HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
academic & career ADVISING CENTER

Career Guide: International Studies

International Studies is an interdisciplinary Program that brings together the strengths of faculty from across the university to examine the major issues of the contemporary world, combined with language skills and a study abroad experience. The International Studies Program provides a flexible and balanced combination between classroom instruction and direct contact with the regions and cultures of interest.

When you leave Humboldt State, you'll be ready to pursue a career in the United States or abroad; from diplomacy and foreign relations through international business, journalism and teaching to international development and nongovernmental organizations.

This program also provides a basic foundation for further graduate work and scholarship in the growing field of International Studies.

Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Customs Officer/Inspector
- ESL/EFL Teacher
- Immigration Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat
- Intelligence Specialist
- Intelligence Analyst
- International Lawyer
- NGO Administrator/Director
- Interpreter/Translator
- Language Specialists
- International Relations Officer
- Journalist/Correspondent
- Travel Agent
- Travel Writer
- Policy Analyst
- Public Relations
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- FBI,CIA,DHS
- Business Consultant
- International Sales
- Community Organizer
- Social Services
- Bilingual Customer Service
- Marketing Specialists
- Community Development
- Human Resources
- Economic Analyst
- Market Researcher/Analyst
- Intercultural Comm. Specialist
- Community Outreach

Possible Employers

Private:

Cultural Organizations
Libraries, Museums
NGO's, Non-profits
Newspapers, Online News Outlets
Publishing Firms
Telecommunications, Broadcasting
Multinational Firms
International Banks
Hotels/Resorts/Entertainment
Travel Agencies
Consulting Firms
Political Organizations

Federal Agencies:

Department of State
U.S. Agency for International Dev.
U.S. Armed Forces
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
FBI, CIA, DHS, Secret Service
AmeriCorps
National Security Council
Peace Corps
U.S. Information Agency
U.S. Department of Commerce
Consumer Protection Agency

International Government:

United Nations
International Trade Commission
World Trade Organization

State, County & Local Agencies:

Social Service Agencies
Information/Public Relations Offices
Community Development Departments
Housing Depts and Commissions
Labor Departments
Office of Education
Public Health
Parks & Recreation
Libraries/Visitor & Convention Centers
Law Enforcement
Human Resources
Offices of Elected Officials
Courts and Legal Departments
Administrative Offices
Community Outreach Programs

A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for, According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers,** those skills and abilities are:

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

Marketable Skills In Your Major

Multi-Disciplinary Perspective

- Background in Language, Culture, Political Science, Globalization, Economics, Communications

International Experience

- Experience navigating long term travel arrangements
- Experience learning and interacting in a new culture
- Experience with foreign language in host country.
- Widened perspective

Cross-Cultural Understanding

- Diverse Historical, Econ.& Political understanding
- Ability to research international history, politics and cultural norms.
- Cross Cultural communications
- Unique experience in understanding diversity
- Broad understanding of global issues
- Ability to research and communicate broad issues in written form and presentations

Academic and Career Advising Center Services

Drop-In hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm : Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

▪ Job Search Basics ▪ Basic DARS Review ▪ Quick Resume Review ▪ Declaring a Major/Major Change
▪ Adding a Minor ▪ Navigating HSU Handshake ▪ How to Use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Cover Letter Review

Academic and Career Advisors (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)
Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

▪ Academic Planning ▪ Full-time Job Search ▪ DARS Questions
▪ 4- Year Plans ▪ Major Change Advising ▪ GE Information
▪ Internship Search ▪ Federal Work Study ▪ Mock Interview
▪ Volunteer Opportunities ▪ Career Assessment ▪ Adding a Second Major
▪ Graduate School Application ▪ How to use DARS Degree Planner ▪Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
▪ Personal Statement

HSU Handshake (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

Events and Workshops (Contact us for more information!)

▪ Part-time Job Fair - *August*
▪ Graduate and Professional School Fair - *September*
▪ Internship Week - *February*
▪ Career & Volunteer Expo - *February*
▪ *Ready, Set, Register!* Semester Bulletin - *Fall/ Spring*
▪ Educator Fair - *March*
▪ How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - *March*
▪ How to Find an Internship Workshop - *On-Going*
▪ Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - *On-going*
▪ Research Graduate Schools Workshop - *February*
▪ Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - *Fall*
▪ How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - *Spring*

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?
▪ Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.