asia-related experience, and who is considered most likely to make an impact in the field through pursuing a career in Asia.
Asian Studies in Asia

Why to go
How to go
When to go
Where to go
Fellowships & Grants
Why study abroad through PSU?

- Advanced language courses
- Area studies coursework
- Potential internships
- Transfer of course credits
- Transfer of financial aid (except sports scholarships)
- ... and, it’s a great way to see the world and meet other international students while earning academic credit!

Penn State offers programs in China, India, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore & Thailand.

www.facebook.com/PennStateAbroad
www.twitter.com/@GlobalPennState
How... Step 1: Plan Ahead

- Attend a Study Abroad 101 Session to get started!
  - November 4  12:00 PM  410 Boucke Bldg.
  - December 2  12:00 PM  412 Boucke Bldg.
- About 12-18 months before departure
- Visit the Education Abroad website to research programs
- [http://global.psu.edu/going-abroad](http://global.psu.edu/going-abroad)
Step 2: Meet with a Peer Advisor

- 12-18 months before departure
- Visit the Ed Abroad Resource Room in 426A Boucke Building
- Ask a Peer Advisor to give you brochures to the programs you’ve identified
- Walk-ins: Mon – Fri, 11am-4pm
  peeradviser@psu.edu
  814-865-5195
Step 3:
Talk with Academic Advisor

- This is the person you talk to about requirements for your major.
- C/J/AS majors should contact Magdalena Rohling about their education abroad plans.
  - mmr26@psu.edu
- Be ready to talk about the specific classes you plan to take.
- The Education Abroad website includes course catalogs.
Step 4: Talk with Education Abroad Advisor

- Whitney Longnecker: current adviser for programs in Asia.
- wjl12@psu.edu
- Make an appointment (through the Ed Abroad website) to talk about your choices and to get an overview of the application process.
Step 5: Research Scholarships

- The Ed Abroad website has general budgets for each program on-line. Find out how much you’ll need… and then add some padding.
- Check the Ed Abroad website for an Easy Guide to Scholarships.
- Be SURE to apply for the “Liberal Arts Enrichment Funds” if your major falls under Liberal Arts!
- Education Abroad Office Scholarships including Grant-in-Aid, Whole World, Diversity Grant-In-Aid scholarships.
- http://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students-abroad/costs-funding-study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships
- (See “How to pay” section below for more)
Step 6: Submit the Application

- Deadlines vary
- Often 8-9 months before expected departure date
  - Jan 20: Fall & Academic Year programs
  - Feb 1: Summer programs
  - May 1: Spring programs
- Check the website carefully and apply as soon as the application is available on-line.
- Contact your instructors early to request their assistance in serving as a recommender.
Step 7: Get Your Passport

- You can do this through a local post office if you are a US citizen.
- Allow plenty of time for processing, at least 6 weeks.
- Most countries require a (student) visa.
- Students contact the country-specific consulates for their visa requirements.
Step 8: Prepare to Go Abroad

- Ed Abroad hosts online and in-person pre-departure sessions.
- Visit your doctor/get country-specific immunizations.
- Consult the State Department travel advisory website: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html
- Study vocab, practice listening & reading comprehension, review your grammar.
- Placement tests to come…before you get over jet lag!
Step 9: GO!

☐ Have fun!

☐ Unsure how the course will “count” for credit you need at Penn State?
  ☐ Learn about the Course Equivalency Process on the Education Abroad Web site on how to obtain credit for courses taken abroad.

☐ You can also email a copy of the syllabus to your Academic Advisor at PSU, in addition to submitting the required course equivalency form on the Education Abroad site.

☐ Stay in touch with your academic adviser & Director of Undergraduate Studies!
Step 10: Come Back

- Attend the Education Abroad Return Rally
- Be aware of reverse culture shock: http://www.studentsabroad.com/reentrycultureshock.html
- Finish coursework at Penn State
- Consider becoming an Education Abroad Peer Advisor or Global Ambassador to promote study abroad.
- Let the language team and advisers here know how your learning experience was, and how it could have been better.
When to go

☐ Language Majors

☐ Plan for your study abroad to commence after you take 110.

☐ 401/402 are meant to parallel the (ideally year-long) study abroad experience.

☐ For the major you MUST enroll in language courses at the “400 level.”

☐ (Study hard before you leave, so as to place at a high enough level.)

