

Ten Easy Ways to Build International Skills on Campus

Do at least five of these things and you'll be on the road to success!

1. Take international courses.
2. Contact professors who have international experience.
3. Read international news online.
4. Make friends with international students on campus.
5. Join international student clubs.
6. Attend international events on and off campus.
7. Get information about going abroad from advisors & friends.
8. Plan to study abroad for a semester or longer in third year.
9. Take a gap semester to volunteer, travel or learn a language.
10. Find an international internship or job for the summer.

Get into an international mindset, take risks and reap the rewards!

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Breeze Through the Go-Abroad Application Process

Follow the steps below for success.

1. **Self-evaluation:** Carefully assess your strengths, weaknesses, goals and professional aspirations.
2. **Interview yourself:** Ask yourself who you are, why you've selected a particular organization and what you hope to achieve.
3. **Make a skills inventory:** List unique experiences and abilities.
4. **Research your organization:** Know their mission, mandate & activities.
5. **The application:** Follow guidelines! In your statement, align yourself with the organization's mission. Use concrete examples & show your personality!

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The Ideal International Employee

Build experience to stand out from the crowd when job hunting.

1. **Build an international CV while studying:** Join international clubs, help with an international conference, take internationally-focused electives and go abroad for at least one semester.
2. **Network with globally active experts:** Use class assignments as an excuse to get in contact, or approach professionals to act as mentors.
3. **Befriend foreign students:** Make connections with international students on campus to build cross-cultural experience at home.
4. **Build cross-cultural communication skills:** Learn how to describe your home culture and navigate cross-cultural work environments.
5. **Develop hard skills:** Learn a language. Follow high-quality global news outlets. Build computer skills, project management skills and more.
6. **Be bold!** To land your first international job, do small extraordinary things. Go out on a limb, act like an entrepreneur, sell yourself to succeed!

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