WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … EUROPEAN STUDIES

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

The UNM European Studies (2013) describes the program as, “an interdisciplinary program drawing on the courses, faculty, and resources of a large number of UNM Departments, with a central orientation toward Europe. Housed under the umbrella of the International Studies Institute (ISI), it provides undergraduate minor and major programs, guest lectures, special events, and summer scholarships for students in International Studies. The European studies minor and major, allow students to combine studies in European languages, humanities, and social sciences with studies in such fields as fine arts or business, creating a customized interdisciplinary undergraduate concentration.” Many employers with European or international character prefer to recruit European Studies graduates. Graduates find jobs in government institutions that include international, national, regional or local levels.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT:

A bachelor's degree is the minimum formal education. Consult O*Net for more information on the specific KSAs (Knowledge, Skill, Ability) that are required for this career.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:

The UNM European Studies offers a Bachelor’s of Arts in European Studies as well as an undergraduate minor. You can find further information on the UNM European Studies’ website.

INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:

A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM’s Lobo Career Connection for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the UNM Office of Career Services for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

- **International Business**
  Management, human resources, labor relations, banking & finance, economics, international development, real estate, sales, marketing, product management, healthcare administration, agricultural, economics

- **International Relations/Government**
  International law, diplomacy, foreign affairs, public service, institutional/community development

- **Nonprofit/Government**
  Human services provision, public health, disaster/disease Relief, policy development, program administration, program evaluation, volunteer coordination

- **Language Services/Education**
  Teaching, curriculum development, interpreting, translating, research and writing, international student, support services, study abroad programming

- **Journalism**
  Foreign news correspondence, international broadcasting, reporting, editorial/column writing, investigative journalism, research, photography, freelance work

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES:

- Consider specializing your skill set through a double major or minor in another area.
- Learn at least one additional language.
- Spend a semester studying abroad.
- Gain professional experience in your area of interest through involvement in international internships, student employment, Co-ops, and/or volunteer opportunities.
- Research firms with international interests.
- Shadow professionals in your field of interest to gain a better understanding of their occupation and to build relationships with professional mentors.
• Build your network and get involved on campus through student organizations and campus events. Find more organizations and events at the Student Activities Center website.
• Attend career-related campus events such as career fairs, company information sessions, and career workshops.
• Students who are interested in graduate school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA and develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
• Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
• Job leads can be found on your department’s website, list-serv, newsletters, and social media sites.
• Consider working in multiple departments throughout campus to gain experience in areas you are interested in through work study or student employment.
• Focus on developing “transferable skills” such as computer competency, written/verbal communication, and project management.
• Seek leadership opportunities on campus. Some positions may require an advanced degree.
• Obtain experience with a campus newspaper or media outlet.
• Research government internship programs and think about interning with a government agency to get a foot in the door, as well as building your resume.
• Make sure to research organizations’ values in order to match with your own value set. Knowledge about organizations is critical, because it shows to employers that you’ve done your research and are committed to work for them.

WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?

USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government) www.usajobs.gov
Idealist.org (comprehensive site of international nonprofit opportunities) http://www.idealist.org/

RESOURCE LINKS
Eastern Europe, Russia

Stanford University, Center for Russian & East European Studies
University of California, Berkeley, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
University of California, Los Angeles, Center for European and Russian Studies
University of Texas, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
University of Washington, Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies
University of Kansas, Center for European & Russian Studies

West Europe

University of California, Berkeley, Institute for European Studies
University of Washington, Center for Western European Studies
Colorado European Union Center of Excellence

OTHER INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:


REFERENCE