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.

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, take initiative, solve problems, and use a wide variety of media to communicate.

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.

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.

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
“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

Recent Grads’ Career Plans

- 63% Employment
- 22% Continuing Education
- 9% Military Service
- 4% Volunteer/Service Program
- 2% Other

Industry of Employment

1. Education
2. Information Technology
3. Finance
4. Legal
5. Healthcare

Where Alumni Live & Work

- 28% Wisconsin
- 15% Illinois
- 10% California
- 5% Colorado
- 34% Other

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.

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