Careers in International Affairs
An interdisciplinary field, International Affairs prepares students for a range of careers.

- Communications & Public Relations
- Business
- Development & Conflict Resolution
- Energy & Environment
- Education
- Human Rights & Law
- Science & Technology
- Security & Intelligence
You Say You Like...

• Tackling Big Problems (Poverty, Environment, Disease)
• Helping People (Call to Service)
• Travel, Culture, Language
• Politics and Government
• Debating and Arguing
• Playing a Role in Social Change
Putting Together Majors, Interests, Careers

• Area Studies + Environment = Climate Change Specialist
• Geography + Energy = Sustainable Transportation Coordinator
• Politics + Economics + History + Language = Country Officer
• Computer Science + Policy = Cybersecurity Fellow
• History + Business + Area Studies = Political Risk Analyst
• Development + Technology = Mobile Health Manager
• Communications + Policy = Public Diplomacy Coordinator
• Area Studies + Journalism = Human Rights Monitor
• Engineering + Development = Monitoring & Evaluation Expert
• Diplomacy + Economics = Trade Negotiator
• Human Rights + Education = Refugee Assistant
Career Options

What Do You Need?

- (International) Professional Experience
- Write Well, Speak Comfortably, Language Proficiency
- Analytical/Quant Technical
- Understand Project Management
- Build a Network
Career Options

Where Do You Get it?

- Internships
- Work Study

- Study Abroad Fellowships

- Coursework Publications

- Peace Corps
- AmeriCorps
- Volunteering

- Young Professionals’ Groups
- Professors / Alums
Career Options

Where Do You Get it – in a Pandemic?

- Remote Internships or Volunteering
- Local-Global Connections
- Write Blogs Research
- Freelance Projects Contract Work
- Online Meet-Ups Discussion Boards
Every application varies, but be prepared to provide:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Official transcripts from each institution
- Writing Samples
- References
How to structure a cover letter

opening paragraph: introduce you and the position you are applying for

- YOU
- ME
- WE
Prepare to Apply

Resume

- 1 page
- No spelling/grammar mistakes
- Reverse chronological order
- Bulleted list of relevant experiences and education
- Overview of relevant accomplishments
- Focus on details and numbers
- Clearly connects with job description
Other tips:

- Be prepared about the company
- Be prepared about the job position
- Be prepare about the interviewer
- Practice the interview
- Stay in contact with the company

Also very important....

- Shape your LinkedIn Profile
- Build your network (classmates, alumni, professors etc.)
Prepare to Apply

**Do**

- Request recommendations from people who know your work well
- Give your references explicit instructions
- Ask for standing letters of recommendation, as well as tailored content

**Don’t**

- Ask family or friends to write letters of recommendation
- Rely on famous names
- Make foolish mistakes
- Neglect to inform your references that they will be contacted
Stay engaged!

External Links:

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