

Where Are They Now?
UF Russian Studies Alumni Profile

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Concentration(s) at UF: (major) Russian & Criminology

Current occupation: Attorney – Counsel for litigation for Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

Looking back, what aspects of your UF Russian studies proved particularly useful?

Russian Language for Business course by Dr. Burak was the most useful one.

With regard to your pursuit of Russian at UF, is there anything you didn't take or get that would have been useful? *N/A*

What did you do after you graduated? *Today I work on restructuring debts, some of which are with Russian-speaking companies.*

Are you still using your Russian? *Yes.*

What advice might you have for Russian studies students considering Russian as a major? *Take advantage of traveling to Russia to immerse yourself in the culture.*

What advice might you have for Russian studies students on the verge of graduation? *Take a look at government job offers that prefer Russian language skills*

In a sentence or two, reflect on your experiences studying Russian at UF and its impact on you personally and/or professionally. *It allowed me to keep the proficiency I had as a child born in Russia, and taught me proper grammar.*

If their interests or trajectories correspond to yours, would you be willing to help individual students with career, post-graduate, and/or networking questions? *Yes.*