☐ Asian Studies and Other Majors

☐ Any time is a good time
Where to go...
China & Taiwan

- **Advanced Language & Culture**
  - IES Beijing: Beijing Foreign Studies University
  - CIEE Taipei: National Chengchi University
  - CIEE Shanghai: East China Normal University (intensive summer program also available)
  - Peking University

- **Language & English Content**
  - Hong Kong: Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong
  - Hong Kong: The University of Hong Kong

- **Engineering Focus**
  - Shanghai: Shanghai Jiao Tong University (M E & I E majors)

- **Language & Technology, Economics, Energy & Environment**
  - Dalian: Dalian University of Technology
Where to go...

Japan

**Advanced Language Focus**
- Mito: Ibaraki University
  - **Jan. 20 deadline**
- IES Nagoya: Nanzan Univ.
- IES Tokyo: Meikai University

**Language & Culture Focus**
- IES Tokyo: Kanda University
  (summer program available)

**Engineering Focus**
- Sendai: Tohoku University
Where to go...
Korea & India

- Korea
  - Seoul: Sogang University (language & culture summer program also available)
  - Seoul: Yonsei University (CIEE)

- India
  - Delhi: consortium of IES center and 3 local universities
  - Jaipur: AESOP India (program focus on International Development; August pre-session intensive available)
Where to go...
Thailand & Singapore

- Thailand
  - Khon Kaen University (focus on Development & Globalization)
  - Bangkok: Thammasat University
- Singapore
  - National University of Singapore
Courses with an embedded international component offer opportunities to gain short-term global experience as part of a course. These courses generally involve one to two weeks of international travel. The travel component often takes place during a semester break or at the end of the semester.

- None currently planned, but keep your eyes open for opportunities.
Other Opportunities for Language Study Abroad

- These are not Penn State-sponsored programs
- (You apply independently & arrange all finances)
- But they are reputable
- They provide time overseas, allowing for language and culture study
- And in most cases you should be able to transfer back some/all credits earned
Opportunity: Alliance for Global Education

- Study abroad focusing on language acquisition in conjunction with study of social issues

Programs in China
- Shanghai: International Business
- Xi’an: Globalization Then & Now
- Beijing: Development, Politics & Social Change
- Shanghai: Intensive Chinese Language
- Shanghai: Contemporary Chinese Society & Language

Programs in India
- Pune: Development, Environment & Public Health
- Manipal: Public Health & Indian Studies
- Varanasi: The City, the River & the Sacred

Programs in Southeast Asia
- Mekong Region: Sustainable Development

http://www.allianceglobaled.org/
888-232-8379
Opportunity:
Kyung Hee University

- Offers longer (10 week) and shorter (3 week, summer) programs just outside of Seoul
- For Korean language learning (beginning, intermediate, and advanced)
- With a focus on Korean culture in a globalized world
- http://www.khu.ac.kr/eng/academics/language_culture_programs.jsp
- Contact: Jamie Myers jmm12@psu.edu
Opportunity:
Study Asia in France

- French Institut d’Etudes Politiques (“Sciences Po” for short) has established an exchange program with Penn State
- Maximum 5 students/semester admitted
  - Le Havre campus in Normandy focuses on Asian Studies
  - Menton campus in Southern France focuses on Middle Eastern Studies
- Intensive language instruction available in: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hindi & Indonesian
- For more information, contact Nimisha Thakur (nxt5031@ip.psu.edu)
How to pay...
Money, Money, Money!

- Education Abroad website.
- [http://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students/funding-study-abroad](http://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students/funding-study-abroad)
Funding: The Boren

- Awards up to $10,000 for 1 semester; $20,000 for a year
- for students studying abroad doing intensive language instruction
- also available for graduate students and post-bac
- favors students studying for a year
- must be US citizen
- requires that one agree to work for the US government for one year after graduation
- Due date: January 28, 2016
- [http://www.borenaWARDS.ORG/boren_scholarship/languages.html](http://www.borenaWARDS.ORG/boren_scholarship/languages.html)
- Supported Asian languages include:
  - Arabic, Bahasa Indonesian, Bengali, Cambodian, Cantonese, Hindi, Japanese, Javanese, Khmer, Korean, Malay, Mandarin, Pashto, Persian, Punjabi, Sinhala, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Uighur, Urdu, Vietnamese and others
Funding: The Critical Language Scholarship

