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)

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

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

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

“Employment of political scientists is projected to grow 21 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. However, because it is a small occupation, the fast growth will result in only about 1,400 new jobs over the 10-year period.”
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
- Jobaroo (Australia) Http://www.jobaroo.com
- Idealist.org www.idealista.org

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
Idealist: http://www.idealist.org
International Bureau of Chambers of Commerce http://www.iccwbo.org/
The International Trade Administration http://www.ita.doc.gov

Miscellaneous

Journal of Commerce Online: http://www.joc.com
Academy of International Business http://www.aibworld.net
The Electronic Embassy http://www.embassy.org/
Center for Applied Linguistics http://www.cal.org
Global Service Corps, http://www.globalservicecorps.org
International Affairs Resources, http://www2.etown.edu/vl/
Union of International Associations, http://www.uia.org