



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS

### SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

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#### Skills

- Conflict Resolution
- Diplomacy
- Ethics
- 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

- International Govt. and Politics
- 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
- Networking– Form strong interpersonal Relationships
- International Research
- Understanding of Global Diversity

### POTENTIAL CAREERS

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- 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

## TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

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

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POSITIONS BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

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Department of Homeland Security  
Department of Defense  
Department of Justice  
Department of State  
Office of Personnel Management  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- Foreign Service of the Department of State, [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)
- Federal Government Employment Opportunities, [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)
- [United Nations, www.un.org](http://www.un.org)
- World Trade Organization, [www.wto.org](http://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](http://www.nafsa.org)

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