What Can I Do With A Major In…

**International Studies?**

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**Introduction**

The International Studies major is designed to provide a course of study with an international focus. Developing a broad appreciation for the wide range of international problems and influences is the focus of the interdisciplinary major in international relations which combines course work from political science, economics, history, sociology, anthropology and geography. Study of foreign languages is also encouraged.

**Functional Skill Set for International Studies Majors:**

- Critical thinking
- Decision-making
- Reading/writing another language
- Understanding cultural diversity
- Oral & written cultural diversity
- Interpretation problem-solving teamwork
- Communicating between cultures
- Creative thinking
- Foreign language knowledge
Related Career Titles for International Studies Majors

- Customs Officer
- Economist
- FBI Agent
- Foreign Affairs Analyst
- Foreign Affairs Specialist
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Foreign Language Occupations
- Foreign Service Officer
- Import/Export Coordinator
- Importer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Intelligence Specialist
- International Bank Trainee
- International Business Careers
- International Lawyer
- International Public Administrator
- International Relations Officer
- International Relations Professor
- International Trade Economist
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Labor Economist
- Labor Relations Consultant
- Language Instructor
- Language Specialist
- Legislative Correspondent
- Political Risk Analyst
- Political Scientist
- Social Science Manager
- Technical Information Officer
- Trade Specialist Research Asst.
- Translator
Some Organizations that Typically Employ International Studies Majors:

- Agency for International Development
- Armed Forces
- Banks
- Bureau of International Labor Affairs
- Business & Industrial Organizations
- CIA
- Cooperation Agency
- Cultural Organizations
- Customs Service
- Department of Commerce
- Department of State
- Educational Institutions
- Federal/State Government Agencies
- Hotels/Resorts
- Import/Export Organizations
- International Banks
- International Organizations
- Libraries
- Multinational firms
- Museums
- Newspapers/Journals/Radio/TV
- Non-profit/Service Organizations
- Peace Corps
- Public Relations Firms
- Publishing Firms
- Research Institutes
- Telecommunications Broadcasting Companies
- Transportation/Travel Organizations
- United Nations
- US Information Agency

Start a Strategic Plan:

Participate in Internships, Field Experience Placements and Day on the Job – Internships are somewhat difficult to find, working in the State Department and other government agencies are valuable experiences.

Knowledge of other foreign languages.
Career Planning Web Sites and Job Websites for International Studies:

American Marketing Association
www.marketingpower.com

International Advertising Association
www.iaaglobal.org

International Association of Business Communicators
www.iabc.com

Center for Strategic & International Studies
http://www.csis.org

Professional Organizations and Associations for International Studies Majors:

American Association of Exporters & Importers
30th Floor 11 W. 42nd St.
New York, NY 10036
http://www.aaei.org/

American Foreign Service Association
2101 E. St. NW
Washington DC 20037
http://www.afsa.org

American Society of International Executives
Temple University
334 Ritter Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19122

American Society of Interpreters
PO Box 5558
Washington DC 20016

Center for Study of Foreign Affairs
SA-3, Room 304, Foreign Service Institute
1400 Key Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22209

Civil Service Employees Association
PO Box 7125 Capitol Station
Albany, NY 12210
Commission on International Affairs
c/o Nat’l Assn of State Univ/Land Grant Colleges
1 Dupont Circle  Ste 710
Washington DC  20036

Federal International Trade Associations
1851 Alexander Bell Dr.
Reston, VA  22091

National Foreign Trade Council
1625 K St. NW, Suite 1090
Washington DC  20026

Miscellaneous Websites for International Studies

OverseasJobs.com
www.overseasjobs.com

Center for Strategic & International Studies
http://www.csis.org

USA Jobs
http://www.usajobs.opm.gov

Jobs and Adverts
http://www.jobsadverts.com/index.phtml

Monster International Job Search
http://international.monster.com or http://workabroad.monster.com

Peace Corps Employment Center
http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=pchqjobs

Job Source Network International Search
http://www.jobsourcenetwork.com/

Career.com International Jobs
http://www.career.com/