

# What Can I Do With a Major in International Studies?

**Sample Occupations:** The following listings are occupations you can pursue with a Degree in International Studies. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. There are many careers for which a Degree in International Studies prepares you. *Note that the occupations that require an advanced degree are also listed.* For help in identifying more information about the occupations listed below, please visit the Career Center at 259 Highsmith Union.

Archivist	International Banker	Political Scientist
Armed Forces Officer	Intelligence Specialist	Public Affairs Coordinator
Congressional Aide	International Banker	Public Relation Specialist
Cross Cultural Trainer	International Relations Specialist	Real Estate Agent
Customs Officer	Interpreter/Translator	Resettlement Counselor
Economist	Journalist/Reporter	Sales Representative
Demographer	Labor Relations Specialist	Securities Broker
Diplomat	Lawyer	Shipping Broker
Foreign Affairs Analyst	Legal Assistant	Study Abroad Counselor
Foreign Service Officer	Legislative Aide	Think Tank Strategist
Foreign Student Advisor	Lobbyist	Trade Specialist Research Assistant
Grant Writer	Market Research Analyst	Travel Agent
Historian	Newspaper/Magazine Journalist	Tutor/ Teacher
Humanitarian Relief Worker	Peace Corps/VISTA Worker	University Administrator
Immigration Specialist	Photographer	Volunteer Coordinator
Import/Export Coordinator	Political Party Organizer	Writer/ Author

## **Sample Work Settings**

Banks	International Law Firm	Private Foundations
Charitable Organizations	International Marketing Firms	Private, non-profit organizations
Consulting Firms	International Publications	Public/Private Schools
Convention and Visitors' Bureau	International Real Estate Firms	Public Relations Firms
Council on Foreign Relations	International Trade Firms	Publishing Companies
Domestic/Foreign Financial Institutions	Libraries	Research Institutions
Domestic/International Universities	Local Government	Political Campaign Headquarters
Foreign News Agencies	Multinational Corporations	Trade Unions
Government Departments/Embassies	Museums	Transportation Industry
Hospitality and Tourism Industry	Nonprofit/Volunteer Organizations	Travel Agencies
Import/Export Organizations	Organizations with International Clients	Universities
International Airlines	Political Campaign Headquarters	

## **Government Departments**

Agency for International Development	Department of State	Office of the Special Trade Comm
Armed Forces	Export/Import Bank	Peace Corps
Central Intelligence Agency	Federal Bureau of Investigation	United Nations
Civil Rights Commission	Foreign Agriculture Service	US Information Agency
Department of Commerce	Health and Human Services	Vista, Action
Department of Cultural Resources	Immigration and Naturalization	Voice of America
Department of Defense	International Trade Commission	World Health Organization
Department of Homeland Security	National Endowment for the Humanities	
Department of Justice	National Security Council (NSC)	

## **Professional Organizations**

Asia Society <http://www.asiasociety.org/>  
Council on Foreign Relations [www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org)  
European Community Studies Association (ECSA) <http://www.ecsanet.org/>  
International Studies Association <http://www.isanet.org/>  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/>  
Middle East Studies Association <http://www.mesa.arizona.edu/>

### **Professional Organizations (continued)**

The African Studies Association (ASA) <http://www.africanstudies.org/>

The American Institute of Iranian Studies <http://www.simorgh-aiis.org/>

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) <http://www.aasianst.org/>

Women's Caucus for International Studies (WCIS) <http://www.isanet.org/wcis/>

### **Internet Resources**

A Guide to Careers and Study of International Affairs [http://www.drake.edu/artsci/ir/ir\\_careers.html](http://www.drake.edu/artsci/ir/ir_careers.html)

American Foreign Policy - Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources [www2.eta.edu/vl/research.html](http://www2.eta.edu/vl/research.html)

Economics Departments, Institutes, and Research Centers in the World <http://edirc.repec.org/>

Federal Jobs [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

Jobs Abroad <http://www.jobsabroad.com>

JobWeb [www.jobweb.org](http://www.jobweb.org)

Museum Employment Resource Center [www.museum-employment.com](http://www.museum-employment.com)

Nonprofit Organizations [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org), [www.nonprofitcareer.com](http://www.nonprofitcareer.com), [www.ncnonprofits.org/](http://www.ncnonprofits.org/)

Opportunities Knock: Jobs that Change the World [www.opportunitynocs.org/](http://www.opportunitynocs.org/)

Overseas Jobs.com [www.overseasjobs.com](http://www.overseasjobs.com)

The Riley Guide <http://www.rileyguide.com>

Transitions Abroad Website <http://www.transitionsabroad.com/>

U.S. Department of State Careers <http://www.careers.state.gov/>

## **UNC Asheville Career Center Resources for International Studies Majors**

### **Career Exploration:**

101 Ways to Find an Overseas Job

Almanac of International Jobs and Careers

Barron's Guide to Homeland Security Careers

Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types

Careers For Good Samaritans and other Humanitarian Types

Federal Civil Service Jobs

Federal Jobs The Ultimate Guide

Government Job Finder

Great Jobs Abroad

Inside a US Embassy

International Jobs - Where They Are And How To Get Them

International Opportunities

Jobs and Career Abroad

Jobs Directory

Museum Jobs From A-Z

Newspaper Career Guide

Public Administration Career Directory

Public Relations Career Directory

Returning to Hong Kong

Study Abroad 2004

Teaching English Abroad

Ten Steps to a Federal Job

The Career Guide for Creative and Unconventional People

The Federal Resume Guidebook

The Great Adventure, Volunteer Stories of Life Overseas

Travel and Hospitality Career Directory

Vault Career Guide to International Careers

### **Job Search Resources:**

Find a Federal Job Fast

Finding Your Perfect Work

Government Job Finder

Job Search Handbook for People with Disabilities

Job Searching Online For Dummies

Professional's Job Finder

Targeting the Job You Want

Ten Steps to a Federal Job

The Book of U.S. Government Jobs

The Top 10 Fears of Job Seekers

Vault Guides; Schmoozing and Resume, Cover Letters, & Interviewing, and Starting Your Own Business

Who's Hiring Who?

### **Internship Opportunities:**

Americas Top 100 Internships

Directory of International Internships

Internship Handbook

The National Directory of Internships

Internship Success

Internships with America's Top Companies

Internships: Find the Right Internships for You

The Best 109 Internships

The Internship Bible

Vault Guide to Top Internships

