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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

Skills

- Conflict Resolution
- Diplomacy
- Ethics
- Power Politics
- Foreign Language
- Policy Analysis
- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Problem Sensitivity
- Coordination
- Time Management
- Complex Problem Solving
- Judgment and Decision-Making

Knowledge

- International Law
- Transnational Forces
- Military Strategy
- Economic Development Strategies

- Human Rights
- Geography
- Foreign Language (Preferred)

Abilities

- Written & Oral Communication (Reports)
- Deductive Reasoning– Apply general rules to specific problems
- Close Attention to Detail
- Inductive Reasoning– Utilize specific details to form general rules
- Problem Sensitivity
- Networking– Form strong interpersonal relationships
- Obtain Updated Information

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POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (IS) CAREERS

- Archivist
- Demographer
- Diplomat
- Foreign Affairs Analyst
- Foreign Affairs Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Immigration Specialist
- Intelligence Specialist
- Journalist

- Language Specialist
- Humanitarian Relief Worker
- International Educator

Careers Requiring Advanced Degrees

- International Lawyer
- Professor of International Studies
- University International Student Advisor
- International Researcher

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TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- State/Federal Government
- Banks
- International Organizations
- Import/Export Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Travel Industry
- Business and Industry
- Public Relations Firms
- Peace Corps

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NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POSITIONS BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

Department of Homeland Security	42,844
Department of Defense	5,534
Department of Justice	4,585
Department of State	2,093
Office of Personnel Management	

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ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL STUDIES RESOURCES

- Foreign Service of the Department of State, www.state.gov
 - Federal Government Employment Opportunities, www.usajobs.gov
 - United Nations, www.un.org
 - World Trade Organization, www.wto.org
 - Peace Corps Employment Center, <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.former.carres>
 - University of Minnesota: Guide to Careers in International Relations, <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/gpa/globalnotes/2011/04/prof-zelizers-guide-to-careers-2.php>
 - Association of International Educators, www.nafsa.org
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RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (CLC 530)

- *Careers in International Affairs*
- *College Majors Handbook*
- *The Internship Series: Internships in International Relations 2011*