International Studies

Marketable Skills

International Studies majors develop professional skills including:

- The ability to provide insightful policy analysis
- Strong writing skills and experience adapting content for different audiences
- Comfort leading intercultural communication
- Experience researching, analyzing, and presenting information
- Proficiency with various research methods and software tools
- Knowledge of a broad range of social, political, and economic issues and their stakeholders

Relevant Fields

- Advocacy
- Consulting
- Diplomacy
- Economics
- Education
- Foreign Service
- Government
- International Development
- Lobbying
- Multilateral Agencies
- Nonprofit Management
- Research

Sample Occupational Titles

Bachelor’s Degree:

- Consultant
- Development Officer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Journalist / Editor
- Policy Analyst
- Project / Program Coordinator
- Research Assistant
Print Resources

Find these titles and additional books, periodicals, and handouts in the Career Resource Library:

- **Realities of Foreign Service Life, Volume 2** edited by Melissa Brayer Hess, Patricia Linderman, and Marlene Manfiletto Nice
- **Working for Change: Making a Career in International Public Service** by Derick and Jennifer Brinkerhoff
- **Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development** by Sherry Mueller and Mark Overmann

Online Resources

Visit these websites and others listed in our School-Specific Resources:

- Cleared Jobs at [www.clearedjobs.net](http://www.clearedjobs.net)
- Foreign Policy Association at [www.fpa.org/jobs](http://www.fpa.org/jobs)
- International Jobs Center at [www.internationaljobs.org/hotjobs.html](http://www.internationaljobs.org/hotjobs.html)
- ReliefWeb at [www.reliefweb.int/rw/res.nsf/doc212?OpenForm](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/res.nsf/doc212?OpenForm)

Professional Associations

The following professional associations offer career-related information and job listings:

- The Center for Association Leadership at [www.asaecenter.org/career/careerhq.cfm](http://www.asaecenter.org/career/careerhq.cfm)
- Society for International Development at [www.sidw.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=65030&orgId=wdcsid](http://www.sidw.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=65030&orgId=wdcsid)
- The NonProfit Times at [www.careercenter.nptimes.com/search.cfm](http://www.careercenter.nptimes.com/search.cfm)
- World Affairs Council at [www.worldaffairsdc.org](http://www.worldaffairsdc.org)

Find more professional associations at American Society of Association Executives at [www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm](http://www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm)