

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths**.

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly important set of more general skills**: to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Korean Language & Literature majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. Five top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO KOREAN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE MAJORS

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that most employers seek:

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| Read/interpret/synthesize complex material | Perceive patterns, structures, relationships |
| See situations from multiple perspectives | Understand human nature & its variations |
| Communicate in more than one language | Identify and explore implications |
| Produce effective persuasive writing | Propose and support recommendations |
| Write/revise for wide variety of audiences | Simultaneously see big picture and details |
| Understand & appreciate cultural variations | Engage intellectual curiosity |
| Design and implement engaging presentations | Conduct research |
| Understand nuance and subtlety | Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative |
| Handle ambiguity adeptly | Compare, contrast information / Draw conclusions |
| Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving | Work well individually and on teams |
| Understand the broader context | Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways |
| Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data | Write, revise, edit, proofread |
| Summarize concisely and accurately | And many more! |
| Link abstract concepts to practical applications | |

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Korean is *Required* and the job's *primary* duties directly relate to your major (Entry-level & beyond)
2. Korean is *Required/Preferred* but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry-level)

3. Korean *isn't required or preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)

In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.

*Most positions listed here are **entry-level**. Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.*

1. Korean is *Required* and the job's *primary* duties directly relate to your major (Entry-level & beyond)

Legal Translator--Korean/English (Samsung)

Business Interpreter/Translator

Korean Project Manager/Editor (Morningside)

Cultural Ambassador

English-Korean Editor (ICA Language Services)

Legal Interpreter/Translator

Korean Internet Researcher (ASET Int'l Services)

Korean Language Teacher

Medical Interpreter/Translator

Language Instructor (Berlitz, Multilingual Solutions)

Private School English Instructor (in Korea)

2. Korean is *Required/Preferred* but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry-level)

Bilingual Korean/English Franchise Sales Representative (Caffe Bene)

Business Development Associate (btrax)

Police Officer I (City of Oxnard, CA)

Small Business Solutions Specialist (Bank of America)

International Admissions Assistant (Liberty University)

Community Outreach Assistant, Bilingual (Office of Asian Pacific Islander Affairs)

Korean Interpreters (Legal Interpreting Services)

Korean English Bilingual Interpreter (CyraCom International)

DTC Analyst - Asia/Korean (Abercrombie & Fitch)

Korean Bilingual Account Manager (Septeni America)

Foreign Language - Korean Researchers (LAC Group)

Citizenship and Immigration Intern (International Rescue Committee)

Bilingual Korean Rep-Retail Sales (Verizon Wireless)

Research Analyst (FactSet Research Systems)

Bilingual Korean/English Interpreter (Capital Asset Exchange & Trading)

Bilingual Sales Representative (Liberty Mutual)

Assistant Production Coordinator (Forever 21)

Full-Time Office Coordinator (Eugene Bell Foundation)

Health Insurance Specialist (Center for Health Care Rights)

Education and Outreach Specialist (Center for Health Care Rights)

Game Testers - Korean Speaker (Flexasoft)

Claims Analyst (Garretson Group)

3. Korean *isn't required or preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)

Associate Account Strategist, University Graduate (Google), Service Coordinator (Choice Program), Entry-Level

Analyst (Lake Partners Consulting), Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases),

Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute), Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center), Recruitment

& Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies), Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds), Assistant

Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living), Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for

Progress), Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington), City Year - Corps Member (City Year

Seattle/King County), Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners), Patient Services Representative (Seattle

Reproductive Medicine), Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education), Junior Project Manager (HealthPath

Education), Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing), Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm),

Marketing Coordinator (Yext), Employee Benefits Coordinator (MCM), Executive Team Leader (Target)

More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!