



## What can I do with a major in... **Intercultural Studies and English Teaching**

Intercultural Studies and English Teaching (TESOL) major is a four-year program to prepare students to teach English to speakers of other languages in and from other countries. This degree does not lead to education licensure.

### What types of work are related to this degree?

Community organizing  
 Cross-cultural work  
 English teaching (overseas)  
 Intercultural program coordinator  
 Missions  
 Refugee resettlement/hospitality ministry  
 Relief and development  
 Church staff member  
 Ethnic/international coordinator  
 Government work  
 Hospitality ministries  
 Inner city ministry  
 Church-based ESL program teacher  
 Teacher for US citizenship classes  
 Workplace English teacher

**More information  
 online at  
[ONETonline.org](http://ONETonline.org)**

### Who employs people with this degree?

Missions agencies  
 Cross cultural ministries, domestic or foreign  
 Federal government  
 (CIA, FBI, Military, USAID, Peace Corps, etc.)  
 Government contractors (especially defense contractors)  
 Embassies and consulates  
 Non-governmental organizations  
 (such as International Red Cross)  
 Travel industry  
 Universities/study abroad programs  
 Foreign policy research institutes  
 Teach abroad programs  
 Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs  
 Overseas schools, boarding schools, or language institutes  
 Refugee relocation agencies  
 Social service agencies

### Strategies for Success:

- Intercultural studies majors have an understanding of global issues and trends. Understanding of other cultures is valued by employers in many industries including education, government, and business.
- Speaking a second language is an enormous advantage. Make sure you can read, write, and speak your second language fluently to increase options. Develop relationships where you can use your language skills.
- Minor or take courses in business to increase employability options.
- Spend a semester or year studying abroad. Seek an international internship, even if unpaid. Obtain related experience with organizations in the US.
- Gain experience in communications with people from other countries. Get involved with the international student community on campus.
- Subscribe to online or print publications with a global, intercultural, or missions focus.

### Professional Associations:

National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)  
 Association of American Boarding Schools  
 Association of Christian Schools International

American Society of Missiology  
 Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL)

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.