

# International Studies

## What can I do with this major?

OCCUPATIONS	EMPLOYERS	SKILLS TO DEVELOP
<p><b><u>GOVERNMENT</u></b></p> <p>Foreign Service Public Policy Research Intelligence Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services Program Administration</p>	<p>State Department US Foreign Service Commerce Department Federal agencies shaping nation's foreign policy State and Local Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain relevant experience in student government or other related organizations.</li> <li>Take the Foreign Service exam.</li> <li>Volunteer with the staff of a government official.</li> <li>Complete an internship with a government agency.</li> <li>Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.</li> <li>Plan on obtaining an advanced degree in international studies, political science or public administration for advancement.</li> <li>Supplement curriculum with business courses.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS</u></b></p>	<p>United Nations Various organizations (see internet resources below)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer with organizations of interest.</li> <li>Consider supplementing curriculum with relevant course work in anthropology, sociology, art history, or foreign languages.</li> <li>Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>LAW</u></b></p>	<p>Law firms Corporate legal departments Government agencies Public service agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend law school and earn a law degree to become an attorney.</li> <li>Obtain summer or part-time work in a law firm.</li> <li>Become skillful in debate and public speaking.</li> <li>Organize campus events, speakers, or political rallies.</li> <li>Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Administration Management Public Relations Fund Raising</p>	<p>Nonprofit organizations Foundations Special interest groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer with various nonprofit organizations of interest.</li> <li>Consider supplementing curriculum with relevant course work in anthropology, sociology, art history, or foreign languages.</li> <li>Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.</li> </ul>

## OCCUPATIONS

## EMPLOYERS

## SKILLS TO DEVELOP

### **EDUCATION**

Teaching  
Elementary, Middle, or Secondary  
Higher Education  
Community Education  
International Education (study abroad) Programs  
Curriculum Development

Libraries  
Private learning centers  
Public and private schools  
Colleges and universities

- Obtain appropriate state certification for public school teaching.
- Earn certification to teach multiple subjects/age groups for increased job opportunities.
- Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions; master's degree required for two-year colleges and a doctoral degree for four-year institutions.
- Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.
- Build strong relationships with professors, supervisors, or other community leaders for strong personal recommendations.
- Volunteer as a tutor.

### **BROADCASTING**

News Programming  
Production  
Foreign correspondent

News departments of local, public, and commercial radio and TV stations  
Syndicated radio services  
National, state, and regional radio networks

- Work on the on the Capital cable TV program Skyline Columbus.
- Find summer or part-time work with local commercial TV or radio station.
- Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.
- Volunteer with public TV or radio.
- Volunteer to announce local or campus sporting events.

### **JOURNALISM**

Editing  
Reporting  
Foreign correspondent

Newspapers  
Wire Services  
Magazines  
Internet Sites

- Work on the Chimes or yearbook
- Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.
- Find summer or part-time work with local newspaper or magazine.
- Create a portfolio of published writing samples
- Choose writing intensive coursework.
- Become proficient in desktop publishing and photography.

### **BUSINESS**

Finance  
Banking  
International Trade  
International Consulting

Financial institutions  
Nonprofit organizations  
Hotels  
Restaurants  
Large business corporations

- Consider an MBA for, consulting, and research opportunities.
- Secure leadership roles in campus organizations.
- Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences.
- Gain experience as financial officer or treasurer of a campus organization.
- Join student professional associations.
- Take basic business classes such as accounting and finance.
- Gain business experience through part-time jobs, summer work, and internships.
- Develop excellent computer skills. Learn to use software applications such as spreadsheets, databases, and word processing.

## **Strategies for Placement in International Studies**

- An undergraduate degree in international studies is good preparation for graduate or professional study in areas such as international affairs, law, or business.
- Research the pre-requisites of the area of interest and tailor program of study to meet curricular and skill needs.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are imperative for most careers related to politics or government.
- Become familiar with the government application process for opportunities in federal, state, or local government.
- Travel to a foreign country or study abroad in international exchange programs to learn different cultures.
- Develop foreign language skills.

## **Internet Resources:**

Foreign Service Careers: [www.careers.state.gov/specialist/roles/index.html](http://www.careers.state.gov/specialist/roles/index.html)

International Government Organizations: [www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/resource/internat/igo.html](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/resource/internat/igo.html)

Non Government Organizations: [docs.lib.duke.edu/igo/guides/ngo/](http://docs.lib.duke.edu/igo/guides/ngo/)