

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, **South Asian Languages & Literature 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 SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE MAJORS

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

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material	Perceive patterns, structures, relationships
See situations from multiple perspectives	Understand human nature & its variations
Communicate in more than one language	Identify and explore implications
Produce effective persuasive writing	Propose and support recommendations
Write/revise for wide variety of audiences	Simultaneously see big picture and details
Understand & appreciate cultural variations	Engage intellectual curiosity
Design and implement engaging presentations	Conduct research
Understand nuance and subtlety	Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
Handle ambiguity adeptly	Compare, contrast information / Draw conclusions
Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving	Work well individually and on teams
Understand the broader context	Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways
Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data	Write, revise, edit, proofread
Summarize concisely and accurately	And many more!
Link abstract concepts to practical applications	

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Your major is *required/preferred* and the job's *primary* duties directly relate to your major (Entry & beyond)
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/preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)

In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.

*Most positions listed here are **entry-level**. Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.*

1. Hindi is required and the job's primary duties directly relate to your major (Entry-level & beyond)

Translator (oDesk Localization, many more)
Interpreters (LanguageLine Solutions, Elance, many more)
Language Instructor (Multilingual Solutions, many more)
Linguist (Leidos, ALC, FBI, many more)
Bilingual Healthcare Writer
Legal Interpreter/Translator
Medical Interpreter/Translator
Business Interpreter/Translator

2. Hindi is Required/Preferred but job's primary duties *aren't* directly related to your major (Entry-level)

Political Analyst (CIA)
Bilingual (Hindi/ Urdu) (Dish Network)
Open Source Officer (CIA)
Regional Content Manager (Zenoradio)
Customer Service Representative (United Airlines)
Personal Banker--Bilingual Hindi/English (Wells Fargo)
Jr. Technical Project Manager (Zion Partners)
Online Hindi Studio Coach (Rosetta Stone)
Asset/Loss Prevention Investigator (Google)
Senior Customer Service Representative (Accenture)
Front End Developer (SocialAnnex)
Client Success Manager / Project Manager (SocialAnnex)
Small Business Sales Consultant (Bank of America)
Bilingual Consultant (AT&T)
Bilingual NRI Relationship Manager (CitiBank)
Quality Assurance Manager -- Hindi/English
Legal Administrative Assistant (Watson Dwyer)
Legal Assistant (Harry Gee & Associates)
Associate/Assistant to Director (Rights and Resources Initiative)
Associate Account Strategist, Global Customer Services (Google)
Intelligence Collection Analyst (Central Intelligence Agency)

3. Your major *isn't* required or preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)

Associate Account Strategist, University Graduate (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!