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## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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### OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

An interdisciplinary field that involves the study of languages, peoples, cultures, and systems around the world. UNM offers four concentrations in the international studies program: Asian Studies, European Studies, Russian Studies, and Latin American Studies.

### EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT:

A bachelor's degree is the minimum formal education required. Depending upon the student's career interests, however, many employers also require graduate school. For example, they may require a master's degree, and some require a Ph.D., M.D., or J.D. (law degree).

### EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES & SUGGESTED STRATEGY:

Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

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**International Business:** Management – Human Resources – Labor Relations – Banking & Finance – Economics – International Development – Real Estate – Sales – Marketing – Product Management – Healthcare Administration – Agricultural Economics

**Suggested Strategy:** Learn at least one additional language. Spend a semester studying abroad. Seek an international internship. Obtain related volunteer or part-time experience. Research firms with international interests. Develop a network of professionals who share your interests through informational interviewing.

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**International Relations/Government:** International Law – Diplomacy – Foreign Affairs – Public Service – Institutional/Community Development

**Suggested Strategy:** Plan to study abroad or participate in an international internship/work experience. Learn a second or third language. Sharpen your public speaking and communication skills interculturally. Earn a relevant graduate degree, such as international diplomacy, international relations, or law.

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**Nonprofit/Government:** Human Services Provision – Public Health – Disaster/Disease Relief – Policy Development – Program Administration – Program Evaluation – Volunteer Coordination

**Suggested Strategy:** Study abroad. Learn one or more foreign languages. Develop networks through informational interviewing and internships. Participate in an international service learning experience. Familiarize yourself with the federal hiring process. If interested in the Foreign Service, prepare to take the Foreign Service exam and meet with Martin Brennan (Diplomat in Residence at UNM – Career Services). Volunteer at relevant social service agencies. Research the organization's structure and function.

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**Language Services/Education:** Teaching – Curriculum Development – Interpreting – Translating – Research and Writing – International Student Support Services – Study Abroad Programming

**Suggested Strategy:** Gain domestic teaching or tutoring experience with intended population (children or adults). Research certification options for teaching abroad (e.g., TEFL, TESL) – an excellent resource is "Teaching English Overseas" by Jeff Mohammed. Learn other languages to understand how other languages work. Consider courses in English or linguistics to hone understanding of English language. If interested in international student services, earn a master's degree in college student affairs.

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**Journalism:** Foreign News Correspondence – International Broadcasting – Reporting – Editorial/Column Writing – Investigative Journalism – Research – Photography – Freelance Work

**Suggested Strategy:** Obtain experience with a campus newspaper or media. Create a portfolio of writing samples. Join a professional journalism organization. Research international newspapers. Travel or study abroad. Learn a second language.

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### WHO HIRES INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS?

United Nations – National Security Council – US Peace Corps – US Foreign Service – USAID – Armed Services – FBI – CIA – Teach for America – VISTA/AmeriCorps – Relief organizations – Religious organizations – Nonprofit/NGOs – Consulting firms – Foundations – Educational institutions – Private voluntary organizations – International organizations – Humanitarian organizations – Defense contractors – Overseas English language institutes and international schools – Foreign news agencies – International newspapers – Domestic and foreign corporations – Multinational firms – International marketing, trade, and real estate firms – and MANY more....

### INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

 <http://online.onetcenter.org>



<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

**EMPLOYMENT OVERSEAS WEBSITES:**

One Small Planet <http://www.onesmallplanet.com/geninfo.htm>  
Overseas Employment Information <http://www.escapeartist.com/jobs/overseas1.htm>  
Overseas Jobs <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>  
Bilingual Jobs <http://www.twolingos.com/jobs/index.php>  
Monster Work Abroad <http://www.monster.com/geo/siteselection.asp>

**EDUCATION WEBSITES:**

Information/Advice on Teaching English Abroad <http://www.english-international.com/>  
American Institute for Foreign Study <http://www.aifs.com/>  
Fulbright Scholar Program <http://www.cies.org/>  
The International Educator <http://www.tieonline.com/>  
International School Services <http://www.iss.edu/>  
Association of International Educators <http://www.nafsa.org/>  
Council on International Educational Exchange <http://www.ciee.org/index.htm>  
Teaching English Abroad <http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/bestwebsites.shtml>

**JOURNALISM WEBSITES:**

International Newspapers <http://www.inkpot.com/news/majint.html>  
International Center for Journalists <http://www.icfj.org/>  
International Journalists Network <http://www.ijnnet.org/>  
American Translators Association <http://www.atanet.org/>

**HUMANITARIAN/VOLUNTEER WEBSITES:**

Idealist.org <http://www.idealist.org/>  
Public Citizen <http://www.citizen.org/trade/>  
Cultural Survival <http://www.cs.org/>  
Humanitarian Info.org <http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/>  
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs <http://ochaonline.un.org/>  
UNICEF <http://www.unicef.org/>  
Amnesty International <http://www.amnestyusa.org/>  
Voluntary Service Overseas <http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteering/>  
Volunteers Abroad <http://www.volunteers-abroad.com/>  
World Wide Volunteering <http://www.worldwidevolunteering.org.uk/>  
Save the Children <http://www.savethechildren.org/>  
International Committee of the Red Cross <http://www.icrc.org/>

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE/ECONOMICS WEBSITES:**

United Nations <http://www.un.org/>  
World Trade Organization <http://www.wto.org/>  
World Bank <http://www.worldbank.org/>  
Center for International Private Enterprise <http://www.cipe.org/>  
Center for Strategic and International Studies <http://www.csis.org/>  
Council of the Americas <http://www.counciloftheamericas.org/>  
International Trade Administration <http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/>  
Export-Import Bank of the United States <http://www.exim.gov/>  
World Economic Forum <http://www.weforum.org/en/index.htm>  
United States International Trade Commission <http://www.usitc.gov/>  
International Chamber of Commerce <http://www.iccwbo.org/>  
Academy of International Business <http://aib.msu.edu/>  
Euro Pages <http://www.europages.com/>  
Foreign Policy Association Students Corner [http://www.fpa.org/info-url\\_nocat2405/info-url\\_nocat.htm](http://www.fpa.org/info-url_nocat2405/info-url_nocat.htm)

**GOVERNMENT WEBSITES:**

USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government) [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)  
Central Intelligence Agency <https://www.cia.gov/>  
Defense Intelligence Agency <http://www.dia.mil/>  
U.S. Department of State <http://www.state.gov/>  
National Security Agency <http://www.nsa.gov/>  
Peace Corps <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>  
U.S. Agency for International Development <http://www.usaid.gov/>