What Can I Do With a Major in International Studies?

The International Studies major is designed to provide the student with an interdisciplinary approach to studying global issues that will contribute to a broadly based but critical understanding of our ever-changing global environment. Such an interdisciplinary approach will prepare the student to enter an increasingly interdependent and globalized world and effectively face the challenges that these developments bring to them as both an individual and a global citizen.

### Possible Career Options
(Some may require further education/specialization)

- Anthropologist
- Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Agent
- Campaign Worker
- Chamber of Commerce Manager
- Community Relations Manager
- Congressional Aide
- Cross Cultural Trainer
- Diplomat
- Editor
- Exporter/Importer
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Foreign Service Official
- Foreign Service Peacekeeping Specialist
- Government Intelligence Analyst
- Government Service Executive
- Government Worker
- Humanitarian Relief Worker
- Intelligence Specialist
- International Lawyer
- International Relations Specialist
- International Student Adviser
- International Trade Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer
- Legislator
- Librarian
- Library Consultant
- Lobbyist
- Military Officer
- Missionary Worker
- Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Political Consultant
- Politician
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Professor
- Public Affairs Coordinator
- Public Relations Specialist
- Radio/TV Announcer
- Researcher
- School Administrator
- Social and Community Service Managers
- Teacher
- Technical Espionage Intelligence Agent
- Travel Writer
- VISA Worker

### Types of Employers

**Private & Non-Profit Organizations**

- Advertising Agencies
- Archives
- Banks
- Book/Magazine Publishing Companies
- Civic Organizations
- Collection Agencies
- Community Arts Centers
- Community Organizations
- Consulting Firms
- Cultural Organizations
- Education Institutions
- Foundations
- Historic Sites/Historical Societies
- Insurance Companies
- International Publications
- International Visitors Councils
- Labor Unions
- Law Firms
- Libraries
- Museums
- Newspapers
- Political Organizations
- Professional Associations
- Public Interest Groups
- Public Relations Firms
- Radio/TV Companies
- Research Firms

**Government Agencies**

- Department of Commerce
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Embassies
- FBI/CIA
- Federal/State Congressional Offices
- General Accounting Office
- National Archives and Records Administration
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Park Service
- Peace Corps/AmeriCorp
- Political Parties
- Smithsonian Institution
- US Agency for International Development
- US Customs Service
- US Information Agency

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Experiential Education
Completing an internship with a local, state or federal government agency
Volunteering with a humanitarian service organization
Studying a foreign language of a country you hope to work with in the future
Taking part in a Study Abroad or Cross Cultural experience

Professional Associations
American Foreign Service Association, afsa.org
American Friends Service Committee, afsc.org
Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, apsia.org
Foreign Policy Association, fpa.org
International Studies Association, isanet.org
Young Professionals in Foreign Policy, yfpf.org

Enhancing Your Employability
Join relevant student organizations to develop leadership skills
Participate in internships and field experience placements
Participate in a study abroad experience
Become active in alumni and/or mentor networks
Plan on a graduate degree for advancement
Take part in mock interview opportunities

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