

Careers for Russian Majors/Diploma of Languages in Russian

There are many career fields which relate to studies in Russian. In choosing your career path, it is important to reflect on the skills you have learned through your major, the ones you prefer using and the careers which are most strongly related.

Skills, knowledge and abilities acquired in the Russian Major

- *Skills to communicate effectively in Russian in various social and professional contexts;*
- *Russian literacy - a sound understanding of cultural and social practices in Russia and the Russian-speaking world in general;*
- *Ability to engage constructively and respectfully in intercultural dialogue as a bicultural and bilingual person and as a global citizen.*

Career fields which build on the skills and knowledge acquired through a Russian Major

The Russian economy creates job opportunities in many fields in Europe and in many countries of the world. The table below lists a range of careers which draw on studies in Russian. The list is not definitive; language skills can complement almost any occupational field and create specific opportunities.

The table also provides some information about 'next steps' i.e. what you might need to do to start a career in the particular field, specifically whether the career field can be entered directly following Bachelor studies, or whether graduate study is required.

There are two employment types for post-Bachelor graduates:

- General employment positions suitable for new graduates
- Graduate Employment Programs

Graduate Employment Programs are offered by some employers – generally large commercial organisations and government. Graduate Employment Program positions are jobs that include a substantial component of training and development. Recruitment for these programs takes place early in the year (around March-May). Final year tertiary students and recent grads can apply. For some of the career areas discussed, Graduate Employment programs are available. Where this is the case, graduate study may not be required.

For more information on Graduate Employment Programs:

http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/find_a_job/professional_and_graduate_work

Language as ‘core business’ – specialist language occupations

Career options generally fall into two categories – those where language is the core activity, and those where language skill is paired with another skill.

Role	Employers	Next Steps
Translating	Business/multinational companies Media Freelance Government NGO/NPO	MA in Translation (Monash University) and other private organisations; see also NAATI (see link below)
Interpreting	Business/multinational Companies Media Freelance Government NGO/NPO	MA in Translation (Monash University) and other private organisations; see also NAATI (see link below)
Teaching Russian	Private institutions	No specific requirements, though qualifications assist e.g. Graduate Diploma in Russian as a Second/Foreign Language
Teaching Russian Studies	Primary/Secondary schools	Master of Teaching
	Higher Education	PhD in Russian
	Teaching Russian as a Foreign/Second Language	Requires additional training/certificate

Careers which make use of language in conjunction with another skill

Note that language skill can be used to complement almost any other skill to suggest career possibilities. Below are some examples only.

Role	Companion studies	Employers	Next Steps
Diplomacy/international relations	Politics and International studies/European Studies	Government Intergovernmental bodies NGO/NPO Business/multinational companies	Graduate Employment Programs (mainly Australian Government) OR Graduate Studies - International Relations
Academia/research	Any field	University Research Centres	Honours Masters by research PhD

Engineers and Scientists	Any field	Companies	
Musicians	Especially classical music	Orchestras, schools (teaching)	Bachelor of Music, DipEd
Librarian – Russian collection librarian	Arts Russian Studies	Libraries	Graduate Diploma/Masters (Information Management/Library Studies)
International business, in-country business, import-export in Australia	Business Marketing Commerce Economics	Commercial businesses (e.g. fashion, food, manufacturing, agriculture) Trading companies	Graduate employment OR Graduate Studies- International Business
Translation software, language engineering	IT/Computer Science Linguistics	Software companies IT Venture business	Degree in Computational Linguistics or Computer Science
Tourism – in Australia, in the Russian-speaking world	Arts Commerce	Tourism operators Hotel Restaurants Transport (eg. Airline industry)	Graduate employment OR Graduate Studies eg Business, Tourism Management
TESOL	English Education	Teaching in Russia, Austria or Switzerland private colleges Teaching in Russia, Austria or Switzerland Universities Teaching in Australia Universities, Colleges and language schools	Some may require CELTA MA in TESOL Master of Education in TESOL (generally required but some private colleges may not require)
Cultural exchange (project and program management roles)	Arts	Cultural exchange associations, industry groups	Graduate study in various areas may be appropriate, e.g. Marketing, Arts Management
Policy and Public sector Administration	Law Political Science	Consulate and embassy Government Consultant	Graduate Employment Programs (mainly Australian Government) OR Graduate Studies – Public Policy, EMA,

			Law
Defence and National Security	Various	Defence force	Defence Academy

Where can I find out more?

Further information on career areas:

http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/online_career_tools/exploring_your_options (Career Exploration - Career Links by Degree – Arts)

Other discussions on careers with Russian:

Network Linguistic Policy for the Labour Market <http://www.lilama.org/documents>

Graduate study at University of Melbourne:

<http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/graduate>

<http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/>

<http://government.unimelb.edu.au/>

Studying in Russia:

Many Honours and Research Higher Degree Students spend time in Russia and the Russian-speaking world.

Moscow

Center for International Education of Moscow State University

http://www.cie.ru/eng_index

Pushkin State Russian Language Institute

http://www1.pushkin.edu.ru/publ/english/pushkin_institute_info/53-1-0-188

People's Friendship University of Russia

<http://www.rudn.ru/en/>

Russian New University

http://www.rosnou.ru/in_st/podfac_english/

Saint Petersburg

Zlatoust Publisher Language School

<http://www.zlat-edu.ru/eng/>

Voronezh

Voronezh State University

<http://www.vsu.ru/english/index.html>

Minsk

Belarusian State University

<http://www.bsu.by/en/main.aspx>

Minsk State Linguistic University

<http://mslu.by/info-international-students>

OTHER USEFUL LINKS

Australia-Russia Business Council

http://www.arbc.org.au/index.php?com=site&menu_id=1

Australia Russia Dialogue

<http://ausrus.com.au/>

Organisations in Australia:

School of Languages and Linguistics <http://languages-linguistics.unimelb.edu.au/>

NAATI National Accreditation Authority for Translators and
Interpreters http://www.naati.com.au/home_page.html