

## **International Affairs Major Overview:**

The International Affairs major focuses on the study of global politics, economics, and international relations. Students explore key topics such as diplomacy, international law, security studies, human rights, and global development. The program emphasizes understanding the complex interactions between countries, international organizations, and non-governmental actors. Graduates are equipped with analytical, research, and communication skills, preparing them for careers in government, international organizations, business, and nonprofit sectors, where they can work on global challenges and foster international cooperation.

## **Typical Industry Sectors:**

1. Government and Diplomacy
2. International Organizations (e.g., United Nations, World Bank)
3. Nonprofit and Advocacy Organizations
4. International Business and Trade
5. Intelligence and National Security

## **10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:**

1. Foreign Service Officer
2. International Relations Assistant
3. Policy Analyst
4. International Trade Specialist
5. Research Assistant (International Affairs)
6. Program Officer (NGO or International Organization)
7. Diplomatic Relations Coordinator
8. Intelligence Analyst
9. International Development Assistant
10. Economic Advisor (International Focus)

## **5 Hard Skills:**

1. Knowledge of International Law and Relations
2. Data Analysis and Research Techniques
3. Foreign Language Proficiency
4. Geopolitical Analysis
5. Report Writing and Policy Analysis

## **5 Soft Skills:**

1. Communication
2. Critical Thinking
3. Problem-solving

4. Cultural Awareness
5. Negotiation

**Additional Training or Certifications:**

While a degree in International Affairs provides strong foundational knowledge, certifications in international relations (e.g., Certified Global Business Professional) or specific regions (e.g., Middle Eastern Studies, Asian Studies) can enhance career prospects. Foreign language proficiency is highly valued in this field, and further education (e.g., a Master's in International Relations or Diplomacy) may be necessary for advanced roles, especially in policy analysis or international law.

**Student and National Organizations:**

1. [International Studies Association \(ISA\)](#)
2. [United Nations Association \(UNA-USA\)](#)
3. [Model United Nations \(MUN\)](#)
4. [The Foreign Service Institute \(FSI\)](#)
5. [The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#)