Potential Careers

NMU’s International Studies Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

Occupations

- International Business
- International Education
- Government (State Department, etc.)
- Military (Linguistics, etc.)
- Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
- Teaching of English as a Second Language
- Travel

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What To Do With A Major In….

For Career Planning and Opportunities:
Academic & Career Advisement Center
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906-227-2971
www.nmu.edu/acac

International Studies Office
145 Whitman
906-227-2510
www.nmu.edu/intl_studies

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:
Career Services
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2800
www.nmu.edu/careers

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:
Center for Student Enrichment
1206 University Center
906-227-2439
www.nmu.edu/cse

- French Club
- German Club
- Spanish Club
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Internet Resource Links:
www.careers.org
www.careerresource.net

For Career Information with National Organizations:
www.studyabroad.com Study Abroad Information

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International Studies

Do you have an avid interest in travel and learning about different cultures? Do you enjoy speaking a foreign language and working in a variety of settings? If so, then the International Studies major may be the one for you.

NMU’s International Studies major is cooperatively sponsored by the departments of Art & Design, Communication and Performance Studies, Economics, English, Modern Languages and Literatures, Geography, the College of Business, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology and Social Work. This major gives you a broad view of the world with an emphasis on developing regions. The core ensures that students have broad exposure to major international issues, and then concentrations allow students to specialize in a world region. The role of someone with an International Studies major is quite varied. It will prepare students to hold any number of positions that require speaking many different languages and traveling to foreign countries.

Skills and Competencies

A person interested in this major should be self-motivated, like people and languages, have a good business sense and be willing to work flexible hours and enjoy entertaining foreign clients. The curriculum is designed to give students a broad view of the world and constant change. You can expect course-work that will develop your knowledge of different countries, their customs, their languages and how they function. The ability to relate to people from a wide variety of backgrounds is a must in this field. A degree in International Studies will provide you with a sound foundation of knowledge about many different countries and how they operate.

Course Work

This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with liberal studies and graduation requirements.

Core
- EC 201 Microeconomic Principles (4 cr.)
- GC 164 Human Geography (4 cr.)
- IP 190 Introduction to International Studies (4 cr.)
- IP 290 Global Engagement (2 cr.)
- IP 490 International Studies Seminar (2 cr.)
- PL 270 World Religions (4 cr.)
- PS 203 Comparative Government and Politics (4 cr.) or PS 206 International Relations (4 cr.) or PS 299 Model U.N. (2 cr.)

Concentration (20-22 cr.)
Students must choose a regional concentration (Africa, Asia, Europe, Global, Latin America, or Middle East) which will fulfill their electives. Up to eight elective credits may be taken from the list of non-regional courses, while all others must come from within the chosen concentration. No more than 12 credits per prefix may count toward the major.

Non-Regional Courses (up to 8 cr.)
- AD 230 History of World Art: Ancient to Medieval (4 cr.)
- AD 240 History of World Art: Renaissance to Modern (4 cr.)
- AN 100 Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology (4 cr.)
- AN 210 People, Culture and Nature (4 cr.)
- BC 415 Intercultural Communication (4 cr.)
- BC 420 Global Communication (4 cr.)
- CJ 426 International Crime & Comp CJ Systems (4 cr.)
- EC 425 International Economics (4 cr.)
- EC 460 Economic Development (4 cr.)
- EN 225 History of World Cinema (4 cr.)
- GC 220 Economic Geography (4 cr.)
- HL 322 International Health Issues (4 cr.)
- HN 362 Cultural Food Patterns (4 cr.)
- HS 359 Themes in Non-Western History (4 cr.)
- MGT 475 International Business (4 cr.)
- MKT 466 International Marketing (4 cr.)
- MU 325 World Music (4 cr.)
- NAS 342 Indigenous Environmental Movements (4 cr.)
- PS 203 Comparative Government and Politics (4 cr.)
- PS 206 International Relations (4 cr.)
- SO 251 Social Change (4 cr.)...

*See the website below for complete list of Non-Regional courses.*
Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.nmu.edu/bulletin.

Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better you prepare for employment. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

Additional Considerations

Students are encouraged to become familiar with world geography, keep up with current events from around the world, keep apprised of international issues and figures, and take advantage of internationally-related opportunities on campus and beyond.

Your possibilities should only be limited by your preferences of where you work. The more you enjoy being on the move, the better your job potential.

Job Outlook

Starting salaries are contingent upon geographic location and individual work experience. The job market should expand at an excellent rate, as the world continues to have global dependency on foreign markets and international trade becomes the norm.