

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, ***Scandinavian Studies 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. Five top 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 NEAR SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES MAJORS

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

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
See situations from multiple perspectives
Communicate in more than one language
Produce effective persuasive writing
Write/revise for wide variety of audiences
Understand & appreciate cultural variations
Design and implement engaging presentations
Understand nuance and subtlety
Handle ambiguity adeptly
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

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

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Your major is ***required or preferred*** and the job's ***primary*** responsibilities directly relate to your major
2. Your major is ***required/preferred*** but job's ***primary*** duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry-Level)

3. Your major *isn't required or preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level)
In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.
Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.

1. Scandinavian Studies may be *required* & the job's *primary* duties directly relate to your major (Some Entry-Level)

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| Translator / Interpreter / Linguist (many) | Linguistic Reviewer |
| Language Tutor / Teacher / Instructor (many) | Digital Healthcare Copywriter (Swedish) |
| Language Specialist (Netflix) | Subtitle Editor (SDI Media) |
| Proofreader - Scandinavian Language/English | Online Language Instructor/Tutor |

2. Scandinavian Studies is *Required/Preferred* but *primary* duties aren't directly related to major (Mostly Entry-Level)

Social Media & Artist Management Intern (12x12 Management)
Quality Evaluator (Google / ZeroChaos)
iOS App Reviewer (Apple)
Operations Specialist/ Bilingual in a Nordic Language (Vaco)
Video Inventory Classification Analyst (Ad Policy & Video Analytics)
Project Coordinator, Guggenheim Helsinki and Director's Office (Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum)
Foreign Affairs Officer (U.S. Department of State)
Regional Sales Manager - Finland (Fender Musical Instruments Corporation)
Supplier Relations Specialist (ApexAnalytix)
Bilingual Service Desk Agent
Nordic Market Development Manager (Crunchyroll)
Mobile App Rating Specialists (Insight Global)
Streaming Video Classification Specialist (Artech Information Systems)
Bilingual Customer Support Localizer
Bilingual Flight Attendant -- Finnish, Danish, etc. (American Airlines, Delta Airlines, others)
Mobile App Rating Specialist (Insight Global)
Regulatory Assistant (Special Counsel)
App Review Content Specialist - Danish, Swedish (CompuCom)
International Marketing Associate (Fisher Investments)
Streaming Video Classification Specialist (Artech)
Bilingual Game Tester - Localization QA Testing (Keywords International)

3. Scandinavian Studies *isn't required or preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified:

Associate Account Strategist, University Graduate Program(Google), Service Coordinator (Choice Program), 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!