



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

What is International Relations? (from <http://www.albright.edu/IR/index.html>)

“Today’s world is increasingly interdependent. The interdisciplinary co-concentration in international relations at Albright College provides students with the tools they need to understand, evaluate, and meet the challenges of the 21st century, including conflict, globalization, disease, and climate change. This co-concentration is vital to developing a foundation for success in a range of fields, including public service, business, the nonprofit sector, education and law.”

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 major in education and acquire teaching certification if goal is work in educational field.
- Practice language skills by conversing with native speakers.
- Consider a major 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/ooh

“More than half of all political scientists are employed by the federal government. Political scientists will continue to be needed in government to assess the impact of government policies, such as the efficiencies of public services, effects of departmental cuts, and advantages of proposed improvements. However, efforts to cut spending are expected to result in a decline in federal government employment, adversely impacting employment of political scientists.

Political organizations, lobbying firms, and many nonprofit, labor, and social organizations rely on the knowledge of political scientists to manage complicated legal and regulatory issues and policies. Political scientists will be needed at research and policy organizations to focus specifically on politics and political theory. Organizations that research or advocate for specific causes, such as immigration, healthcare, or the environment, also need political scientists to analyze policies relating to their field.”

Available at Albright College Career Development’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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Job and Internship Search Links

- OverseasJobs.com <http://www.overseasjobs.com>
- Job search Website targeted to Africa <http://www.kazinow.com>
- USA JOBS, <http://www.usajobs.gov>
- Foreign Affairs Job Board, <http://jobs.foreignaffairs.com/>
- Jobaroo (Australia) <Http://www.jobaroo.com>

Career Planning Links

- Going Global <http://www.goingglobal.com/>
- Living Abroad <http://www.livingabroad.com>

Professional Associations Links

- American Political Science Association <http://www.apsanet.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>
- 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>
- International Studies Association, <http://www.isanet.org/>

Miscellaneous

- Journal of Commerce Online: <http://www.joc.com>
- Academy of International Business <http://www.aibworld.net>
- The Electronic Embassy <http://www.embassy.org/>
- United Nations <http://www.un.org>
- Center for Applied Linguistics <http://www.cal.org>
- Global Service Corps, <http://www.globalservicecorps.org>
- International Affairs Resources, <http://www2.eta.edu/vl/>
- Rotary International, <http://www.rotary.org/foundation>
- The Peace Corps, <http://www.peacecorps.gov>
- Union of International Associations, <http://www.uia.org>
- Peace and Collaborative Development Network, <https://pcdnetwork.org/>