

Intercultural Studies

The Intercultural Studies major is designed to promote the interest and develop skills for intercultural work/ministry both in North America and overseas.

What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Missions
- Humanitarian aid
- Foreign Service official
- Diplomacy
- Policy analysis
- International development
- Church staff member
- Community organization director (cross cultural)
- Evangelism and church planting
- Government work
- Hospitality ministries
- House parent
- Inner city ministry
- Overseas business
- Refugee resettlement
- Teaching English to speakers of other languages (with TESOL minor track)

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)
- Major corporations
- Travel industry
- Universities/study abroad programs
- Foreign policy research institutes
- Teach abroad programs

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General Strategies for Success:

- Minor or take courses in business to increase employability options.
- 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.
- Learn at least one additional language. Consider the Intercultural Studies and Spanish Major.
- Spend a semester or year studying abroad.
- Seek an international internship, even if unpaid.
- Obtain related experience with organizations in the U.S.
- Plan to participate in the Department's international internship—start saving money now!
- Research certification options for teaching English (TESOL, CELTA, CELTC, TEFL) including the Intercultural Studies and English Teaching major.
- 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

Evangelical Missiological Society
American Society of Missiology
Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association
Association of Christian Schools International

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 & Leadership Development or check out our online resources on our website or on myUNW, Career & Leadership Development tab.