



Career Options in **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS** Functional Concentration: Conflict and Security

Conflict and Security concentration allows international affairs students to gain understanding of basic human rights and their violation by different cultures, states, and organizations. In addition, students are equipped with the understanding of various approaches to peace and conflict resolutions. Graduating with this particular concentration often leads to careers in trade policy, human rights, intelligence, security, peace and conflict resolution. However, it is not uncommon for people in international affairs to move from one type of career to another, from business to nonprofit work, 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.

Diplomatic Officer
Foundations specialist
International Business Consultant
Foreign Travel Escort Officer
International Relations Specialist
Trade Policy Specialist

Diplomatic Aide
Nonprofit Organizations Manager
United Nations Worker
Human Rights Worker
Foreign News Correspondent
Peace and Conflict Resolution Specialist

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>

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

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

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

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

Idealist: <http://www.idealists.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/>

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation: <http://www.nato.int/>

Sample Employers & Internships:

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

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

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

Creative Associates International: <http://www.caii.com/>

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

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

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

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

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

Eldis: <http://www.eldis.org/conflict/>

Sample Intelligence Employers:

U.S. Intelligence Community: <http://www.intelligence.gov>

World Intelligence & Security Agencies (Intelligence Resource Program): <http://www.fas.org/irp>

Agency Access: <http://www.sagal.com/ajax>

Sample Human Rights, Peace and Conflict Resolution Organizations:

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

Carnegie Council on Ethics & International Affairs: <http://www.cceia.org/>

The Carter Center: <http://www.cartercenter.org/>

Peace Corps: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

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