



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 REQUIREMENTS:

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.

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.

International Relations/Government: Int'l 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.

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.

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.

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.

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....

WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?

USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government)

Idealist.org (comprehensive site of international nonprofit opportunities)

Bureau of Labor Statistics (for research on different occupations)

O*NET (for research on different occupations)

www.usajobs.gov

www.idealist.org

www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm

<http://online.onetcenter.org>