

# My Project GO Story

**Привет(hello)!** Eight weeks here in Madison, Wisconsin studying intensive Beginning Russian has been great! Besides studying the language this week, our class went to a Russian store and restaurant that serves pelmenis - yum! In Russia, much of the food is based on root vegetables and adorned with a lot of sour cream! Time for homework, **до свидания!** (Goodbye)



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## Memorable Moments

**Funniest:** Many times, my classmates and I pronounced things horribly, horribly wrong! We would have lunch with the Intermediate Russian students, where we perfected the “smile and nod” approach!

**Most challenging:** The homework was most challenging to me! It was a big commitment, and it was hard to do especially when the weather outside was so beautiful!

**Favorite:** My favorite experience was learning and growing with my class, and figuring out whose strengths were what as we progressed in class.

## The Madison Experience

**A must see/do:** Concerts on the Capital Square, the local free zoo, and eating fresh/fried cheese curds.

**I was surprised to learn...** How many fun and free activities there were around campus!

## New Perspective

**One thing I learned about Russian culture:** People are very direct, but incredibly friendly and polite. They may come off as rude, but are very willing to help a stranger!

**One thing I couldn't have gotten elsewhere:** I learned about Navy ROTC from other PGO classmates (Go Air Force!).

**Advice to students considering this program:** Be ready to do homework! And more homework! But it's worth it to know the language!

**How this experience will help me in my future career:** I want to be a Civil Engineer, ideally working in Europe, potentially with Russian speaking countries!