Nadezhda Braun ’18
Russian major
First: Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Russia
Now: Teach for America, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

“Russian has been a really important part of my life for a long time. I studied Russian starting when I was 10 years old and immediately fell in love with the depth of the language and culture. I couldn’t imagine doing anything else.

“The Russian program at Notre Dame really goes out of its way to help students study abroad in Russia. They recognize the importance of studying a language in context, and they truly make it possible for us to accomplish that. I would not have received a Fulbright grant to Russia if it hadn’t been for the excellent preparation in my classes and the incredible support of the faculty.

“Studying Russian has taught me how to truly appreciate another culture and the beauty and depth within it. These skills have helped me as a teacher, where I am helping my students learn about their own capacity for empathy and appreciation. Learning how to acknowledge the strengths and intricacies of other languages and cultures is a critical piece of living and working in an increasingly connected global economy.”

of recent Notre Dame Russian majors found success within six months of graduation.

45% started full-time jobs
Project assistant, Jenner & Block
Physician facilitator, Total Access Urgent Care
Quality assurance, Epic
Sales training program, SMC
Staff accountant, Apodaca & Co.
Student ambassador, USA Pavilion Kazakhstan
Student naval aviator, U.S. Navy
Teacher, Language Link, Russia
Teacher, Tomsk State University, Russia

27% enrolled in graduate or professional school
Chemistry: Stanford University
International management: Bocconi University
Law: Vanderbilt University
Medicine: Georgetown University
Political science: Princeton University
Public health: University of Pittsburgh
Public policy: George Washington University
Russian studies: European University, Russia; Georgetown University

9% entered service programs
Alliance for Catholic Education, St. Petersburg, Florida
Catholic Worker of Michiana, South Bend, Indiana
City Year, Little Rock, Arkansas
Peace Corps, Eastern Europe

6% pursued other opportunities
(Projecting on internship, conducting research, taking a gap year, pursuing independent creative or freelance work, volunteering, etc.)

5% joined the military

Curriculum requirements
Intermediate Russian II
Advanced Russian I and II
4 Russian literature or culture courses
3 Russian electives

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