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
- Problem-Solving
- Teamwork
- Computer Literacy
- Decision-Making
- Reading/Writing Another Language
- Understanding Cultural Diversity
- Creative Thinking
- Planning Budgeting
- Analytical Skills
- Management (People and Activities)
- Communication Between Cultures
- Critical Thinking

Areas of Specialization
- Economy
- Law
- Government
- Education
- Media

Possible Work Settings
- Educational Institutions
- Federal and State Government Agencies
- Non-Governmental Agencies
- International Banks
- United Nations

Degrees Offered at Texas State
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Other Degrees and Certifications
- Master of Arts in International Studies
- Inter-American Studies Certification
- Southeast Asian Certification

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

Government Organizations
Sample Job Titles
- Social Service Manager
- Interpreter/Translator
- Customs Inspector
- Foreign Affairs Analyst
- Intelligence Analyst
- Labor Economist

Possible Work Settings
- Defense Department
- Homeland Security
- National Security Agency
- State Department
- U.S. Embassies Abroad
- United States Information Agency
- United Nations
- Bureau of International Labor Affairs
- Department of Commerce
Non-Government Organizations

Sample Job Titles
- Marker Research Analyst
- Immigrant Specialist
- Political Risk Analyst
- Volunteer

Possible Work Settings
- Health Services
- Advocacy Organizations
- Peace Corps
- Oxfam

Education

Sample Job Titles
- Professor
- Researcher
- Lecturer

Possible Work Settings
- Think-Tanks
- Colleges
- Universities
- Museums
- Libraries

International Business and Law

Sample Job Titles
- Importer/Purchasing Agent
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Economist
- Lawyer

Possible Work Settings
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Sample Job Titles
- Journalist
- Interpreter/Translator
- Editor

Possible Work Settings
- TV
- Radio
- Newspapers
- Journal

Resources

Student Organizations
- Sigma Iota Rho: Honors Society for International Studies students. [www.sigmaiotarho.org](http://www.sigmaiotarho.org/)
- Southeast Asian Association: Group that has events to promote diversity and reinforce content of classes related to the Southeast Asian Undergraduate certificate.

National Organizations
- Foreign Policy Association (FPA). [http://www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)
• National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC). http://www.nftc.org
• American Translators Association (ATA). http://www.atanet.org
• Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD). http://www.imtd.org

Job Search Sites

• Jobs 4 Cats. http://careerservices.txstate.edu/
• Occupational Outlook Handbook. www.bls.gov/oco
• O*Net. www.onetcenter.org

Career Library Resources

• Inside a U.S. Embassy Diplomacy at Work
  Shawn Dorman
• The Directory of Websites for International Jobs
  Ron and Carly Krannich
• International Job Finder Where the Jobs are Worldwide
  Daniel Lauber
• International Jobs Where They Are, How to Get Them
  Nina Segal

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• Career Services Texas State University: www.careerservices.txstate.edu
• Sigi3: http://www.sigi3.org
• University of North Carolina-Wilmington: www.uncw.edu/career
• University of Georgia: www.career.uga.edu/
• Florida State University: www.career.fsu.edu/