- funds overseas intensive summer language institutes in critical-need foreign languages
- CLS Institutes provide fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for 7-10 weeks
- Must be US citizen
- Students in all disciplines (business, engineering, law, medicine, sciences, humanities, etc) encouraged to apply
- Arabic, Chinese, Persian, Russian, and Japanese institutes have language prerequisites, described at http://www.clscholarship.org/information-for/applicants/
- For more information, see http://www.clscholarship.org
- Deadline: early November (Nov. 23, 2015)
- Supported languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, Urdu.
Funding: 
The Gilman

- Awards up to $5,000 to support study abroad
- Must be studying in a ‘non-traditional location’ (all countries in Asia are eligible)
- All US citizens eligible to apply
- Preference given to students who have financial need, are first-generation college students, are majoring (or 2nd majoring) in underrepresented fields, and/or hail from ‘diverse ethnic backgrounds’
- [http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program](http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program)
- For more information, and to apply, contact Education Abroad ([educationabroad@psu.edu](mailto:educationabroad@psu.edu))
Funding:
AATJ Bridging Scholarships

- Scholarships to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan for a semester or an academic year
- Applications are accepted twice a year (see AATJ website)
- AATJ website has information about the scholarships and study abroad in Japan: http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/study-in-japan
- They also have a list of other scholarships here: http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/financial-aid
Funding:
Some China-Specific Options

- Taiwan Ministry of Education “Huayu Enrichment Scholarship”
  - Supports students at all levels (BA-PhD) to study in Taiwan

- PRC Ministry of Education “Chinese Government Scholarship” (CSC)
  - Supports students at all levels (BA-PhD) to study in China
  - Provides tuition, board, and insurance
  - Applications through Chinese embassies
  - [http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua/](http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua/)
**Tip:**

**Affording Japan**

Ibaraki & Penn State have an EXCHANGE program, making tuition **much more affordable** for you.

- Other benefits of Ibaraki Mito Campus:
  - Scholarships for three PSU students (about $400/month)
  - Inexpensive dorm living (about $60/month)
  - One-on-one tutoring
  - Small class size
  - Japanese language at all levels
  - Cultural outings
  - 65 miles from Tokyo
Resource

- National Directory of Scholarships, Internships, and Fellowships for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students
- 70-page listing of scholarships, internships, and fellowships relevant to students of Asian American background or those with an interest in Asian American affairs. Also included: tips and resources for college students.
The University Fellowships Office is Penn State's source of information on scholarships and fellowships funded by sources other than the University. The University Fellowships Office provides guidance throughout the application process.

□ Major Prestigious Awards
□ Boren
□ CLS
□ Gilman
□ Truman
□ Pickering

□ Ruth Mendum is your on-campus lead. Schedule an appointment with her by CALLING Jeff Watts (863-8199).
Asian Studies beyond the BA

Internships

Language Proficiency Tests

Summer Language Teaching

Working/Teaching/Researching in Asia after Graduation
Opportunity to Build Your Résumé

INTERNSHIPS
Opportunity:
Asia-Related Internships

- PSU Global Programs:
  - [https://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students-abroad](https://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students-abroad)
- PSU Liberal Arts Career Enhancement Network
  - [http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/cen/internships](http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/cen/internships)
- Freer & Sackler Galleries:
  - [http://www.asia.si.edu/research/internships.asp](http://www.asia.si.edu/research/internships.asp)
- In Japan:
  - [http://www.japaninternships.com](http://www.japaninternships.com)
  - [http://www.japaninternship.net](http://www.japaninternship.net)
Opportunity:
Japanese Woodblock Print Internship

- 1-2 students per semester
- Independent research on woodblock prints in the Palmer Museum collection

**Requirements**
- Major in a relevant field
- 3.2 GPA or better
- Proven ability to conduct self-directed research
- Solid writing skills
- Some background in Japanese or Chinese language is preferable, though not required
- Preference given to seniors, double majors in JAPNS/ASIA or JAPNS/CMLIT

- Earns 3 credits of LA 495
- [https://undergradresearch.psu.edu/oppDetail.cfm?oid=277](https://undergradresearch.psu.edu/oppDetail.cfm?oid=277)
- Contact Charlotte Eubanks (cde13@psu.edu)
Opportunity:
TaLK Program (Teach and Learn in Korea)

- Sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science & Technology
- Open to undergrads and recent college grads
- Job is to teach conversational English in rural elementary schools
- Includes one-month orientation, round-trip airfare, settling-in allowance, monthly stipend, health insurance, and organized trips in Korea
- Rolling applications for terms beginning in August and February
- http://www.talk.go.kr/
Opportunity: Concordia Language Village

- Concordia Language Villages offers summer-intensive language camps in Chinese, Japanese, & Korean
- [www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org)
- A language immersion experience you get paid for!
- Ideal to do between your junior and senior years
Opportunity:
Global Connections

- Conversation Partners
  - Pairs native speakers of English with non-native speakers for language practice and cultural exchange.
  - Provides a much-needed service to the international community in and around Penn State
  - And is a good opportunity to demonstrate your engagement with, and commitment to, language-learning.

