

Gaining International and Cross-Cultural Experience Inexpensively

Gaining international and cross-cultural experience is valuable for occupying a leadership role. Learning to relate comfortably with people from different cultures alone is useful. Acquiring international and cross-cultural experience can be time consuming and quite expensive, such as spending three months in another country. Organize into brainstorming groups of about five people to identify ways in which class members can acquire international and cross-cultural experience inexpensively, or at no cost. (One student doing this exercise said she would have breakfast at IHOP [International House of Pancakes] at least once a month!) After the groups have identified about six specific suggestions for gaining international and cross-cultural experience, share the results across groups.