WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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.


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.

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.


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.


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.


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.

WHO HIRE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS?

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:
http://online.onetcenter.org  http://www.bls.gov/oco/
EMPLOYMENT OVERSEAS WEBSITES:
One Small Planet
Overseas Employment Information
Overseas Jobs
Bilingual Jobs
Monster Work Abroad

EDUCATION WEBSITES:
Information/Advice on Teaching English Abroad
American Institute for Foreign Study
Fulbright Scholar Program
The International Educator
International School Services
Association of International Educators
Council on International Educational Exchange
Teaching English Abroad

JOURNALISM WEBSITES:
International Newspapers
International Center for Journalists
International Journalists Network
American Translators Association

HUMANITARIAN/VOLUNTEER WEBSITES:
Idealist.org
Public Citizen
Cultural Survival
Humanitarian Info.org
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
UNICEF
Amnesty International
Voluntary Service Overseas
Volunteers Abroad
World Wide Volunteering
Save the Children
International Committee of the Red Cross

INTERNATIONAL TRADE/ECONOMICS WEBSITES:
United Nations
World Trade Organization
World Bank
Center for International Private Enterprise
Center for Strategic and International Studies
Council of the Americas
International Trade Administration
Export-Import Bank of the United States
World Economic Forum
United States International Trade Commission
International Chamber of Commerce
Academy of International Business
Euro Pages
Foreign Policy Association Students Corner

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES:
USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government)
Central Intelligence Agency
Defense Intelligence Agency
U.S. Department of State
National Security Agency
Peace Corps
U.S. Agency for International Development

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