

# What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

## Russian

College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures offers an undergraduate major in Russian with two tracks—Russian language and Russian literature, culture, and film. Both tracks offer students training in skills to communicate in Russian, to foster an understanding of Russian culture and society, and to develop critical reasoning, reading, and writing skills. It is the language of one of the world's leading cultures, whose achievements in literature, art, music, science, technology, and sports have won worldwide acclaim, and whose history, internal politics, and foreign policy have a large impact on global events. For this reason, Russian is classified as a critical needs language by the U.S. government.<sup>1</sup> Visit the Foreign Language Center for up-to-date information on how foreign language skills can be put to use in the professional world, and to receive guidance on how to conduct on-line job searches, compose global resumes and develop strategies that relate to rewarding professional careers in the age of globalization.

### Career Areas/Job Titles:

#### Management and Industry

Knowing Russian can complement any business profession in an international setting (trade, finance, engineering, etc.)

Financial Services Officer  
Senior Account Executive  
Human Resources Director  
Trade Specialist  
Hotel Manager  
Travel Agent

#### Communication and Media

Journalist  
Photographer  
Foreign News Correspondent  
Bilingual Production Assistant

#### Health Professions

Translator/Interpreter  
Nurse

#### Education

ESL Instructor  
Professor/Teacher/Tutor  
Study Abroad Coordinator  
Linguistics Researcher

#### Government/Politics

International Diplomat  
United Nations Member  
Foreign Policy Analyst  
National Security Agent  
Immigration/Naturalization Officer  
Foreign Intelligence Manager  
Military Officer  
Immigration Attorney

*\*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

### Transferable Skills:

Basic Computer Skills  
Language Fluency  
Expressing Ideas  
Speaking Effectively  
Written Communication

Cultural Understanding  
Social Perceptiveness  
Teaching/Instructing Others  
Adaptability/Flexibility  
Analytical/Critical Thinking

Attention to Detail  
Coaching/Mentoring  
Research Skills  
Organization Skills

*\*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:  
<http://ccss.osu.edu>*

### Professional Links:

International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language: <http://www.iatefl.org/>

American Translators Association: <http://www.atanet.org/>

Vistawide World Culture and Language Careers: [http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language\\_careers.htm](http://www.vistawide.com/careers/language_careers.htm)

Occupational Outlook Handbook: Translators and Interpreters

Foreign Language Center: <http://flc.osu.edu/undergraduate/careers>