- Women’s Intercultural Book Groups
  - Matches groups of American and international women
  - For weekly or monthly meetings, organized around reading a shared book for conversation
  - Requires focus and long-term commitment and is therefore a very good way to hone and to prove your intercultural teaching skills.

- 427 Boucke Building, gc-cc@psu.edu
- For more information: http://www.gc-cc.org/
Resource:
Career Enrichment Network

- Jacqueline D. Smith is Global Experience Coordinator in the Career Enrichment Network in the College of the Liberal Arts. She and the other Network staff members can assist you with:
  - Career guidance (resumé, cover letters, mock interviews, how to do a job search)
  - Internship opportunities
  - Alumni mentoring program
  - Enrichment funds to support study abroad, internship costs, & undergraduate research
- 101 Sparks; laus.la.psu.edu/network, lanetwork@psu.edu
POWER YOUR FUTURE

The Career Enrichment Network has the resources to help you experience the world, develop perspective, and build connections.

🔍 INTERNSHIPS
Put your liberal arts skills into action. We connect you to thousands of internship opportunities through Network Symplicity, guide you through the application process, and provide funding to make the experience possible.

👩‍🏫 MENTOR PROGRAM
Access the largest alumni network in the world. We match you with a liberal arts alumni mentor to network, explore career tracks, and learn from someone who has been through it before.

📍 GLOBAL EXPERIENCES
Be prepared to live & work in an interconnected world. Whether it's a formal study abroad program, a course with embedded travel, or a cultural experience on campus, we help you plan and fund your experience.

📈 CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Know your strengths and how to talk about them. We offer StrengthsFinder®, resume and cover letter reviews, a professional development class (LA 401), workshops, and special events.

97% of students who applied for funding received an award

Career Enrichment Network  101 Sparks Building University Park, PA 16802
814.865.1070  LANETWORK@PSU.EDU
Opportunity to Build Your Resumé

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS
Language Proficiency Tests

- Plan on taking test in your final year of study
- Looks good on your resumé & is a solid step to hire-ability in the marketplace

- Japanese: http://www.jlpt.jp/e/
- Chinese: http://english.hanban.org/node_8002.htm
Opportunity to Build Your Resumé

MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR POST - BA STUDY
Fellowship: Blakemore Fellowships

- Funds one year of advanced language study abroad
- Only for college graduates (already have a BA or will graduate before departure)
- Must show that you will use an East or Southeast Asian language in your career
- US citizens
- Deadline in late December
- Supports study of Burmese, Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Thai, & Vietnamese
- http://www.blakemorefoundation.org/
Fellowship: Fulbright Fellowships

- Start planning about 18 months before graduation
- Fully funded year living in Asia, post-BA
- Two tracks:
  - ETA: English Teaching Assistant (China, India, Korea & other South and Southeast Asian countries)
  - Research (China, India, Japan, Korea)
- Contact Ruth Mendum (863-8199) to discuss applying
Fellowship: The Truman

- Awards $30,000 towards continuing your language education in a US Master’s program or abroad
- Must be a US citizen with a strong academic and community service record
- Must demonstrate post-graduation plans to work in government, education, non-profit or public advocacy sectors
- For more, see http://www.truman.gov/
Funding: The Pickering

- Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship
- Provides funding to students who are preparing to enter the US Dept of State Foreign Service (i.e. studying international affairs, political and economic analysis, administration, management, science policy – especially in combination with language training)
- Apply in your junior year to fund your senior year of college, first year of graduate school
- Women, members of minority groups, and students with financial need especially encouraged to apply
- Awards up to $40,000
- [http://woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering/](http://woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering/)
Opportunity to Build Your Resumé

ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS IN ASIA / ASIA-RELATED FIELDS
Opportunity: Teach English in Asia

☐ Apply in fall of your final year at PSU

☐ Asia:
  ☐ Search Associates www.search-associates.com
  ☐ The International Educator www.tieonline.com

☐ China-specific:
  ☐ Dipont Fellows http://www.dipont-edu.org/inbound-programmes.php

