Study Japanese. Do anything.

100% of Notre Dame Japanese majors find success within six months of graduation.

52% started full-time jobs

- Account intern, GMMB
- Analyst, Prescient
- Assistant language teacher, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program
- Associate consultant, Oracle
- Business delivery specialist, Aon Corp.
- Client solutions, ABIS Group
- Consulting assistant, Chicago Tokyo Group
- Economic analyst, China Policy
- Incoming associate, Robert Walters
- Intern, Springboard Engineering Solutions
- International relations coordinator, Yamanashi Prefectural Office
- Legal assistant, Milstein Adelman
- Mechanical design engineer, Kenworth
- Medical scribe, PhysAssist
- Policy officer and researcher, New People's Party, Hong Kong
- Property administrator, Cushman & Wakefield
- Software developer, Nyhart
- Tax associate, Ernst & Young
- Technology advisory consultant, Ernst & Young

29% enrolled in graduate or professional school

Accountancy: Notre Dame, University of Virginia

Asian studies: UCLA

Computer science: University of San Francisco

Divinity: Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Finance: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Law: Villanova University

Mathematics: University of Hawaii

Translation and interpretation: Monterey Institute of International Studies

5% entered service programs

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program

10% pursued other opportunities

(Completing an internship, conducting research, taking a gap year, pursuing independent creative or freelance work, volunteering, etc.)

Source: Center for Career Development First Destination Reports, 2017-2021

4% joined the military

Curriculum requirements

- Completion of third-year Japanese or its equivalent (fourth-year and/or advanced Japanese is encouraged)
- 3 upper-division Japanese and literature courses
- Additional coursework in Asian Studies

Max Kennard '18
Japanese major
Master's student, robotics, University of Tsukuba (Ibaraki, Japan)

"I have always been interested in Japanese culture and dreamed to one day be able to study robotics in Japan, so I decided to major in Japanese in addition to mechanical engineering.

"My experience in the Japanese program was extremely beneficial during my study abroad experience. I had visited Japan before, but was nervous about whether or not it was a place I could see myself living long-term. The fears quickly left after only spending a few days in the country, and the fun I had during that experience was enough to propel me to return later for graduate school.

"Living in Japan now, I use the language every day. My lab is very diverse, and even though our working language is English, I constantly use Japanese with my classmates outside the lab.

"Because I majored in Japanese, I'm able to better appreciate and participate in my surroundings on a day-to-day basis. Even with only a basic foreign language ability, so many doors open to you when you live in or visit a country where that language is spoken."

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