

What can I do with a major in **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

This interdisciplinary program is designed for students considering careers with international humanitarian and development organizations and agencies or students who wish to equip themselves for international service as they prepare for a different primary career. It provides background in the concept of service, in social policy and global issues, and in the learning and practice of service.

Relevant skills for an INTERNATIONAL SERVICE major:

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| ◆ Adapt to new environments | ◆ Explain concepts | ◆ Organize people and ideas |
| ◆ Analyze and compare cultures | ◆ Guide | ◆ Organize/classify information |
| ◆ Analyze communication situations | ◆ Have a sensitivity to people of other cultures | ◆ Overcome barriers |
| ◆ Analyze community needs | ◆ Have foreign language competency | ◆ Plan and design projects |
| ◆ Appreciate diverse cultures/culturally aware | ◆ Help | ◆ Review/evaluate |
| ◆ Communicate well, both orally & in writing | ◆ Inform | ◆ Select and train |
| ◆ Critique and organize | ◆ Lead discussions | ◆ Solve problems |
| ◆ Diagnose problems | ◆ Listen & clarify | ◆ Summarize/present results |
| | ◆ Make decisions | ◆ Take risks |
| | ◆ Operate independently | ◆ Teach |
| | | ◆ and others! |

Sample work activities for Graduates in INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (some may require an advanced degree)

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| • Community organization worker | • Foreign export marketer | • Missionary |
| • Community-relations | • Foreign information officer | • National Security Agent |
| • Congressional/Legislative Aide | • Foreign News Correspondent | • Newswriter (foreign languages) |
| • Customs Inspector | • Foreign Service Officer | • Overseas Personnel manager |
| • Customs Manager | • Foreign student advisor | • Peace Corps Volunteer |
| • Diplomatic Aide | • Foreign travel escort officer | • Planner |
| • Diplomatic Officer | • Immigration inspector | • Teacher/College, High school |
| • ESL Teacher | • Intelligence specialist | • Teacher/Second language |
| • FBI/CIA Agent | • International Account Manager | • Tour guide |
| • Flight attendant | • International broadcaster | • Training instructor |
| • Foreign correspondent | • International Conference | • Travel Agent |
| • Foreign Diplomat | • International Consultant | • United Nations Worker |
| • Foreign exchange program Director | • International-relations specialist | • and others! |

Potential hiring institutions for INTERNATIONAL SERVICE majors:

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| ◆ Advertising departments and agencies | ◆ Agency of International Development | ◆ Air, bus, and rail lines |
| | | ◆ American Red Cross |

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| ◆ Business and Industry | ◆ Foreign Service Department | ◆ Non-governmental development organizations |
| ◆ Central Intelligence Agency | ◆ Government Aid Agencies | ◆ Peace Corps |
| ◆ Chambers of commerce | ◆ Hotel chains | ◆ Public relations firms |
| ◆ Church-related relief and mission agencies | ◆ Immigration and Naturalization Services | ◆ Public service organizations |
| ◆ Civil Service commission | ◆ Import/export companies | ◆ Schools |
| ◆ Commerce Department | ◆ Investment firms | ◆ Travel agencies |
| ◆ Consumer Affairs Office | ◆ International humanitarian organizations | ◆ United Nations |
| ◆ Department of Defense | ◆ Library of Congress | ◆ US Agency for International Development |
| ◆ Department of State (Government) | ◆ Lutheran Volunteer Corps | ◆ US Information Agency |
| ◆ Education | ◆ Media | ◆ Visitors and convention bureaus |
| ◆ Federal Communications Commission | ◆ National Archives | ◆ and others! |
| ◆ Federal Trade Commission | ◆ News bureaus | |

Area of further education for INTERNATIONAL SERVICE majors:

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| • African Studies | • Hispanic Studies | • Psychology |
| • Anthropology | • Human Services | • Public Health |
| • Asian Studies | • International Affairs | • Public Policy & Administration |
| • Chinese | • International Development | • Rural Planning & Studies |
| • Conflict Resolution & Mediation | • Italian | • Rural Sociology |
| • Counseling | • Japanese | • Russian |
| • Demography & Population Studies | • Latin American Studies | • Social Sciences |
| • Divinity Studies/Seminary | • Law | • Social Work |
| • Education | • Pastoral Ministry & Counseling | • Sociology |
| • French | • Philanthropic Studies | • Spanish |
| • German | • Philosophy | • Sustainable Development |
| | • Political Science | • Urban Studies |

Sources of additional information for INTERNATIONAL SERVICE majors:

