

International Studies, BA

Career Advancement

The flexible structure of the international studies major allows students to tailor the degree to fit a wide range of academic interests and career goals. International studies is an ideal complement to a variety of academic degree programs and many students combine the international studies major with another major such as in world languages, business, journalism, health sciences, or the arts.

International studies alumni find employment in a range of career sectors such as education, nonprofit/nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), business, government, and translation/interpreting.

Specific examples of organizations where recent graduates have found post-graduation opportunities include Doctors without Borders (New York City, New York), the International Visitor Leadership Program/U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.), Coyote Logistics (Chicago, Illinois), Peace Corps (Cambodia and Uganda), American Councils for International Education (Washington, D.C.), CET Study Abroad Programs (Greece), RefugeeRISE AmeriCorps (Des Moines and Iowa City, Iowa), Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (Japan), The Bold Italic (San Francisco, California), and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (Austin, Texas).

International studies graduates also have used their cross-cultural, interdisciplinary education to win prestigious awards such as the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (Czech Republic, Taiwan, Brazil, Russia), the Gilman Scholarship, the Stanley Undergraduate Award for International Research, the Princeton in Latin America Fellowship, and the Critical Language Scholarship.

Additionally, the international studies major is excellent preparation for graduate and professional programs in law, international development, medicine, nonprofit management, higher education, public health, and urban and regional planning.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.