

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY GLOBAL STUDIES DEGREE?



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## Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (\*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **U.S. Government (DOA, EPA, DOI, Commerce)**

- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator
- Legislative Liaison
- Senior Administrative Analyst
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Researcher/Statistician
- Public Information Officer
- Contract/Grants Officer
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Labor Analyst
- Compliance Specialist
- Program Evaluator

### **Foreign Service (Peace Corps, State Department)**

- Foreign Service Officer
- Peacekeeping Specialist
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Bicultural Program Specialist
- Customs Agent
- Translator

### **Public Policy: Congress/State Legislature/Local Government**

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Media Relations Specialist
- Committee Staff Person
- Legislative Correspondent
- Political Pollster
- Press Assistant
- Campaign Staffer/Aide
- Policy Analyst

### **Public Policy: Public Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profit/National Associations)**

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Membership Coordinator
- Grass Roots Organizer
- Assistant Field Representative
- Lobbyist
- Research Technician
- Press Assistant
- Legislative Analyst

### **Defense/National Security/Intelligence Analysis (CDC, DOD, CIA, DIA, FBI)**

- Anti-terrorism Intelligence Agent
- Intelligence Support Analyst
- CIA/DIA/FBI Special Agent
- Foreign Language Analyst
- Intelligence Officer
- Biodefense Researcher

## **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Global Public Health Organizations (WHO, UNICEF, USAID, UN, Red Cross)**

- Int'l. Exchange Program Coordinator
- American Red Cross Program Officer
- UN Guide
- International Visitor Escort
- Social Affairs Officer
- Director

### **Trade and Economic Development (World Trade Organization, OAS)**

- International Trade Economist

### **Democracy, Security and Human Rights (OAS)**

- Administrative Technician

### **Financial Institutions (World Bank, IMF)**

- Economic Affairs Officer

## **NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Environmental (Greenpeace)**

- Environmental Policy Analyst
- Renewable Energy Consultant
- Environmental Lawyer

## **RESEARCH INSTITUTES**

### **Think Tanks, Institutions (CFR, CSIS, Solidarity Center, CIP)**

- Project Assistant
- Research Associate
- Public Policy Analyst

## **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Humanitarian Aid (Amnesty, IRC, World Relief, OCHA, CRS)**

- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Assistant
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Community/Field Organizer
- Assistant Field Rep.
- Assistant for Special Projects
- Membership Coordinator
- Research Associate
- Project Assistant

## **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE**

### **Banking & Finance**

- Branch Manager
- Commercial Loan Officer
- Loan Representative
- Commodities Trader
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Cost Estimator

### **Advertising/Marketing/PR**

- Advertising Account Manager
- Labor Relations Advisor
- Public Relations Specialist
- Import/Export Traffic Manager
- Export Buyer
- Foreign Purchasing Agent

### **Human Resources**

- EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Staffing Specialist
- Trainer
- Job Developer

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **Multilingual Services**

- International Operator
- Interpreter
- Technical Translator

### **Publishing/Journalism**

- Travel Book Writer/Editor
- Foreign News Correspondent
- News Analyst

### **Public Relations**

- Publicity Publications Writer
- Communications Specialist
- Media Liaison

## **EDUCATION**

### **Higher Education, Corporations, Overseas Schools**

- Student Affairs Administrator
- Instructional Coordinator
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Int'l Exchange Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- Professor

### **Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:**

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Global Studies.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Global Studies coursework** with **classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

### **Additional Career Center Resources:**

- **Related Major Sheets (MCS, ECON, MLLI, GES, AFST):** <https://careers.umbc.edu/tools/majors/>

- **The Vault:** <https://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/vault/>

- Use the top search bar to find these relevant guides:

["Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Museum and Cultural Center Jobs"](#)

["Vault Career Guide to Education"](#)

["Vault Guide to Government Jobs"](#)

["Vault Guide to Foreign Trade Jobs"](#)

- **Professional Associations:**

The International Studies Association: <http://www.isanet.org/>

International Development Association: <http://ida.worldbank.org/>

The World Culture Association: <http://www.worldcultureassociation.com/>

Center for Global Development: <http://www.cgdev.org/>