WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... International Studies?

The International Studies major provides a focused educational experience aimed at familiarizing students with the key structural features and dynamics of the international system and preparing them to enter the growing international job market. Jobs in virtually all sectors have acquired a decidedly international dimension, whether in trade, tourism, finance, public policy, government, or education. INS Graduates have moved on to the corporate world, the public sector, started their own businesses, or have continued their studies at the graduate level (i.e. Law, Business, and International Studies).

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EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES:

http://online.onetcenter.org  http://www.bls.gov/oco/

EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES & SUGGESTED STRATEGIES:


International Relations/Government: International Law – Diplomacy – Foreign Affairs – Public Service – Institutional/Community Development


Suggested Strategies:

🔥 Learn at least one additional language
🔥 Spend a semester studying abroad
🔥 Obtain related volunteer or part-time experience.
🔥 Research firms with international interests.
🔥 Participate in an international service learning experience.
🔥 Plan to study abroad or participate in an international internship/work experience.
🔥 Develop a network of professionals who share your interests through informational interviewing.
🔥 Earn a relevant graduate degree, such as international diplomacy, international relations, or law.
🔥 Research certification options for teaching abroad (e.g., TEFL, TESL) – an excellent resource is “Teaching English Overseas” by Jeff Mohammed.
🔥 Familiarize yourself with the federal hiring process.
🔥 Research the organization’s structure and function.
🔥 Sharpen your public speaking and your intercultural communication skills.
🔥 Obtain experience with a campus newspaper or media.
🔥 Create a portfolio of writing samples.
🔥 Join a professional journalism organization.
🔥 Research some international newspapers.
🔥 Gain domestic teaching or tutoring experience with intended population.
INTERNATIONAL TRADE/ECONOMICS WEBSITES:

World Trade Organization http://www.wto.org/
Center for International Private Enterprise http://www.cipe.org/
Center for Strategic and International Studies http://www.csis.org/
Council of the Americas http://www.counciloftheamericas.org/
International Trade Administration http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/
Export-Import Bank of the United States http://www.exim.gov/
International Chamber of Commerce http://www.iccwbo.org/
Academy of International Business http://aib.msu.edu/
Euro Pages http://www.europages.com/
Foreign Policy Association Students Corner http://www.fpa.org/info-url_nocat2405/info-url_nocat.htm

HUMANITARIAN/VOLUNTEER WEBSITES:

Idealist.org http://www.idealista.org/
Public Citizen http://www.citizen.org/trade/
Cultural Survival http://www.cs.org/
Humanitarian Info.org http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs http://ochaonline.un.org/
UNICEF http://www.unicef.org/
Amnesty International http://www.amnestyusa.org/
Voluntary Service Overseas http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteering/
Volunteers Abroad http://www.volunteers-abroad.com/
World Wide Volunteering: http://www.worldwidevolunteering.org.uk/
Save the Children http://www.savethechildren.org/
International Committee of the Red Cross: http://www.icrc.org/

EDUCATION WEBSITES:

Information/Advice on Teaching English Abroad http://www/english-international.com/
American Institute for Foreign Study http://www.aifs.com/
Fulbright Scholar Program http://www.cies.org/
The International Educator http://www.tieonline.com/
International School Services http://www.iss.edu/
Association of International Educators http://www.nafsa.org/
Teaching English Abroad http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/bestwebsites.shtml

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES:

USA Jobs (official job site of the federal government) www.usajobs.gov
Central Intelligence Agency https://www.cia.gov/
Defense Intelligence Agency http://www.dia.mil/
U.S. Department of State http://www.state.gov/
National Security Agency http://www.nsa.gov/
Peace Corps http://www.peacecorps.gov/