



Career Brief

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



International Studies is the study of complex international issues and cultures which are shaping the changes in our global society. International Studies aims to prepare students to be responsible citizens by introducing them to issues of importance in an increasingly interdependent world of global dynamics in politics, economics, ideas, language, and culture. With a degree in International Studies, individuals are equipped for a wide range of career opportunities, in areas from government to education to international corporations and logistics. International Studies graduates are very valuable to companies that operate around the world because of the broad skill set that they acquire during their course of study including, but not limited to; analysis, research, writing, problem solving, and knowledge of other cultures and languages. The program requires students to take courses across disciplines such as: anthropology, economics, geography, history, modern languages, political science, religious studies, and business. A degree in International Studies allows students the flexibility to pursue a general curriculum or to emphasize cultural and literary perspectives or political, historical, and economic perspectives.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Communications & Media Specialist
- Communications Specialist
- Consultant
- Diplomat
- Director of International Programs
- Education Abroad Counselor
- Field Operations Coordinator
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Humanitarian Affairs Officer
- Immigration Officer
- International Finance Specialist
- International Lawyer
- International Marketing Specialist
- International Student Coordinator
- International Travel Risk Analyst
- Journalist
- Manager of Import/Export
- Non-Governmental Organization Leader
- Ombuds
- Peace Corps Mentor
- Personnel Manager
- Policy Officer
- Political Consultant Development
- Political Risk Analyst
- Politician
- Public Information Officer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Purchasing Agent
- School Administrator
- Travel Program Specialist

Some of these options require additional training and/or education.

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INTERNET RESOURCES

- Bilingual Jobs
- Foreign Policy Association
- Global Jobs
- GoinGlobal
- International Job Boards
- International Civil Service
- Latin American Professionals Network
- Jobs Overseas
- Planetrecruit.com
- United Nations
- USAjobs.com

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- American Foreign Service Association
- American Translators Association
- Americorps
- Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs
- Colorado International Trade Office
- Council on Foreign Relations
- Foreign Affairs
- International Civil Service Commission
- Institute of International Education
- International Studies Association
- Institute of World Affairs
- National Foreign Trade Council
- Teach for America
- World Economic Forum
- World Trade Organization
- World Trade Center Denver



NACE Career Competencies



Critical Thinking

Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems.

What problems do you care about solving?

What opportunities have you taken in the classroom setting to analyze and solve a problem?

Communications

Articulate thoughts clearly and effectively in written and oral forms to peers.

How do you prefer to communicate and what is your goal in doing so?

How can you keep improving the expression of your ideas either in written or in oral form?



Teamwork

Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and customers representing diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, religions, lifestyles, and viewpoints.

When on a team, what role do you normally take? How do you contribute to a team?

What are opportunities in the near future for you to collaborate with a classmate, coworker or friend?

Technology

Adapt to existing and new technologies to solve problems and accomplish goals.

How can technology add value to you as a professional?

What technologies would you like to practice more?



Leadership

Support others and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop individuals and teams.

What kind of environments/people/tasks get you to step-up and take charge?

Which of the following do you already have the most skill in to contribute to your peers and team?

A) Empathetic guidance, B) Motivating others, C) Organizing people and things, D) Prioritizing and delegating

Professionalism

Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits.

What is one thing you can do to set higher expectations for yourself?

How do you define professionalism and who can help you clarify it?



Career & Self Development

Articulate one's skills, strengths, and knowledge to form goals and grow as a professional.

What types of activities or experience have you taken on that relate to your major or career ideas?

How have previous jobs, internships, or volunteer experiences prepared you for a professional job?

Equity & Inclusion

Value and respect diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.

How have you worked with individuals from backgrounds different from yours?

What can you do to increase your knowledge of different cultures?

