

### Why study international relations?


- Multinational employers "look for graduates with a wide range of life skills that include awareness of other cultures and mastery of more than one language. They have migrated from being local recruiters for local jobs to being global recruiters for global jobs and careers and now seek employees that are able to work throughout the world, as required."

Testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services (2000)

### So, how can I gain these skills?

- I will give you a few tips this semester.
- In general, seek to maximize your global engagement in as many ways as possible.

Tip #1



### Conversation Circles

- Organized by CELCIS (WMU's English as a second language program for non-native speakers).
- Students studying English seek practice with native speakers (i.e., most of you).
- No prep required. Show up and talk about...
- ...whatever. Music. Movies. Food. Family. Customs. Classes. (etc. and etc.)

### Conversation Circles

- Benefits for CELCIS students: practice in English and learning about the US.
- Benefits for you: learning how to communicate with people who are not like the people you grew up with.
  - i.e., you will gain cross-cultural communication skills.
- Also: resume-building.
- Also: helping others.

### Conversation Circles

Spring Schedule:

Mondays	2 to 3 pm	4th Floor Ellsworth Hall, CELCIS reception area
Tuesdays	2 to 3 pm	Bronco Global Lounge (Bernhard Center)
Wednesdays	2 to 3 pm	4th Floor Ellsworth Hall, CELCIS reception area
Thursdays (women only)	2 to 3 pm	Bronco Global Lounge (Bernhard Center)