Global fluency is a career necessity

• The development of an international mindset and skills is an essential component of today’s education.

• If an employer learns in an interview that you have international experience and cultural savvy, you are much more likely to get the job – no matter what your chosen major or career is.
**CAREER PATH:** Worked and/or traveled in 50 countries. Sailed across the Atlantic, advocated for an end to the war in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, managed an ethical textiles company in Ghana, learned to grow vegetables on a farm that is working to dismantle racism in the food system, photographed trips to Burma, India, Sri Lanka and Japan with a group of radical peace activist Buddhist monks, and a handful of other interesting things.

Capers Rumph, German major and history major
Working and Living Abroad

At some time in your career, an employer might ask you to work and live abroad.

- In 2016, the U.S. State Department estimated that there were nine million U.S. citizens living abroad. That figure is projected to grow to 12 million by 2020.

South Carolina is an International Hub

Even if your job doesn’t take you out of the country, it’s likely that at some point you will work for a company that has international connections, or benefits in some way from a globally connected economy.

- Since 2011, foreign-based firms have invested more than $19 billion in South Carolina, bringing 42,000 new jobs to the state. As a result, a nation-leading seven percent of South Carolina’s workforce is now employed by foreign-based companies.
- 181 international companies employ 18,000 people and add $620 million in new investment and 2,400 new jobs to the economy.
- $8.8 billion in exports are associated with 23,000 jobs.
- South Carolina has the largest international investment per capita in U.S.
“I am the after-sales manager for Ducati North America. I would like to say it’s all fast motorcycles, but it isn’t. In a sentence, I am responsible for the general management of all Ducati service departments across China. One week I am in Shanghai leading a dealer-network technical training session, the next I’m in Macau rebuilding a superbike engine.”

T.J. Kremlick, LCWA Alumnus
How, exactly, will the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs (LCWA) prepare you to be a globally fluent graduate who has an international competitive edge?

Through the study of languages.

- You’ll be ready to work in another language. Whether you’re buying beef from Argentina, selling soya-beans in China or hobnobbing with fashion designers on the Champs-Elysees, you’ll be able to communicate and make deals with people all over the world.

- Learning a new language demands an intense involvement with people who aren’t exactly like you – understanding the way they talk and interact with one another, and process their problems. Bilinguals have the unique opportunity to communicate with a wider range of people in their personal and professional lives. Knowing the language makes you a local no matter where you are.

**BONUS:** People who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, enhanced concentration, ability to multitask and better listening skills.
Majors and Minors

MAJORS
African American studies
Archaeology
Classics
French and Francophone Studies
German
International Studies
Jewish Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Spanish

MINORS
Ancient Greek
Business Language
Minor in French
Business Language
Minor in Spanish
Classics
French
German
Latin
Middle Eastern and Islamic World Studies
Portuguese and Brazilian Studies
Spanish
Interdisciplinary Minors, Languages, Teacher Education Programs

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS
- African American Studies
- African Studies
- Archaeology
- Asian Studies
- British Studies
- Comparative Literature
- European Studies
- German Studies
- International Studies
- Italian Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Linguistics
- Russian Studies

LANGUAGES
- Ancient Greek
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- Classics (Latin)
- French
- German
- Spanish
Study Abroad Opportunities

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

• Participate in semester-long, summer or spring break programs. Semester-long programs are in Egypt, Cuba, Buenos Aires, Spain, France, Chile, Republic of Georgia

• Exchange programs with more than two dozen foreign universities

• Affiliate programs are with approved, third-party study-abroad organizations that provide our students with the opportunity to study a wide variety of subjects around the world. They can be for a semester, year or summer term.
Internships

SUMMER IN GERMANY:
• Students from disciplines as diverse as philosophy and physics, international business and biology, history and geology, spend one month in Berlin studying German and two months in an internship with an organization or company.

WITH AGENCIES THAT HAVE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS:
• Examples include: Department of State, Project Asante Sana (Tanzania), U.S. Embassy London, Water Missions International, Brookings Institution, Youth Advocate Program International, Charleston Sister Cities International, U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, and Department of Justice (Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section, and Mexican and Central American Affairs Unit)
Unique Opportunities

In addition to international study-abroad opportunities and international internships, students can have international, hands-on learning experiences without having to leave the College or the area.

• State-of-the-art international lab, which is the center of our “globally connected courses.” These courses include peer-to-peer projects with our international partners, as well as other forms of virtual exchanges.
• Students at the University of Santiago, Chile, are connected to classes at the College. This allows our students to have discussions and work on joint projects with Chilean students as part of their regular, every-day courses.
• Students have opportunities to work on service-learning projects with foreign nationals and international companies here.
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