



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... International Studies?

The International Studies major provides a focused educational experience aimed at **familiarizing students** with the **key structural features and dynamics of the international system** and preparing them to enter the growing international job market. Jobs in virtually all sectors have acquired a decidedly international dimension, whether in **trade, tourism, finance, public policy, government, or education**. INS Graduates have moved on to the corporate world, the public sector, started their own businesses, or have continued their studies at the graduate level (i.e. Law, Business, and International Studies).

WHO HIRES INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS?

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| United Nations | US Foreign Service | US Peace Corps |
| National Security Council | USAID | Armed Services |
| FBI | Nonprofit/NGOs | International organizations |
| CIA | Defense contractors | Humanitarian organizations |
| VISTA/AmeriCorps | Multinational firms | Relief organizations |
| Teach for America | Consulting firms | Educational institutions |
| Religious organizations | International marketing, trade, and real estate firms | Overseas English language institutes and international schools and MANY more.... |
| Domestic and foreign corporations | Private voluntary organizations | |

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES: <http://online.onetcenter.org> <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES & SUGGESTED STRATEGIES:

International Business: Management – Human Resources – Labor Relations – Banking & Finance – Economics – International Development – Real Estate – Sales – Marketing – Product Management – Healthcare Administration – Agricultural Economics

International Relations/Government: International Law – Diplomacy – Foreign Affairs – Public Service – Institutional/Community Development

Nonprofit/Government: Human Services Provision – Public Health – Disaster/Disease Relief – Policy Development – Program Administration – Program Evaluation – Volunteer Coordination

Language Services/Education: Teaching – Curriculum Development – Interpreting – Translating – Research and Writing – International Student Support Services – Study Abroad Programming

Journalism: Foreign News Correspondence – International Broadcasting – Reporting – Editorial/Column Writing – Investigative Journalism – Research – Photography – Freelance Work

Suggested Strategies:

- 🌱 Learn at least **one additional language**
- 🌱 Spend a semester **studying abroad**
- 🌱 Obtain related **volunteer** or part-time experience.
- 🌱 **Research firms** with international interests.
- 🌱 Participate in an **international service learning** experience.
- 🌱 Plan to study abroad or participate in an international **internship/work experience**.
- 🌱 Develop a **network of professionals** who *share your interests* through informational interviewing.
- 🌱 **Earn** a relevant **graduate degree**, such as international diplomacy, international relations, or law.
- 🌱 Research certification options for **teaching abroad** (e.g., TEFL, TESL) – an excellent resource is “Teaching English Overseas” by Jeff Mohammed.
- 🌱 **Familiarize yourself** with the federal hiring process.
- 🌱 Research the **organization’s structure** and function.
- 🌱 Sharpen your **public speaking** and your intercultural communication skills.
- 🌱 Obtain experience with a **campus newspaper** or media.
- 🌱 **Create a portfolio** of writing samples.
- 🌱 **Join** a professional journalism organization.
- 🌱 Research some **international newspapers**.
- 🌱 **Gain** domestic teaching or tutoring **experience with intended population**.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE/ECONOMICS WEBSITES:

United Nations <http://www.un.org/>
World Trade Organization <http://www.wto.org/>
World Bank <http://www.worldbank.org/>
Center for International Private Enterprise <http://www.cipe.org/>
Center for Strategic and International Studies <http://www.csis.org/>
Council of the Americas <http://www.counciloftheamericas.org/>
International Trade Administration <http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/>
Export-Import Bank of the United States <http://www.exim.gov/>
World Economic Forum <http://www.weforum.org/en/index.htm>
United States International Trade Commission <http://www.usitc.gov/>
International Chamber of Commerce <http://www.iccwbo.org/>
Academy of International Business <http://aib.msu.edu/>
Euro Pages <http://www.europages.com/>
Foreign Policy Association Students Corner http://www.fpa.org/info-url_nocat2405/info-url_nocat.htm

EDUCATION WEBSITES:

Information/Advice on Teaching English Abroad <http://www.english-international.com/>
American Institute for Foreign Study <http://www.aifs.com/>
Fulbright Scholar Program <http://www.cies.org/>
The International Educator <http://www.tieonline.com/>
International School Services <http://www.iss.edu/>
Association of International Educators <http://www.nafsa.org/>
Council on International Educational Exchange <http://www.ciee.org/index.htm>
Teaching English Abroad <http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/bestwebsites.shtml>

HUMANITARIAN/VOLUNTEER WEBSITES:

Idealist.org <http://www.idealist.org/>
Public Citizen <http://www.citizen.org/trade/>
Cultural Survival <http://www.cs.org/>
Humanitarian Info.org <http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/>
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs <http://ochaonline.un.org/>
UNICEF <http://www.unicef.org/>
Amnesty International <http://www.amnestyusa.org/>
Voluntary Service Overseas <http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteering/>
Volunteers Abroad <http://www.volunteers-abroad.com/>
World Wide Volunteering: <http://www.worldwidevolunteering.org.uk/>
Save the Children <http://www.savethechildren.org/>
International Committee of the Red Cross: <http://www.icrc.org/>

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES:

USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government) www.usajobs.gov
Central Intelligence Agency <https://www.cia.gov/>
Defense Intelligence Agency <http://www.dia.mil/>
U.S. Department of State <http://www.state.gov/>
National Security Agency <http://www.nsa.gov/>
Peace Corps <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>
U.S. Agency for International Development <http://www.usaid.gov/>