What can I do with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies: Business, Social Science and International Emphasis?

Lewis-Clark State College offers a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies: Bus & Social Science-International Emphasis degree through the Business & Social Sciences Divisions. You can learn more about the Bachelor of Arts or Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: Business and Social Science with International Emphasis by visiting the LCSC catalog.

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- International Business
- International Relations/Government
- Language Services and Education
- Journalism

General Information:

- Entry-level positions are generally in the U.S., with mid-level positions involving some international travel. Corporations hire employees with the most experience or skills set for overseas work.
- Target larger firms that may be more likely to employ contracting services.
- Develop linguistic skills. Learn a second and third language.
- Demonstrate intercultural competency, sensitivity, and tolerance.
- Gain experience in communications with people from other countries. Get to know international students on your campus.
- Live and/or work abroad while in school.
- Commit to a continuous study of host country’s language.
- Develop a good understanding of etiquette and business practices in country of target.
- Look for temporary positions abroad.
- Obtain daily papers in target city to determine international and national news, business features, real estate markets, and community calendars.
- Work domestically with an international firm as a contract representative.
- Develop traits such as creativity, initiative, tenacity, a willingness to take risks and an adventurous spirit, and a sense of humor.
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**International Business**
Management
Human Resources
Labor Relations
Banking and Finance
Economics
International Development
Real Estate
Sales
Marketing
Product Management
Healthcare Administration
Agricultural Economics

**EMPLOYERS**
Domestic and foreign corporations
Multinational service firms
Global small and medium enterprises
Domestic and foreign financial institutions
International marketing firms
International real estate firms
International trade firms
Contracting and consulting firms
Convention and visitors' bureaus
International airlines
Transportation, travel, and hospitality industry

**STRATEGIES**
Learn at least one additional language. Spend a semester studying abroad.
Seek an international internship, even if unpaid. Obtain volunteer, part-time, or summer experience at related organizations. Make personal contacts within targeted businesses.
Learn about NAFTA, WTO, and GATT policies. Develop your skills domestically and begin to develop a network of contacts if you want to pursue a career abroad. Acquire supervisory skills and experience by taking leadership roles in student organizations. Learn about geography and international travel regulations. Sharpen your public speaking skills and communication skills between cultures. Make a commitment to continuous growth in understanding cultural diversity. Keep abreast of political, economic, and social changes worldwide. Increase cultural awareness and sensitivity for foreign markets and people. Develop an understanding of the international business environment. Research firms with international interests.

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**International Relations/Government**
- International Law
- Diplomacy
- Foreign Affairs
- Public Service
- Institutional/Community Development

**EMPLOYERS**
- United Nations
- Relief organizations
- Religious organizations
- Non-profit organizations/corporations
- Educational institutions
- Consulting firms
- Research institutes
- Foundations
- National Security Council (NSC)

**STRATEGIES**
- Participate in an overseas mission experience. Plan to study abroad or participate in an international work experience. Learn a second or third language.
- Demonstrate your depth of dedication, willingness to adapt, and coping mechanisms to combat stress and difficult situations. Develop skills in the areas of organizing groups, efficiency, and the ability to calm people.
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**Language Services and Education**
Teaching  
Curriculum Development  
Interpreting  
Translating  
Research and Writing  
International Student Support Services  
Study Abroad Programming

**EMPLOYERS**
Public and private schools abroad  
Community organizations  
Federal government agencies  
English language institutes  
Overseas dependents’ schools  
Religious and volunteer organizations  
Colleges and universities

**STRATEGIES**
Gain practical domestic teaching experience and necessary training or certificate to teach abroad. Research certification options (TESOL, CELTA, CELTC, TEFL).
Obtain certificates from schools whose graduates are hired in the international marketplace. Teaching training should include supervised classroom experience.
Consider obtaining intensive TELS (Teaching English and a Second Language) training.
Volunteer to tutor children and adults in English. Learn other languages to help understand how languages work. Sharpen intercultural competency, sensitivity, and tolerance. Develop superior written and oral communication skills in the English language including proper sentence structure and comprehensive vocabulary. Notify local hospitals, schools, and chambers of commerce of your availability to translate or interpret for international visitors. Minor or double major in another subject that you could also teach. Earn a master's degree in College Student Affairs to work with study abroad programs or with international student services.

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**Journalism**
Foreign News Correspondence
International Broadcasting
Reporting
Editorial/Column writing
Investigative Journalism
Research
Photography
Freelance Work

**EMPLOYERS**
Foreign news agencies
TV networks
Large circulation newspapers
Wire services
Trade newspapers
Online publishers
Labor unions
Academic journals
International newspapers
Magazines
Museums
Self employed

**STRATEGIES**
Obtain a summer job or internship with a newspaper. Demonstrate curiosity, high energy level, ability to produce under pressure, and withstand criticism. Develop excellent grammar and writing skills. Create a portfolio of writing samples, especially those that have been published. Join a professional journalism organization. Research international newspapers. Gain experience with campus newspaper or media. Travel or study abroad.

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