

What can I do with a major in...

International Affairs & Political Science

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

In the broadest sense, these disciplines study governments, and governing procedures, whether these "governments" are sovereign states, international entities or sub-units of political cultures. Political scientists study the manner in which people organize, administer, and operate their governing institutions. They investigate issues concerning international relations, the uses of power, and the rights and privileges of citizens. They also develop theories about political processes.

The interdisciplinary major in International Affairs is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of the contemporary international system as well as with specific expertise in a given geographic area and/or academic discipline.

Students with a bachelor's degree find employment as or with legislators, as business trainees, personnel assistants, and as investigators or research workers in government and industry. Graduate degrees are generally required for research, college teaching, or high-level administrative positions in this field.

The job titles and hiring institutions that follow are meant to give you an idea of the careers available to international affairs and political science majors, however many other possibilities also exist. You are encouraged to explore all career paths that interest you.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

Administrative officer (federal, state, county,
municipal)
Ambassador
Analyst
Anthropologist
Archivist
Budget analyst
Campaign manager/assistant
Chamber of Commerce executive
Community organizer
Congressional aide
Customs director
Defense contractor
Foreign service officer
Fundraiser
GAO evaluator
Import-export agent
Intelligence specialist
International relations specialist

Issue analyst
Lawyer
Legislative assistant
Lobbyist
Market research analyst
Peace Corps volunteer
Police officer
Political scientist
Program specialist
Public relations/affairs
Public policy specialist
Real estate agent/broker
Research assistant
Social scientists
Social service worker
Special agent (F.B.I.)
Staff aide
Survey researcher
Teacher
Writer/editor

REPRESENTATIVE HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Business corporations & industries
Chambers of Commerce
Colleges, schools, & educational institutions
Courts and correctional institutions
Government agencies:
 Agency for Internal Development
 Department of State
 Information Agency
Historical societies
Import-export companies
Interests groups
International banking institutions
Labor unions

Libraries
Magazines, newspapers & periodicals
Market research departments & firms
Multinational corporations
Nonprofit organizations
Professional and technical journals
Public relations firms
Radio/TV industry
Regional planning councils and associations
Think tanks
Trade associations & labor unions
Travel agencies
Social service agencies

WHERE DO UMW INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS GO?

EMPLOYERS/INTERNSHIP SITES

- Literacy AmeriCorps/Catholic Charities
- US Capitol Police
- Law Offices of Wesley G. Marshall
- U.S. Department of State
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- Campaign for Change
- U.S. House of Representatives
- U. S. Department of State, Bureau of South & Central Asian Affairs
- Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty
- Genocide Watch
- First Nations Development Institute
- The Israel Project

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- George Washington University, Master of Arts in Organizational Management or Master of Arts in International Affairs
- Syracuse University, Master of Arts in International Relations
- East Carolina University, Master of Public Administration in Environmental Policy Analysis
- Hollins University, Master of Arts, Liberal Studies; Concentration: Social Science
- Johns Hopkins University- Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Master's degree in International Relations
- Liberty University School of Law, Juris Doctor in Law
- London School of Economics, Master of Science in Government and Political Science
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Master of Public Administration
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Master of Public Administration or Master of Social Work
- Wake Forest, Master of Arts in Religion

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

1. American Political Science Association: www.apsanet.org
2. American Society for Public Administration: www.aspanet.org
3. International Studies Association: www.isanet.org
4. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM): www.appam.org/home.asp

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