

# Possible Careers and Continuing Education for Graduates of International Studies

## Graduate Programs and Related Fields

**International/Global Studies Programs** offer advanced degrees and provide students with subject matter that prepares them for careers in government, nonprofit organizations, and industry including:

- International Development
- Diplomacy and International Relations
- International Business Management
- International Law and Public Policy
- International Economics
- International Human Rights Law
- Cultural Diplomacy
- Tourism Management
- Conflict and Peace Studies
- Genocide Studies

**Programs and Fields Aligned with International Studies** offer students training in various professions that build off of the background of an IS degree. IS acts as a solid frame of reference for a range of specialties including:

- History
- Political Science
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Geography
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Law
- Economics
- Public Policy
- Urban Planning
- Archaeological Science
- Journalism
- Business

**Regional Studies Programs** allow students to hone their skills gained in a broad international and global studies degree by specializing in a specific region such as:

- European Studies
- Asia Pacific Studies
- African Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Scandinavian Studies
- Slavic/Eastern European Studies
- Australian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies
- South Asian Studies

## Language Services and Education

### **Higher Education Teaching**

Entails: Course instruction and preparation in the fields related to International Relations and consultation on projects in ones area of expertise at both public and private institutions. Further education may be necessary.

### **Higher Education Administration**

Entails: Analyzing long term trends in education and making decisions on where to take the school/department, selecting reading material and educators, and making budget and cost estimates. Further education may be necessary.

### **Adult Education and Continuing Education Programs**

Entails: Instruction in various institutions including both the public and private sector specifically geared towards nontraditional students. Courses range from basic knowledge of the international system to professional concerns involving critical thinking and techniques.

### **Translating/Interpreting**

Entails: Fluency in both English and a second language. Interpreters convert speech from one language to another, while translators work with written text. Work with various complex concepts in both the private and public sector.

### **Teaching English as a Second Language**

Entails: Travel to and residing in a foreign country to teach English to primary school children. Are not usually long term options and can be done through various government programs as well as non-governmental agencies. May require a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certificate.

## Private Nonprofit Organizations

### **Research Organizations**

Entails: Researching topics pertinent to the specific organization over a period of time. Usually include academic organizations, private think tanks, and research agencies.

### **Service Organizations**

Entails: Analysis and study of the impact of a philanthropic and nonprofit organization that performs charitable work through either direct hands-on efforts or raising money for other organizations. Involves coordinating volunteers and assessing the needs of the organization's target group.

### **Museums, Archives, and Research Institutions**

Entails: Management and execution of research and preservation of historical objects. Coordinates and promotes research and education through mediums outside of the classroom. Also manages records and acquisition of new objects.

### **International Associations and Societies**

Entails: Administrative duties coupled with examination of long term trends of a certain association and society. Making budgetary and financial decisions as well as promotion of international public interest in the association, and analyzing the impact of the group on a global scale.

## Public Agencies

### **Foreign Service of the United States**

Entails: Working with the United States State Department to advance US interests abroad as a Foreign Service Officer in embassies and consulates around the world. To be considered for the position one has to pass the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT).

### **Military Service**

Entails: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard service, usually in their fields of diplomacy and foreign policy. May serve as attachés; security assistance officers; political military operations, plans, and policy officers; political military intelligence staff officers; liaison officers to foreign military organizations; and service school instructors.

### **Multinational Organizations**

Entails: International agencies and organizations that the United States is involved in, including the United Nations and its subsequent bodies and organizations. Roles range from diplomats to interpreters to lobbyists, to name a few. Application of social, political, and economic understanding of the world and how to develop the international system further.

### **Judiciary and Regulative Agencies**

Entails: The creation and enforcement of laws whether that be domestically at the US Supreme Court, or internationally at the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court. May require further education including a law degree.

### **Legislative Bodies**

Entails: Research and analysis of policy effectiveness in tandem with writing and producing new policy. Bodies include the US Congress and Senate, as well as their staffs at the local, state, and federal levels.

### **Executive Branch**

Entails: Besides just the Presidential position, also includes cabinet positions, state, regional, and local executive departments and commissions. Creation of policy and analysis of intended performance, as well as preparation of current international and domestic issues and their relationship.

### **Public Safety and Emergency Management**

Entails: Analysis of urban development and disaster risk management techniques. Coordinates and engages with multiple government agencies and first responders in wake of disasters, and aims to create a safe environment for all citizens. Involves all state and local agencies involved in disaster management and civil service.

### **The Peace Corps**

Entails: Volunteering to work abroad for two years with governments, schools, non-profit organizations, and non-government organizations in fields such as education, business, information technology, agriculture, and the environment.

## Private Sector Corporations

### **Banking and Finance**

Entails: Conducting research on financial and political risks for commercial banks, development and reserve banks, and other financial planning institutions. Organizing and writing up international mergers and examining the global market's effect on the domestic market.

### **Journalism and Mass Media**

Entails: Copy and substance editing for various news outlets as well as audiovisual and digital production so as to present the news in an honest, ethical, and unbiased way. The main goal is to inform the general public of current events both domestically and internationally.

### **Public Relations**

Entails: Can work independently or within a firm to improve or protect the reputation of a multinational company or organization through the media. To analyze the organization, find the positive messages, and translate it into the international market, one must be cognizant of multiple international perspectives.

### **Marketing and Advertising**

Entails: Similar to Public Relations, but with Marketing and Advertising the focus is on the flow of goods from the producer to the consumer. Research is more heavily focused on analysis of markets and advertising history in specific regions and subregions of the world.

### **Business Administration**

Entails: Handling the operational, organizational, and managerial responsibilities of a multinational corporation. Make long term decisions after analyzing economic and financial trends of their company and the market as a whole. Job titles include chief executive officer, general manager, and operations manager. Additional education may be required.

### **Manufacturing**

Entails: Engaging multiple departments within a company that produces goods on a large scale by using machinery. Analyzing long term economic trends and their impact on international trade. Coordinating efficient shipment and freight forwarding while also balancing import and export law.

### **Law**

Entails: Investigating, evaluating, and defending people in litigation cases involving torture and abuse as a human rights lawyer. Research can include, studying human rights laws, both domestic and international, and interviewing clients and witnesses. Requires a Law Degree and further education to pass the Bar Exam.

### **Global Supply Chain Management**

Entails: Management of the flow of materials, information and capital in sourcing, production, inventory management and storage throughout a transnational companies' global network. Requires research on international trade and compliance with international law and norms.

### **Healthcare Administration**

Entails: Engaging with nonprofit and nongovernmental organization healthcare groups to lead healthcare systems and hospitals on a global scale. Working with healthcare professionals on the ground to ensure that patients are receiving the care necessary and safe depending on their immediate dangers.

## Private Individual or Small Firms

### **Consulting Services**

Entails: Can be an individual or small consulting firm contract with various businesses and public agencies in which one researches and prepares information reports. Records management and formal suggestions on topics ranging from the International System to domestic politics depending on where the individual is hired.

### **Publishing and Writing**

Entails: Writing either fiction or nonfiction articles and books for a small firm or on an individual basis. Can also include copy editing and substance editing.

### **Lecturing**

Entails: At the University level it involves teaching, research and administrative duties within a specified subject area. On a broader scale in can include lecturing independently at conventions and other informational meetings around the world.