

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**What is International Relations?** (from <http://www.albright.edu/catalog/polysci.html>)

“The interdisciplinary concentration in international relations gives students the tools they need to understand and evaluate relationships among nations, states and people as these are affected by conflict, globalization, health, climate changes and other challenges. Students contemplating careers in government, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, intelligence, international business, international law and diplomacy should consider this concentration.”

**What are the career opportunities for an International Relations co-concentrator?**

**Related Career Titles** (Some may require education beyond bachelor's degree)

Community Relations Director	Diplomatic Officer	United Nations Worker
Security Adviser	Foreign Services Officer	Teacher/Instructor/Professor
Legislative Aide	Customs Inspector	FBI/CIA Agent
International Lawyer	Legislative Correspondent	Foreign Travel Escort
Interpreter/Translator	International Relations Officer	Intelligence Research Specialist
International Account Executive	International Media Planner	International Restaurant Manager
International Bank Manager	International Stock Broker	International Job Analyst
International Consultant	International Purchasing Agent	International Travel Agent
International Real Estate Agent/Broker	International Financial Analyst	International Quality Control Auditor
International Commodities Trader	International Bookkeeper	International Economist
International Finance Writer	International CEO	International Appraiser
International Loan Officer	International Sales Analyst	Foreign Exchange Trader
International Account Representative	International Advertising Executive	International Marketing Specialist
International Correspondent	Import/Export Coordinator	Foreign Affairs Analyst
International Financial Planner	International Buyer	International Product Manager

## Some Employers of International Relations Majors

- State/federal government
- Banks
- International organizations
- Import/export organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Travel industry
- Business and industry

## How do you get ready?

- Serve internships with government agencies or officials.
- Join student or local political organizations.
- Become familiar with current events in the world.
- Earn leadership positions on campus.
- Combine concentration in education and acquire teaching certification if goal is work in educational field.
- Practice language skills by conversing with native speakers.
- Consider co-concentration in communications and gain experience working with radio or print media within local media industries.
- Pursue graduate degree
- Learn about current trends and hot topics in international relations.
- Demonstrate intercultural competency, sensitivity and tolerance.
- Gain experience in communications with people from other countries. Get to know international students on your campus.
- Live and/or work abroad while in school.
- Commit to a continuous study of host country's language
- Develop a good understanding of etiquette and business practices in country of target.
- Obtain daily papers in target city to determine international and national news, business features, real estate markets and community calendars.
- Develop traits such as creativity, initiative, tenacity, a willingness to take risks, an adventurous spirit, and a sense of humor.

## Related Major Skills

Oral & written communication	Organizational numerical analysis
Interpretation problem-solving teamwork	Marketing
Computer literacy	Creative thinking
Critical thinking	Planning and budgeting
Decision making	Analytical skills
Time management	Management (people and activities)
Reading/writing another language	Work independently and on a team
Understanding cultural diversity	Public speaking
Communicating between cultures	Problem-solving ability
Active listening skills	Strong work ethic

## What about the future?

For specific job outlook information, refer to [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco).

## Available at Albright College Career Development Center's Resource Library

- Careers for Born Leaders and Other Decisive Types, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Courageous People and Other Adventurous Types, by Jan Goldberg
- Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types, by H. Ned Seelye and J. Laurence Day
- Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Patriotic Types and Others Who Want to Serve Their Country, by Jan Goldberg
- Careers for Talkative Types and Others with the Gift of Gab, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Travel Buffs and Other Restless Types, by Paul Plawin
- Opportunities in Federal Government Careers, by Neale Baxter
- Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers, by Wilma M. Rivers
- Opportunities in International Business Careers, by Jeffrey S. Arpan
- Opportunities in Overseas Careers, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in State and Local Government Careers, by Neale Baxter
- Opportunities in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Travel Careers, by Robert Scott Milne and Marguerite Backhausen

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Links found at <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/index.htm>

### Job and Internship Search Links

- OverseasJobs.com <http://www.overseasjobs.com>
- Top Language Jobs <http://www.toplanguagejobs.co.uk/>
- Escape Artist: overseas jobs index <http://www.escapeartist.com/jobs/overseas1.htm>
- JobSite - UK <http://www.jobsite.co.uk>
- CDS International (international exchange and professional development programs in Argentina, Germany, Russia, Spain) <http://www.cdsintl.org>
- Job search Website targeted to Africa <http://www.kazinow.com>
- Bloomberg: International Sites, Careers and Find a Job <http://about.bloomberg.com/careers/index.html>
- JobPilot (Europe), <http://www.jobpilot.net>
- Overseas Recruitment, <http://www.overseas-recruitment.com>
- International Jobs Center, <http://www.internationaljobs.org>

### Career Planning Links

- Going Global <http://www.goinglobal.com/>
- Living Abroad <http://www.livingabroad.com>
- International Job Resources [http://www.duke.edu/~lpmaskel/intl\\_jobs.html](http://www.duke.edu/~lpmaskel/intl_jobs.html)

- InterSol: International Business Links [http://www.intersolinc.com/links/business\\_links.htm](http://www.intersolinc.com/links/business_links.htm)

### **Professional Associations Links**

- American Marketing Association <http://www.marketingpower.com>
- American Political Science Association <http://www.apsanet.org>
- International Advertising Association <http://www.iaaglobal.org>
- International Association of Business Communicators <http://www.iabc.com>
- International Association for Business and Society <http://www.iabs.net/>
- The Federation of International Trade Associations <http://fita.org/>
- Foreign Policy Association <http://www.fpa.org>
- World Trade Organization <http://www.wto.org>
- World Economic Forum <http://www.weforum.org>
- World Bank Group <http://www.worldbank.org>
- Idealist: International Nonprofit Information <http://www.idealist.org>
- United States International Trade Commission <http://www.usitc.gov>
- International Bureau of Chambers of Commerce <http://www.iccwbo.org/>
- The International Trade Administration <http://www.ita.doc.gov>

### **Miscellaneous**

- Major International Newspapers <http://www.inkpot.com/news/majint.html>
- Journal of Commerce Online: major international newspaper (searchable) <http://www.joc.com>
- CBS Market Watch: worldwide financial news  
<http://cbs.marketwatch.com/news/newsroom.htx>
- Academy of International Business <http://www.aibworld.net>
- Europages: The European Business Directory <http://www.europages.com>
- United Nations International Computing Center <http://www.unicc.org>
- IMEX Exchange - Internet International Business Exchange <http://www.imex.com>
- Languages of the World <http://www.nvtc.gov/lotw/index.html>
- The Electronic Embassy <http://www.embassy.org/>
- United Nations <http://www.un.org>
- National Capital Language Resource Center <http://www.cal.org>
- Global Peace and Security Resources, <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/global/global.html>
- Global Service Corps, <http://www.globalservicecorps.org>
- International Affairs Resources, <http://www2.etown.edu/vl/>
- NGO Global Network, <http://www.ngo.org/index2.htm>
- Rotary International, <http://www.rotary.org/foundation>
- The Peace Corps, <http://www.peacecorps.gov>
- Union of International Associations, <http://www.uia.org>
- YMCA International, <http://www.ymca.net/international>