

**Achieving an excellent education is about many things:** becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

**Depth of knowledge** generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly important set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Germanics majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

**Many Possibilities.** Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more **proactive** in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

**Ready for the Work World.** The top five critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

*You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.*

## **JOB SKILLS RELATED TO GERMANICS MAJORS**

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material  
Understand nuance and subtlety  
Handle ambiguity adeptly  
Understand & appreciate cultural variations  
See situations from multiple perspectives  
Produce effective persuasive writing  
Write/revise for wide variety of audiences  
Design and implement engaging presentations  
Read, speak multiple languages  
Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving  
Understand the broader context  
Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data  
Summarize concisely and accurately  
Link abstract concepts to practical applications

Compare, contrast information / Draw conclusions  
Understand human nature & its variations  
Perceive patterns, structures, relationships  
Identify and explore implications  
Propose and support recommendations  
Simultaneously see big picture and details  
Engage intellectual curiosity  
Conduct research  
Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative  
Work well individually and on teams  
Understand data can be interpreted in multiple ways  
Assess audiences to communicate appropriately  
Write, revise, edit, proofread  
And many more!

## **NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:**

1. German is *required or preferred* and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to your major
2. German is *required or preferred* but job's *primary* responsibilities aren't directly related to your major
3. German *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified

*(In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers)*

**1. German is Required and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to your major (Entry Level):**

Language Instructor (MultiLingual Solutions)  
Online German Tutor (Tutor.com)  
German Translator (TEKsystems)  
German Editor (Morningside Translations)  
Translator and Subtitler -- English/German (Crunchyroll)  
German into English Quality Manager (TransPerfect)  
Medical Interpreter (German)  
Translator/Interpreter/Teacher/Tutor (Many)

**2. German is Required/Preferred but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry Level):**

German Speaking Investigation Specialist - Wireless (Amazon)  
Overnight Europe Speed Reporter/Editor Job (Bloomberg News)  
German Data Analyst (MindLink)  
Project Coordinator Assistant, Berlin Germany (Ancestry.com)  
Due Diligence Analyst (Prescient Edge)  
Help Desk Representative (Wireless Analytics)  
Search Editor(Yahoo Careers)  
Localization QA Specialist (Appen)  
Research Associate - Fluent in German (STAX)  
Park Ranger -- Interpretation - German (National Park Service)  
Catalog Specialist - German Speaker (Amazon Instant Video)  
Bilingual German Support Lead (Carbine Studios)  
Customer Service Executive: Bilingual German Speaking (Dow-Jones)  
Bilingual Fraud Analyst (viagogo)  
Legal Assistant, Online Product Support - German (Google)  
Marketing Operations - Bilingual - Paid Internship (Impole Corporation)  
Marketing, Event & PR Internships (German-American Chamber of Commerce)  
Trust and Safety Investigator (Airbnb)  
Office & Communications Manager, Asst. to the Executive Director (Heinrich Boll Foundation North America)  
Global Customer Service Wizard (Omaze)  
Programme Officer - Berlin (Democracy Reporting International)  
International Internship – Experiential Marketing (BMW)  
Bilingual Product Specialist - German or French Fluency (Randstad)  
Marketing/Branding Intern (Vivaldi Partners)  
Treasury Service Associate (Wells Fargo)  
German English Website Moderator (SmartBomb Interactive)

**3. Your major *isn't* required/preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry Level):**

Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases), Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute), Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center), Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies), Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds), Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living), Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress), Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington), City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County), Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners), Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine), Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education), Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education), Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing), Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm), Marketing Coordinator (Yext),  
Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM), Executive Team Leader (Target)  
*More:* Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

***These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!***