



What Can I Do with a Major in... International Studies

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Congressional Aide
Customs Officer
Economist
Foreign Service Officer
Historian
International Banker
International Business Specialist
International Trade Specialist
Interpreter/Translator
Labor Relations Specialist
Lawyer
Legal Assistant
Legislative Aide
Lobbyist
Market Research Analyst
Missionary
Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
Political Scientist
Public Relation Specialist
Researcher
Sales Representative
Securities Broker
Shipping Broker
Travel Agent
Tutor/Teacher
University Administrator
Writer/Author

Leadership/Management

- Identifying the critical issues and making decisions
- Initiating projects or ideas
- Analyzing the behavior of self and others
- Taking risks
- Identifying people who can contribute to the solutions of a problem or task
- Predicting and evaluating future trends and patterns

Communication/Writing Skills

- Comprehending written material
- Describing objects or events with a minimum of factual errors
- Listening objectively
- Understanding cultural perspectives

Research/Analytical Skills

- Analyzing and evaluating ideas and presentations from several perspectives
- Formulating questions to clarify a particular problem or issue
- Perceiving and defining cause and effect relationships
- Strong interest in learning about other cultures

Other Skills

- The ability to work in a self-directed manner
- Fluency in a foreign language
- Cross-cultural understandings

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Careers in International Affairs

International Job Finder

Jobs for People Who Love to Travel

Jobs for Travel Lovers

Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers

Teaching English Abroad

The Global Citizen: A Guide to Creating and International Life and Career

Work Abroad

Work Worldwide

Work Your Way Around the World

Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos175.htm (Translator)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos124.htm (Travel Agents)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealist.org

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

Council Exchanges

www.us.councilexchanges.org

Government Jobs

www.govtjobs.com

International Career Employment Center

www.internationaljobs.org

Overseas Job Network

www.overseasjobs.com

Peace Corps

www.peacecorps.gov

Spotlight on Careers

www.spotlightoncareers.org

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Foreign Service Association

www.afsa.org

American Translator's Association

www.atanet.org

Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs

www.cceia.org

Institute of International Education

www.iej.org

Institute of World Affairs

www.iwa.org

International Studies Association

www.isanet.org

Peace Corps.

www.peacecorps.gov

Travel Industry Association of America

www.tia.org

United States Department of State

www.state.gov

Hope Graduates in the International Studies World

2 nd Grade Teacher.....	The International School of Budapest
Agroforestry Vounteer—West Africa	Peace Corps
Ambassador.....	U.S. Department of State
Associate General Secretary.....	Hong Kong Council of the Church
Border Agent.....	U.S. Border Patrol
Chief, Policy Development Branch	United Nations Environment Program
Consultant.....	Costal Resources Management—Philippines
Correspondent	ABC News
Director; German, Austrian & Swiss Affairs.....	U.S. Department of State
External Colaborater.....	El Colegio de Mexico
Flight Attendant.....	Omni Air International
General Pharmacology.....	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma KG
Head of Public Relations.....	Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Immigration Inspector.....	US Immigration and Naturalization
International Adoption Specialist.....	Bethany Christian Services
International Economist.....	U.S. Treasury Office
International Marketing	Boston Scientific Corporation
International Settlements.....	JP Morgan Chase
Licensing Specialist.....	Microsoft Corporation—Russia
Missions Coordinator.....	North Park University
Municipal & Urban Management Coordinator.....	United Nations UN-HABITAT
Pastor/Missionary	Christian Associates International
Peace and Justice Programs	Catholic Relief Services
Petroleum Engineer	American Petrofina, Inc.
Professor.....	International College of Madrid
Senior Director for Relief, Stabilization, and Development	Special Assit. to the President of the United States
Senior Manager, Southeast Asia Regional Credit Risk Management	DaimlerChrysler Corporation
Social Worker.....	City of Edinburgh, Scotland
Staff—Operations Specialist.....	State Department—Central American Affairs
Trader.....	Bank of America-Japan
Translator.....	Micron USA
Translator.....	Sandoz Pharmaceutical
Vice President—Institutional Sales Training.....	Nomura Securities Singapore
Self-employed	