

What you can do with **RUSSIAN & POLISH MAJORS**



Russian & Polish Major Skills:



Written & Spoken Language Proficiency

You learn to interpret and articulate thoughts and ideas in Russian or Polish verbally and in writing.



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.



Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking

You analyze texts in their historical and cultural context, recognize and apply patterns in communication, assess evidence and develop arguments based on that evidence, and recognize the possible implications of texts for various contexts, perspectives, and issues.



Creative Thinking

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

Supplement Your Skills With:



Career & Self Development



Internships, Part-Time Work & Community Outreach



Data Analysis & Interpretation



Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion



Leadership & Teamwork

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 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 Russian or Polish major to **WORK**

Frequent Alumni Job Titles:

- Applications Trainer
- Author
- Business Development Director
- Business Owner/Founder
- Director
- Education Director
- General Counsel/Attorney
- Information Technology Administrator
- Partner
- President/Vice President
- Quality Tester
- Resource Analyst
- Risk Control Developer
- Software Engineer
- Systems Analyst
- Teacher
- Technical Writer and Editor
- Web Developer



Top Employers of Alumni:

- American Councils for International Education
- American Family Insurance
- American Voices
- BMO Harris Bank
- Calian & Gross, LLP
- Care Wisconsin
- El Centro Family Health
- Epic
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Harvard University
- Kraft Heinz Company
- Library of Congress
- LogRhythm
- Metropolitan Jewish Health System
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Minnesota Children's Museum
- National Endowment for Democracy
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of State

Recent Grads' Career Plans:

- 60%** Employment
- 32%** Continuing Education
- 3%** Military Service
- 3%** Volunteer/Service Program (i.e. Peace Corps)
- 2%** Other

Industry of Employment:

1. Government
2. Information Tech
3. Arts & Entertainment
4. Education
5. Engineering
6. Manufacturing
7. Non-profit
8. Research
9. Telecommunications

Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 14%** Wisconsin →
- 11%** New York →
- 7%** Colorado →
- 7%** Texas →
- 7%** Virginia →
- 54%** Other →



"Aside from language skills, which I use every day, the attention to detail I learned through Russian has helped me succeed. Considering word choice and how that can change interpretation has given me a great eye for fine details, even outside of language, and has made me a better communicator overall."

Tim Butler, 2015

Game Night PR Staff - New York Rangers, National Hockey League
New York, NY



"The Russian major provides students opportunities to literally expand the ways they perceive the world, and to learn about the history and culture of a nation that continues to play a significant role in world affairs. The ability to seize upon and understand nuance between worldviews prepares students for all sorts of professional and life situations."

Kyle Farrell, 2015

Desk Officer for South & Central Asian Affairs
U.S. Agency for International Development
Arlington, VA

Career Communities for Russian & Polish Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Russian & Polish majors can start.

- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Technology, Data & Analytics
- Communications, Entertainment & the Arts
- Non-Profit Management & Education

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

successworks.wisc.edu