What you can do with your GERMAN MAJOR

German Major Skills:

**Written & Spoken Communication**
You learn to read, listen to, and comprehend German and express thoughts and ideas in German through written and oral communication.

**Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking**
You analyze texts and media, identify and apply patterns in language use, assess evidence, and recognize the possible implications of texts and media for various contexts, perspectives, and issues.

**Cultural Competence**
You develop awareness of and sensitivity to practices, products, and perspectives and diverse cultural, historical, social, and political contexts of other cultures along with your own.

**Teamwork**
You build and maintain collaborative relationships to work effectively toward common goals, while appreciating diverse viewpoints and shared responsibilities.

**Creative Thinking**
You learn to generate original ideas, experiment and take risks, solve problems, and use a wide variety of media to communicate.

**Professionalism & Work Ethic**
You apply principles of ethical and professional conduct, demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits, understand the impact of non-verbal communication, and act responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.

**Supplement Your Skills With:**

**Career & Self Development**
**Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion**
**Study or Internships Abroad**
**Data Analysis & Interpretation**
**Internships & Part-Time Work**

**Chart Your Path Forward**

**Activate Your Handshake Account**
for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

**Explore Career Communities**
to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your German major into success.

**Get Career & Internship Advising**
from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu
Put your German major to WORK

Common Alumni Job Titles: (US-based)
1. Project Manager
2. Business Owner
3. Attorney
4. Executive Director
5. President
6. Professor/Principal/Teacher
7. Account Manager
8. Business Development Director/Manager
9. Consultant
10. Manager
11. Partner
12. Registered Nurse
13. Branch Manager
14. College of Education Dean
15. Content Writer

Employers of US-Based Alumni:
Top 10:
1. Epic
2. Madison Metropolitan School District
3. Kohl’s
4. Medical College of WI
5. Michigan State University
6. Target
7. US Department of State
8. Aurora Health Care
9. Boardman & Clark LLC
10. Carnegie Mellon University

Additional Employers:
- Macy’s
- Mayo Clinic
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- State of CA
- UW Credit Union
- Zendesk
- Many universities

Recent Grads’ Career Plans:
- 61% Employment
- 21% Continuing Education or Grad School

Employment Industry:
1. Education
2. Information Technology
3. Finance
4. Government
5. Hospitality
6. Insurance
7. Legal
8. Media
9. Retail

Where Alumni Live & Work:
- 34% Wisconsin
- 9% Illinois
- 6% New York
- 6% California
- 5% Minnesota
- 41% Other

“As a German major, I gained a vital understanding of the value of diverse perspectives. This expanded worldview, plus critical reading and writing skills, are key aspects of my legal career today.”

Molly Dobberke Riehle, 2009
Executive Director, Centro Legal
Milwaukee, WI

“As a professional in the field of international education, I use the intercultural communication abilities and strong research and writing skills that I developed as a German major on a daily basis.”

Calla Buttke, 2016
Chief of Staff, Harmony Plus Inc.
Wausau, WI

Career Communities for German Majors
SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where German majors can start:

- Non-Profit Management & Education
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Technology, Data & Analytics

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

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