☐ Japan-specific:
  ☐ The JET Program www.jetprogramme.org
  ☐ GABA http://teaching-in-japan.gaba.co.jp/
  ☐ BORDERLINK www.borderlink.co.jp/en
  ☐ GEOS Language www.geoscareer.com
  ☐ ECC http://recruiting.ecc.co.jp

☐ Korea-specific:
  ☐ EPIK https://www.epik.go.kr/index.do
  ☐ TaLK http://www.talk.go.kr/
Opportunity: TESOL through PSU’s World Campus

Private English language schools, adult English language programs, and worldwide exchange programs (such as the Peace Corps and Fulbright) typically seek individuals with entry-level English language teaching credentials.

- Earn a certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- 12 credits (cost is $784/credit)
Opportunity:
Entry Level Japan-Related Jobs

- [ ] http://www.top-us.com
- [ ] Head-hunting firm with offices in NY, Chicago, Atlanta, LA, San Francisco, and Texas
- [ ] Sources, recruits, and places candidates in US and Japan in bilingual and non-bilingual Japan-related jobs
- [ ] Best placements are in finance, manufacturing, automotive industry, electronics and computing
- [ ] Maintains a real-time job list database, available to all who register with them
- [ ] At times, send a representative to Penn State (Aya Kawasaki, aya@top-us.com)
Opportunity:
Peace Corps

☐ Sends US citizens to live and work in developing countries
☐ Works in pretty much every country in Asia (except Japan)
☐ Benefits include a 3 months of intensive training (including language), monthly living allowance, insurance, vacation time, and a lump sum payment upon completion of 27 months of service
☐ Fields of service include
  ☐ Education: 37%
  ☐ Health & HIV/AIDS: 22%
  ☐ Business Development: 14%
  ☐ Environment: 13%
  ☐ Agriculture: 4%
  ☐ Youth Development: 5%
  ☐ Other: 5%
☐ [Link](http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=about)
Opportunity: Teaching Japanese in the US

- AATJ (American Assn of Teachers of Japanese) hosts an on-line “Jobline”
- Postings include K-12 Japanese and on-line ‘virtual classroom’ jobs for which undergrad majors may be qualified
- Most require “Intermediate High” or better proficiency
- Teaching certification needed
- [http://www.aatj.org/jobs](http://www.aatj.org/jobs)
Many jobs require that you submit your OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) rating, as part of your application for work. This test is administered by ACTFL (the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages). Scheduling an OPI in your senior year, in advance of applying for jobs, is a good step toward building your résumé.

☐ To find out more about the ACTFL guidelines, go here:

☐ To schedule a test (oral or written) with Language Testing International, go here:

☐ Credentials available in a range of Asian languages, including:
☐ Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Cantonese, Gujarati, Hindi, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malay, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Sindhi, Sinhalese, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Thai, Urdu & Vietnamese
Resource:
Reading about Careers

☐ Rivers, Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers
☐ Kruempelman, The Global Citizen
☐ Mueller, Work Worldwide: International Career Strategies for the Adventurous Job Seeker
☐ Lauber, International Job Finder: Where the Jobs Are Worldwide
☐ Deresky, International Management: Managing Across Borders and Cultures
☐ Goodman & Pollack, The World on a String: How to Become a Freelance Foreign Correspondent
☐ Mohamed, Teaching English Overseas: A Job Guide for Americans and Canadians
☐ Gihring, Careers in Foreign Affairs
☐ Farewell, How to Make a Living as a Travel Writer
☐ Robinson, Becoming a Translator
☐ Mitchell, How to Become an International Tour Director
☐ Linderman & Brayer-Hess, Realities of Foreign Service Life
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Useful Websites

- Asian Studies Program (powerpoint posted here)
  - [asian.la.psu.edu/documents/What%20is%20Asia%202014.pdf](http://asian.la.psu.edu/documents/What%20is%20Asia%202014.pdf)

- Education Abroad
  - [http://global.psu.edu/going-abroad](http://global.psu.edu/going-abroad)

- Summer Language Institute
  - [http://www.outreach.psu.edu/language-institute/](http://www.outreach.psu.edu/language-institute/)

- Funding Study Abroad
  - [http://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students-abroad/costs-funding-study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships](http://global.psu.edu/info/going-abroad/students-abroad/costs-funding-study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships)

- MAJOR Scholarships for Study Abroad
  - [http://www.psu.edu/ouic/uport/pufo.html](http://www.psu.edu/ouic/uport/pufo.html)