Develop linguistic skills. Become fluent in a second and third language. Demonstrate intercultural competency, sensitivity, and tolerance. Gain experience communicating with people from other cultures. Seek opportunities to interact with international students on campus or in your community. Study abroad, work abroad, or travel to a foreign country while in school to develop language skills and International competency. Commit to a continuous study of host country’s language. Develop a good understanding of etiquette and business practices in countries of target. Look for temporary or volunteer positions abroad.

Obtain daily papers in target city to determine international and national news, business features, real-estate markets, and community calendars. Get your foot in the door through domestic positions because many international employers promote current employees to international positions. Develop habits such as creativity, initiative, tenacity, a willingness to take risks, an adventurous spirit, and a sense of humor. In general, international positions are competitive and difficult to obtain. Be proactive in developing the skills and experiences that will prepare you for an overseas job.

Be very patient about building an international career. It takes time to develop a set of skills and experiences that will prepare you for an overseas job. Learn about International travel regulations, including the specific visa requirements for the country you’re traveling to and the jobs you’ll be working in.

### AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

| Management | Importing/Exporting |
| Human resources | Customer service |
| Labor relations | Consulting |
| Banking and finance | Diplomacy |
| Economics | Peacekeeping |
| International development | Foreign affairs |
| Real estate | Program administration |
| Sales | Community development |
| Manufacturing | |

### COMMON EMPLOYERS

- Domestic and foreign corporations
- Multinational service firms
- Global and international enterprises
- Domestic and foreign financial institutions
- International marketing firms
- International real estate firms
- International trade firms
- Consulting and consulting firms
- United Nations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Religious organizations
- Educational institutions
- Consulting firms
- Research institutes
- Foundations
- Defense contractors
- Legislative officials

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Central Intelligence Agency
- Defense Intelligence Agency
- Disaster Relief Agencies
- Global Development Jobs
- Global Jobs
- Go Government
- Humanitarian Relief Organizations
- International Nonprofit Jobs & Internships
- International Relations
- EDU National Security Agency
- Overseas
- Peace Corps
- US AID
- US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
- US Department of State
- USA Jobs

### STRATEGIES ON ENTERING THE FIELD

- Earn a business minor or take business related coursework.
- Become fluent in at least one additional language.
- Develop international skills by studying abroad.
- Seek an international internship, even if unpaid.
- Learn about NAFTA, WTO, and GATT policies.
- Acquire supervisory skills and experience by taking leadership roles in student organizations.
- Learn about geography and International travel regulations.
- Identify your public speaking and interpersonal communication skills.
- Interact with the International student population on campus.
- Keep abreast of political, economic, and social changes worldwide.
- Sharpen your intercultural communication skills.
- Earn a relevant graduate degree such as International diplomacy, International relations, or law.
- Research government hiring procedures and seek assistance from your campus career center.
- Consider earning a graduate degree in social work, public administration, or related fields.

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