- VU College of Arts & Sciences Interdisciplinary Programs: <http://www.valpo.edu/registrar/catalog/02isp.htm>
- America's Job Bank: a partnership between the US Department of Labor and the state operated public Employment Service for public and private sector jobs. <http://www.ajb.dni.us/>
- Amnesty International: Online information about the international human rights organization. <http://www.amnesty.org/>
- Bilingual - Jobs.com: a job posting service operated by International Consulting Group Incorporated. <http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>
- Career China: Career opportunities in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, U.S. and beyond - Leave it to Career Wise at Dragonsurf.com to assist you in realizing your utmost potential. <http://www.dragonsurf.com/careerwise/>
- CareerCross Japan: Jobs in Japan & Japanese-related positions overseas. Plus an in-depth look at living & working in Japan and more. <http://www.careercross.co.jp/en/>
- ChurchStaffing.com: Church ministry positions including music, youth, and administration. <http://www.churchstaffing.com>
- Council Exchanges International Volunteer Projects: opportunities for Americans to work on a short-term, team-oriented projects overseas. <http://www.ciee.org>
- EscapeArtist.com: International job marketplace. <http://jobs.escapeartist.com>
- Go-Spain: an English language publication for people interested in Spain. <http://www.go-spain.com/>
- GovernmentJobs.Com: devoted to helping individuals find the jobs they are seeking in the public sector. <http://www.govtjobs.com/>
- International Civil Service Commission: The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) is an independent expert body established by the United Nations General Assembly. Its mandate is to regulate and coordinate the conditions of service of staff in the United Nations common system, while promoting and maintaining high standards in the international civil service. <http://icsc.un.org>

- International Monster.com: The international component of the popular Monster Board web site. <http://international.monster.com/>
- International Volunteer Programs Association: search site for international volunteer and internships opportunities. <http://www.volunteerinternational.org/>
- JapaneseJobs.com: Employment service bringing together bilingual professionals who speak Japanese and English with hiring companies. <http://www.japanesejobs.com>
- Jobs in Japan: Job opportunities and other information. <http://www.jobsinjapan.com>
- JobsDB.com: Overseas opportunities in Asia & Australia for US professionals. <http://www.jobsdb.com>
- Ministry Search: - Christian ministry job positions. <http://www.ministrysearch.com/>
- Opportunity NOCs: connects you with a full range of employment and human-resources-related information and services. <http://www.opportunitynocs.org/>
- OverseasJobs.Com: the Web's #1 resources for international employment and work abroad. Expatriates and job seekers can search the job database by keywords or locations and post a resume online for employers to view. <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>
- Philanthropy News Network: the voice of the nonprofit world and the marketplace for products and services nonprofits need. Site includes nonprofit jobs. <http://pnnonline.org/>
- Saludos.com: Hispanic employment - Hispanic jobs - workforce diversity bilingual professionals - employment recruiting. <http://www.saludos.com/>
- Teachin Asia JobNet: Teaching positions for China, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan & Thailand. <http://www.teach-in-asia.net>
- The Electronic Embassy: a resource of and for the Washington, DC embassy community. <http://www.embassy.org/>
- The World Bank: Information about the World Bank Group, including jobs and scholarships. <http://www.worldbank.org>
- United Nations Homepage: Various information on the United Nations, including recent news, publications, etc. <http://www.un.org/>
- USAJobs: The U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information provided by the United States Office of Personnel Management. <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>
- Zhaopin.com: A Chinese recruitment website (bilingual). <http://english.zhaopin.com/ejobseeker/index.jsp>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *Alternatives To The Peace Corps : A Directory Of Third World And Us Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One*
- *Career Opportunities In Law And The Legal Industry*
- *Career Opportunities In Politics, Government & Activism*
- *Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados & Other Multilingual Types*
- *Careers For Travel Buffs & Other Restless Types*
- *Education For Action : Undergraduate And Graduate Programs That Focus On Social Change*
- *Essays That Worked For Law Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2003*
- *For The Common Good: Internships With Social & Community Service Agencies 2003*
- *Global Resume And CV Guide*
- *Government Job Finder*
- *Graduate Programs In Psychology*
- *Graduate Programs In Social Sciences*
- *GRE Exam 2003*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Guide To Homeland Security Careers*
- *How To Get A Job In Europe*
- *Human Care Services Directory Of Metropolitan Chicago*
- *Inside Secrets To Finding A Career In Travel*
- *Internships In International Affairs*
- *Job Surfing : Working Abroad : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *Jobs And Careers With Nonprofit Organizations : Profitable Opportunities With Nonprofits*
- *Liberal Arts Jobs : The Guide That Turns Learning Into Earning*
- *LSAT 2003*
- *Opportunities In Foreign Language Careers*
- *Opportunities In Gerontology And Aging Services Careers*
- *Opportunities In Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Law Careers*
- *Opportunities In Overseas Careers*
- *Opportunities In Psychology Careers*
- *Opportunities In Travel Careers*
- *Peterson's Game Plan For Getting Into Law School*

- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *Real Resumes For Social Work & Counseling*

Jobs

- *Resumes For Social Service Careers*
- *Student's Guide To International Internships*
- *World Chamber of Commerce Directory*
- *and others!*

For more information about majoring in INTERNATIONAL SERVICE, contact:

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