

What can I do with a major in

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Description of major:

This interdisciplinary program, with a focus on Europe, Latin America, or Asia, is designed to provide essential background for students considering careers in the fields of international commerce or government service. To implement this goal, it provides a foundation in a modern language and the culture and customs of those who speak it, instruction in international economics, and a survey of appropriate areas of geography, history, and political science.

Relevant skills for an INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS major:

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| ◆ Act independently | ◆ Communicate well, both orally & in writing | ◆ Plan and design projects |
| ◆ Adapt to new situations | ◆ Proficient in phonetics | ◆ Solve problems effectively |
| ◆ Adjust to new environments | ◆ Know a foreign language | ◆ Summarize and present results |
| ◆ Analyze and compare cultures | ◆ Learn detailed information | ◆ Take risks |
| ◆ Appreciate diverse cultures/culturally aware | ◆ Listening and clarify | ◆ and others! |
| | ◆ Organize people and ideas | |
| | ◆ Overcome barriers | |

Sample work activities for Graduates in INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (some may require an advanced degree)

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| • Congressional or Legislative Aide | • Foreign Service Officer | • Interpreter |
| • Customs Inspector | • Import/Export Manager | • Missionary |
| • Customs Manager | • International Account Manager | • National Security Agent |
| • Diplomatic Aide | • International Banking Officer | • Overseas Personnel |
| • Diplomatic Officer | • International Conference Planner | • Overseas Personnel Manager |
| • ESL Teacher | • International Consultant | • Peace Corps Volunteer |
| • FBI/CIA Agent | • International Trade Economist | • Translator |
| • Foreign Diplomat | • International Trade Specialist | • Travel Agent |
| • Foreign Exchange Trader | | • United Nations Worker |
| • Foreign Language Teacher | | • and others! |
| • Foreign News Correspondent | | |

Potential hiring institutions for INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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| ◆ Banking and Finance | ◆ Department of State | ◆ Peace Corps |
| ◆ Business and Industry | ◆ Education | ◆ US Agency for International Development |
| ◆ Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) | ◆ International Student Exchange Agencies | ◆ US Information Agency |
| ◆ Department of Commerce | ◆ International Studies | ◆ and others! |
| ◆ Department of Defense | ◆ Media | |

Area of further education for INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- African Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Business Administration
- Chinese
- City & Regional Planning
- Demography & Population Studies
- Economics
- Education
- Electronic Commerce
- Entrepreneurship
- European Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- Hispanic Studies
- International Affairs
- International Business
- International Development
- International Security
- Japanese
- Latin American Studies
- Law
- Linguistics
- Nonprofit Management
- Political Science
- Public Policy & Administration
- Rural Sociology
- Russian
- Social Sciences
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sustainable Development
- Travel & Tourism
- and others!

Sources of additional information for INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL

- VU International Economics & Cultural Affairs: <http://www.valpo.edu/ieca/>
- VU Majors & Areas of Study: <http://www.valpo.edu/academics/majors/ieca.html>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: the US Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles information about various occupations, including the nature of the work, the job outlook, the earnings, and other relevant information. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco1002.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/>
- American Management Consulting Firms: Online database of management consulting. <http://www.amcf.org/>
- Asiaco.com: A search engine for everything related to Asia including jobs and cultural information. <http://www.asiaco.com>
- 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/english>
- 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/>
- Institute for International Economics: Non profit research institute devoted to the study of international economics. <http://www.iie.com/>
- International Association of Business Communicators: a resource for products, services, activities and networking opportunities to help people and organizations achieve excellence in public relations, employee communication, marketing communication, public affairs and other forms of communication in the international realm. Includes Career & Job Postings. <http://www.iabc.com/homepage.htm>
- International Economic Development Council: the Council for Urban Economic Development (CUED) and the American Economic Development Council (AEDC) joined forces to become one...the International Economic Development Council. Includes a Career Services page. <http://www.iedconline.org/>
- International Monetary Fund: Continually recruiting for economists. <http://www.imf.org>
- International Monster.com: The international component of the popular Monster Board web site. <http://international.monster.com/>
- International Society for Ecological Economics: facilitates understanding between economists and ecologists and the integration of their thinking into a transdiscipline aimed at developing a sustainable world. <http://www.ecoeco.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](http://www.jobsdb.com): Overseas opportunities in Asia & Australia for US professionals. <http://www.jobsdb.com>
- [OverseasJobs.Com](http://www.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/>
- [Saludos.com](http://www.saludos.com/): Hispanic employment - Hispanic jobs - workforce diversity bilingual professionals - employment recruiting Free Resume Postings For Hispanic Job Seekers. <http://www.saludos.com/>
- [The Electronic Embassy](http://www.embassy.org/): a resource of and for the Washington, DC embassy community. <http://www.embassy.org/>
- [United Nations Homepage](http://www.un.org/): Various information on the United Nations, including recent news, publications, etc. <http://www.un.org/>
- [US Department of Homeland Security: Customs & Border Patrol](http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/): the primary enforcement agency protecting the Nation's borders. Includes a section on careers and opportunities. <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/>
- [US International Trade Commission](http://www.usitc.gov/): an independent, quasi-judicial federal agency that provides objective trade expertise to both the legislative and executive branches of government, determines the impact of imports on U.S. industries, and directs actions against certain unfair trade practices, such as patent, trademark, and copyright infringement. <http://www.usitc.gov/>
- [USAJobs](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/): 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/>
- [The World Bank](http://www.worldbank.org): Information about the World Bank Group, including jobs and scholarships. <http://www.worldbank.org>
- [Zhaopin.com](http://www.zhaopin.com): A Chinese recruitment website (bilingual). <http://www.zhaopin.com>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *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*
- *Careers In Finance*
- *Careers In International Business, 2nd Ed*
- *Civil Service Career Starter*
- *Directory Of Foreign Consulates And International Trade Assistance Organizations In Chicagoland*
- *Directory Of Jobs And Careers Abroad*
- *Essays That Worked For Law Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2003*
- *Global Resume And CV Guide*
- *GMAT 2003*
- *Government Job Finder*
- *Graduate Programs In Social Sciences*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Guide To Homeland Security Careers*
- *Harvard Business School Guide To Careers In Management Consulting*
- *Harvard Business School Guide To Careers In The Nonprofit Sector*
- *Harvard College Guide To Careers In Government & Politics*
- *How To Get A Job In Europe*
- *Inside Secrets To Finding A Career In Travel*
- *International Jobs: Where They Are And How To Get Them, 6th Ed*
- *Job Surfing : Working Abroad : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *Law Schools*
- *Opportunities In Banking Careers*
- *Opportunities In Financial Careers*
- *Opportunities In Foreign Language Careers*
- *Opportunities In Fund-Raising Careers*
- *Opportunities In Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Hotel And Motel Careers*
- *Opportunities In Law Careers*
- *Opportunities In Overseas Careers*
- *Opportunities In Sales Careers*
- *Opportunities In Social Science Careers*
- *Opportunities In Travel Careers*
- *Peterson's Game Plan For Getting Into Business School*
- *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*
- *Resumes For Banking And Financial Careers*
- *Resumes For Business Management Careers*

- *Student's Guide To International Internships*
- *Student's Guide To Legal Internships*
- *Teaching English Abroad : Talk Your Way Around The World!*
- *Undergraduate's Guide To Corporate Leadership Development Programs : What They Are, Where To Find Them & How To Get Hired*
- *Your Bright Future In Business Administration*
- *World Chamber of Commerce Directory and others!*

For more information about majoring in INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, contact:

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