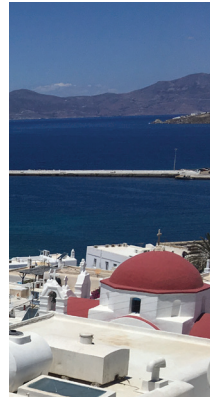


INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?



“The tools International Studies gave me to facilitate communication between different points of view have been invaluable.”

— **Aaron Schaub**
U.S. Head of Information Security
Hikma Pharmaceuticals

A major in international studies helps students develop transferable skills that are valued by employers. These skills include analysis, research, writing, problem solving, and knowledge of other cultures and languages. International studies graduates benefit from the interdisciplinary approach that combines the lenses of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences to understand and navigate international and global connections.

The study abroad and language requirements for the degree add an important experiential component and further enhance the student’s global awareness. Internships are also invaluable for providing valuable work experience. Because international studies majors have an in-depth knowledge of world affairs, politics, economics, culture, geography, the major doesn’t provide entry into a specific occupation. Instead, international studies majors may find employment in business, government, nonprofits, social services, consulting firms, and educational institutions depending on their skills, interests and experience.

Some of the possible job titles for which you may qualify after you graduate:

- Archivist
- Economist
- Foreign Affairs Analyst
- Foreign Service Officer
- Immigration Specialist
- Journalist
- Language Specialist
- Nonprofit Program Coordinator
- Lobbyist
- Political Analyst

Our graduates have worked for:

International Business: Dell, JP Morgan, Oracle Corporation, Owens-Illinois Inc., Toyota Motor-North America

International Relations: Ohio Department of Development, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, U.S. General Services Administration, American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union, Cleveland Council on World Affairs

Social Services: American Diabetes Association, Save the Children, Boston Children’s Hospital, U.S. Peace Corps, Neighborhood Health Association, Americorps

Language Services/Education: Los Alamos Public Schools, University of South Carolina, Osaka City Board of Education, University of Manchester (England), Aeon Corporation, Creative Montessori School, Robert Morris University, BGSU

Communications: WTVG-13ABC (Toledo), IntelliShop

Travel and Tourism: GoGo Worldwide Vacations, RntVillas.com, Sirva International, American Airlines, Cultural Vistas

International Public Law: Ohio State Bar Association, Lubrizol Corporation, Private Practice

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GETTING THE EDGE

Professional Pathways | Resources and Strategies

Graduate Programs & Internships in International Studies

- Learn about International Studies graduate programs at bgsu.edu/INSTgradprograms
- Visit bgsu.edu/INSTinternships for internship opportunities
- Apply for a **Fulbright Scholarship** (Check the Office of Education Abroad, University Hall)
- Check BGSU's Center for Undergrad Research and Scholarship (**CURS**), which provides research grants.

Government & Non-Profit Organizations

- Learn and practice a **second language**.
- **Study Abroad for at least one semester** (internship/community work).
- Take on a leadership role in **ISN** (our student association: International Studies Network).

International Journalism/Media

- Present at the annual **Embracing Global Engagement** conference; submit your international research to BGSU's online International ResearchScape Journal
- Prepare for the Foreign Service exam: careers.state.gov/work/foreign-service/officer/test-process/
- Track current events, also international press (check out the **Jerome Library LibGuides** for French & Francophone Studies, German Studies, Hispanic Studies)
- Attend the **grant-writing workshops** (starting fall 2019)
- Use **Portfolium**, the digital portfolio made available to College of Arts and Sciences students, to keep track of your best work.
- Apply to BGSU's **Peace Corps Prep Program**.

International Business, Travel & Tourism

- Check out BGSU's **Career Center** (Student Union, 2nd floor) to rework your résumé (CV) & to practice interviewing skills.
- Search for **e-Resources** (<http://www.goinglobal.com/> or <https://compact.org/global-sl/> & others)
- Choose to minor or double major in **International Business** or choose it as your focus area.
- Develop your skills at collaboration (take on a leadership role in group projects.)

Education/Languages

- Apply to become a **peer facilitator** in a class or "shadow" an instructor.
- Live in a **Learning Community** (Global Village, la Maison française, La Comunidad).
- Develop your **intercultural proficiency** (participate in the 4 C's— Cross-Cultural Conversation Connection — to meet international students or check out opportunities at CCCE — Center for Community and Civic Engagement to find a community partner or internship)
- Choose **TESOL** (Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages) as a focus area.
- Consider a 4+1 **accelerated BA/Master's program** or a **Graduate Certificate**.

"I highly suggest: Venture out of your comfort zone and do a study abroad program for at least one semester if not two."

— Amy Yejo, Sales Manager, Caribbean AJC International Inc.