International Studies

What can I do with this degree...

International Studies represents the study of foreign affairs and global issues among states within the international system. The focus of this field is on topics such as war and peace, globalization and economic development, as well as domestic and international politics and economics.

Skills

Oral & Written Communication  Creative Thinking
Problem-solving, Teamwork  Planning Budgeting
Computer Literacy  Analytical Skills
Decision-making  Management (people and activities)
Reading/writing another language  Communication between cultures
Understanding cultural diversity  Critical Thinking

Sample Occupations

| Customs Inspector | Foreign Exchange Trader | Journalist |
| Economist | Immigrant Specialist | Interpreter/Translator |
| Editor | Importer/Purchasing Agent | Labor Economist |
| FBI/Secret Service | Intelligence Analyst | Language Specialist |
| Foreign Affairs Analyst | International Lawyer | Market Research Analyst |
| Political Risk Analyst | Political Scientist | Social Service Manager |

CAREER PATHS

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Government Agencies

These are agencies such as the Defense Department, Central Intelligence Agency, Homeland Security and National Security Agency.

...in Academia

With a doctorate one can teach, research, and write in a university setting or research and lecture within think-tanks.
...in The United Nations
Although a difficult career path to obtain, the United Nations are excellent opportunities for international studies for those students with strong language skills.

...in The Foreign Service
Those who pass the foreign service exam join the U.S. embassies abroad, the State Department, and the United States Information Agency.

...in International Business
Multinational corporations, businesses, and banks make up international business. A Masters of Business Administration (MBA) is encouraged for this career path and knowledge of culture and language of the international business is crucial.

...in International Law
International law is a competitive field concerned with whether the behavior of the governments corresponds with the international laws, and the behavior of international corporations.

...in The Peace Corps
The Peace Corps is a volunteer organization that sends Americans abroad to developing countries in political or economic turmoil, to help the people of other countries work toward economic and social development. Experiences in The Peace Corps are highly valued by employers hiring for international jobs.

Possible Work Settings

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RESOURCES

Professional Organizations

Foreign Policy Association  www.fpa.org
Planetrecruit.com  http://www.planetrecruit.com/channel.int
World Trade Organization  http://www.wto.org
World Economic Forum  http://www.weforum.org
American Foreign Service  www.asfa.org/
The International Executives Association  www.ieaweb.com
National Foreign Trade Council  www.nftc.org/
American Translators Association  www.nftc.org
Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy  www.imtd.org/

Job Search

Jobs 4 Cats  http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/
eDISCOVER  www.act.org/discover/login
Occupational Outlook Handbook  www.bls.gov/oco
O*NET  www.onetcenter.org
SIGI 3  http://www.sigi3.org/login.asp

Additional Resources

Enlace Career Resource Links  www.lanic.utexas.edu/enlace/resources
Foreign Affairs  www.foreignaffairs.org
U.S. Federal Government Agencies  www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/
USA Jobs  www.usajobs.opm.gov/

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