



Career Options in

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Functional Concentration: Comparative Political, Economic, and Social Systems

Comparative Political, Economic, and Social Systems concentration allows international affairs students to gain understanding of different political, economic, and social systems of various nations. In addition, students are equipped with the understanding of how human and physical environment interact with political systems and how territories are organized. Graduating with this particular concentration often leads to careers in government relations/lobbying, Capitol Hill, consulting, foundations, international business, and nonprofit organizations. However, it is not uncommon for people in international affairs to move from one type of career to another, from government to professorship, for example. Globalization of economic, political, social and cultural activity has created new opportunities and challenges for tomorrow's leaders in international affairs.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of occupations related to this major. Specific requirements based on education level for each occupation may vary. For additional information and assistance, please speak with a Career Consultant.

Congressional/Legislative Aide
Customs Inspector
Diplomatic Officer
FBI/CIA Agent
Government Relations / Lobbyist
National Security Agent
International Business Consultant
United Nations Worker
Foreign News Correspondent

Capitol Hill Aide
Consultant
Diplomatic Aide
Foundations specialist
Lawyer
Nonprofit organizations manager
International Broadcaster
International Relations Specialist
Professor

SAMPLE WORK SETTINGS:

Colleges & Universities
United Nations
Business & Industry
Investment Firms

Foreign Service
Non-Profit Organizations
Public Relations Firms
Media

Government Agencies
Peace Corps
Travel Agencies
Import/Export Companies

RELATED MAJOR SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS:

Curiosity and creativity
Oral communication
Organizational skills
Speaking in groups
Evaluating results

Problem solving
Team-worker
People skills
Clarifying ideas
Gathering information

Flexibility
Foreign language
One-on-one interaction
Interpreting data
Assessing needs

SAMPLE GW RESOURCES

GW CAREER CENTER RESOURCES

GWork: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career>

Career Search: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/StudentsAlumni/careerdevelopment/CareerSearch/>

GW DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION: <http://www.gwu.edu/~elliott/>

SAMPLE WEBSITES:

Sample Career Planning Resources:

International Career Resources: <http://www.umich.edu/~icenter/swt/>

US International Trade Statistics: <http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/foreign-trade/www/>

Sample Job Search Resources:

Work Abroad Resources: <http://www.transabroad.com/frames/trwork.htm>

World Hire Online: <http://world.hire.com>

United Nations Jobs: <http://Jobs.un.org>

World Wide Employment Office: <http://www.employmentoffice.net/>

International Job Search: <http://international-job-search.com>

World Bank: <http://www.worldbank.org>

Idealist: <http://www.idealist.org>

International Affairs Professional Organizations & Associations:

The Federation of International Trade Organizations: <http://www.fita.org/>

The Office of Trade and Economic Analysis: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/tradestats/>

World Trade Organization: <http://www.wto.org/>

Amnesty International Homepage: <http://www.amnesty.org>

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development: <http://www.oecd.org/home/>

Council on Foreign Relations: <http://www.cfr.org/>

Sample Employers & Internships:

Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/>

Moving Ideas: <http://movingideas.org/>

Community Career Center: <http://nonprofitjobs.org>

Human Rights Resource Center: <http://www.hrusa.org/>

Human Rights Watch: <http://hrw.org/>

One World United States: <http://us.oneworld.net/>

Sample Foundations:

Kellogg Foundation: <http://www.WKKF.org>

Council on Foundations: <http://www.cof.org/>

Foundation Center: <http://fdncenter.org/>

Sample International Business:

International Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.iccwbo.org/>

US Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.uschamber.org>

American International Group: <http://www.aig.com/>

Sample Lobbying Firms:

BKSH & Associates: <http://www.bksh.com/>

Bose Public Affairs Group: <http://www.bosepublicaffairs.com>

Manatos & Manatos: <http://www.manatos.com>

Sample Law Firms:

Arnold & Porter: <http://www.arnoldporter.com/index.cfm>

McGuire Woods LLP: <http://www.mcguirewoods.com/>

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