

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, to name a few. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths**.

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly versatile set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **International Studies majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it requires you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. The top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey included:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize
- Problem-solving / Decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
 See situations from multiple international perspectives
 Incisively observe/analyze effects of politics & policy
 Produce well-balanced, persuasive writing
 Design and implement engaging presentations
 Conduct thorough, accurate, in-depth research
 Comprehend political & economic implications
 Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving
 Adeptly access vast range of informational resources
 Evaluate validity of information and resources
 Understand interplay between governmental and economic institutions
 Comprehend long-term trajectories
 Understand how to create consensus
 Compare/contrast complex political/social/economic situations
 Link abstract concepts to practical applications
 Analyze data for patterns, causes, and meaning

Identify issues and target them for improvement
 Understand complexities of international diplomacy
 Propose and support recommendations
 Simultaneously see big picture and details
 Engage intellectual curiosity
 Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
 Work well individually and on teams
 Understand & appreciate cultural diversity
 Conduct quantitative, qualitative, historical research
 Analyze interactions among political, economic, social, cultural factors
 Conduct comparative analyses of complex int'l issues
 Apply multidisciplinary perspective to international economic developments
 Understand fundamentals of global trade and economics
 Aware of global environmental issues
 And many more!

EXAMPLES OF JOBS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS

1. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES is required/preferred & job duties are directly related to your major (Entry-level)
2. INT'L STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE is required/preferred but some job duties not directly related (Entry-level)
3. INT'L ST isn't required or preferred but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-level)
4. Actual job titles that real UW International Studies graduates have secured
5. "Career Trajectory" positions (Int'l Studies jobs you might apply for one to several years after graduation)

1. INT'L STUDIES degree is *required/preferred* & primary duties directly relate to your major (Entry Level)

Foreign Policy Research Assistant (Brookings Institute)
Foreign Service Officer (US Department of State)
Policy Analyst, Security & Foreign Affairs (U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission)
International Trade Policy and Research Analyst (Bryant Christie)
Social Science Research Assistant (Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law)
Research Assistant - China Specialist (RAND Corporation)
Intelligence Analyst (UnitedHealth Group)
Threat Operations Center (NTOC) Threat Analyst (National Security Agency)
Education Program Officer (World Affairs Council of Northern California)
Targeting Analyst (CIA's Directorate of Intelligence)
India Chair/Middle East Chair-Interns (Center for Strategic and International Studies)
Latin American Regional Intern (Lutheran World Relief)
Proliferation Prevention Intern (Center for Strategic and International Studies)
National Security Outreach Assistant (RAND)
Research Assistant (Stanford University)
Defense Research Assistant Job (Booz Allen Hamilton)
Global Intelligence Intern - Americas Region (iJET International)
Policy/Program Analyst (Strategic Analysis, Inc.)
Intelligence Analyst (National Security Agency)
All-Source Analyst/Socio-Cultural Analysts (Strategic Systems Technology, Inc)
Research Analyst (The Camstoll Group)

2. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES / SOCIAL SCIENCE degree is required/preferred but some job responsibilities aren't directly related to International Studies (Entry-Level)

Advocacy Associate (Human Rights Watch)
Intelligence Officer (U.S. Navy)
Communications Coordinator for Global (Burness)
Equity & Development Intern (World Resources Institute)
Research Assistant/Analyst, Center for Universal Education (Brookings)
Associate Analyst (Moody's)
Communications & Outreach Associate (Rescue Social Change Group)
Logistics Specialist (Europ Assistance)
Immigration and Communication Specialist (University of Central Missouri)
News Organizer (RT America)
Visa Specialist (Worldstrides)
Program Coordinator, Membership (Council on Foreign Relations)
Intern (Oxfam America)
Foreign Exchange Analyst (MUFG)
Social Science Specialist (Department Of Veterans Affairs)

3. International Studies *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level):

Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute),	Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)
Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)	Asst Organizing Director (Work for Progress)
Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds)	Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)
Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners)	Immigration Assistant (Law Firm)
Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)	Executive Team Leader (Target)
Marketing Coordinator (Yext)	Marketing Assistant (University Enterprises)

Associate Account Strategist (Google)
Service Coordinator (Choice Program)
Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)
Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)
City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)
Pharmaceutical Representative (Publicis Solutions)

Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)
Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)
Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)
Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)

More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, FBI/CIA Agent

4. "Career Trajectory" positions (Int'l St jobs you might apply for one to several years after you graduate)

Humanitarian Affairs Officer (United Nations)
Lead Analyst - Security Intelligence (GE Corporate)
International Service Manager (The Scripps Research Institute)
Senior Associate Threat Intelligence Analyst (Discover Financial Services)
Legal Assistant (Creative Associates International)
Programs Specialist with Security Clearance (New Century U.S.)
Foreign Affairs Specialist (U.S. Department Of State)
Program Associate, Philippines Recovery Program (American Red Cross)
Foreign Affairs Officer (U.S. Department of State)
Public & Governmental Affairs-REG-Int'l Gov't Relations Advisor (ExxonMobile)
Intelligence Analyst 3 (Northrop Grumman)
Associate Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst (iSIGHT Security)
Administrative Investigator (Department of Defense)
Government Affairs & Environment Specialist (Dart Container)
Public Affairs Specialist (Association of American Medical Colleges)
Ocean Planning Outreach Manager (The Conservation Law Foundation)
Research Analyst (IMPAQ International)

5. Examples of real job titles that UW International Studies majors have secured shortly after graduation:

Foreign Service Officer	Consultant
Foreign Affairs Officer	Program Manager/Senior Program Manager
International Trade Specialist	Regional Director
Research Assistant	Political Analyst
Consular Specialist	Business Analyst
Peacebuilding Coordinator	Security Specialist
Project Manager	Web Developer
International Program Manager	International Consultant
Business Development Manager	Finance Manager
Special Projects Editor	Event Planner / Lead Event Planner
International Assignment Editor	English Language Teacher
Marketing Analyst	Research Leader
Foreign Exchange Specialist	Operations Coordinator
Financial Analyst	Recruiter-Talent Acquisition
Manager of International Issues	Director/Managing Director

These represent just a few examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!

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