East Asian Language Studies will provide you with solid training in all four language skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) in the two main East Asian languages, namely Chinese and Japanese. In addition to gaining profound knowledge of East Asian cultures, you will also choose to pursue advanced proficiency in one of the languages, and intermediate proficiency in the other.

This profile is a starting point for your career exploration. It may help you identify options and guide you in conducting further research, reviewing occupations or connecting with people. It is not intended to list every possible career path, or to limit you to what you see here. This is a tool to guide discovery and uncover opportunities that fit you.

**Sample Job Titles**

- Communications Specialist
- Community Affairs Coordinator
- Consumer advocate
- Cultural affairs officer
- Customs/immigration officer
- ESL Teacher
- Foreign student advisor
- Grammar School Teacher
- Import / Export Coordinator
- International Banking Loan Officer
- International Business Consultant
- International Relations Specialist
- Interpreter
- Lobbyist
- Market research specialist
- Professor/teacher
- Public administrator
- Public policy specialist
- Translator

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

- **Critical Thinking** - Creative thinker; Evaluate Ideas, Theories, and Evidence; Interdisciplinary perspective
- **Cross-cultural Communication** - Intercultural Awareness; Sensitivity to cultural viewpoints; Multi-Cultural Appreciation
- **Interpretation** - Understanding and Interpreting Culture, Religion, and Beliefs; Interpret Historical Ideas In a Modern Context
- **Oral and written communication** - Gather & disseminate information; Compiling observations and data into comprehensive reports.
- **Research** - Observe people and things; Analysis and Synthesis of Information; Literary Analysis; Summarize ideas; Planning and organization skills; Synthesis and Analysis
- **Aptitude for Language and Acquisition** - Understanding of Language Structures; Command of Grammar and Syntax; Knowledge of vocabulary and grammar; Evaluate translations and original texts
- **Attention to Detail** - Editing and Revision

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Asia Society: [https://asiasociety.org/](https://asiasociety.org/)
- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Alberta: [http://www.atia.ab.ca](http://www.atia.ab.ca)
- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario: [http://www.atio.on.ca](http://www.atio.on.ca)
- Association for Asian Studies: [http://www.internships.com](http://www.internships.com)
- Canadian Teaching Chinese as a Second Language Association: [http://www.canadiantcslassociation.ca/](http://www.canadiantcslassociation.ca/)
- International Association of Translators and Interpreters: [http://www.aipti.org/eng/](http://www.aipti.org/eng/)
- International Studies Association
- National Association of Asian American Professionals: [http://naaap.org](http://naaap.org)

Potential Industries

- Advertising & Marketing
- Broadcasting – Radio and TV
- Civil Service
- Communications
- Cultural Consultation
- Culture and Recreation
- Customs
- Diplomatic Services
- Editing
- Education
  - Educational Materials Development
  - Events and Festival Management
  - Foreign Affairs
  - Government
  - Hospitality
  - Immigration Services
  - International Agencies
  - Insurance
  - International Business
- Interpretation
- Museum & Heritage
- Non-Profit & NGOs
- Oil & Gas
- Policy & Planning
- Publishing
- Tourism & Travel
- Translation and Interpretation
- Writing

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Job Boards

Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizen's Association: [http://www.cceca.ca/](http://www.cceca.ca/)
CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

Student Clubs
East Asian Students’ Association: [orgsync.com/169299/chapter](https://orgsync.com/169299/chapter)

Aligned Majors:
East Asian Studies, International Relations, Political Science

Additional Resources

Career Opportunities in Advertising and Public Relations, Shelly Field
Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados Other Multilingual Types by H. Ned Steeyle
Careers for Computer Buffs & Other Technological Types, Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler
Careers in Foreign Languages by Blythe Camenson
Careers in International Affairs by Lisa Gihring
Good works: A Guide to Social Change Careers
Government Job Finder, Daniel Lauber
Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Camenson, Blythe