

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES?

Majoring in International Studies (INST) at Western Carolina University provides you with a unique global perspective, and one that promotes an understanding of the different cultures, economies, and governments around the world.

With a degree in International Studies:

- *You can help safeguard national security, fight diseases that cross borders, and slow environmental degradation.
- *You can help businesses introduce their ideas and products to other countries.
- *You can use the international legal system to defend the rights of marginalized people across the globe.
- *You can build the capacity of students and organizations through international education and study abroad partnerships.
- *You can research and write about policies that affect the lives of all individuals.
- *You can help people in different countries communicate with each other by translating or engaging in cross-cultural training.

The table below contains a list of the most common International Studies-related careers (and this is certainly not an exhaustive list – these are just a few of your options!). Many of the careers listed below have entry-level positions available for individuals with an undergraduate degree, but please note that some of these careers also require an advanced degree.

For each type of career listed below, you'll find a suggestion as to the most appropriate concentration(s) to study within the major, as well as a suggested coordinate major of study here at WCU.

Industry/ Organization	Types of Careers	Suggested INST Concentration	Suggested Coordinate Major
Government	-Intelligence Analyst -U.S. Military Officer -Security Analyst -Immigration Officer -Asylum Officer -Defense Project Coordinator	Peace, Violence, and Security	-History -Political Science -Foreign Language
Law	-Attorney/Lawyer (specialty in international law, human rights law, or immigration law) -Paralegal	Global Governance, Human Rights, and Law	-History -Political Science -Sociology -Philosophy -Communication

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International Institutions Global Governance	-Diplomatic Official -Ambassador -Translator	Global Governance, Human Rights, and Law	-History -Political Science -Sociology -Philosophy -Foreign Language
Business	-Intercultural Trainer -Banker -Manager -Account Coordinator -Economic/Trade Analyst -Public Relations Specialist -Translator	Global Poverty and Economic Development	-Marketing -Management -Entrepreneurship -Communication
Universities/Education	-Study Abroad Coordinator -International Education Specialist -International Admissions Counselor -Student Advisor -Teaching English Overseas -Professor	Global Poverty and Economic Development Religions, Cultures, and Civilizations Regional Concentration	-Foreign Language -English (TESOL) -Education -Communication -Anthropology -Sociology -Political Science
Non-Profit Organizations Economic Development Environmental Sustainability Public Health	-Development Coordinator -Public Relations Specialist -Program Director/Coordinator -Fundraising -Advocate -Translator -Peace Corp Volunteer	Global Poverty and Economic Development Global Governance, Human Rights, and Law Regional Concentration	-Foreign Language -Entrepreneurship -Marketing -Communications -Political Science -Sociology -Social Work -Nursing -Environmental Science
Media Policy Research Travel/Tourism	-Journalist -Researcher -Editor -Hotel Manager -Foreign Correspondent	Regional Concentration Religions, Cultures, and Civilizations	-Communication -Political Science -Hospitality and Tourism -Sociology
Historical Preservation	-Museum Curator -Archivist -Cultural Anthropologist	Regional Concentration Religions, Cultures, and Civilizations	-Anthropology -History