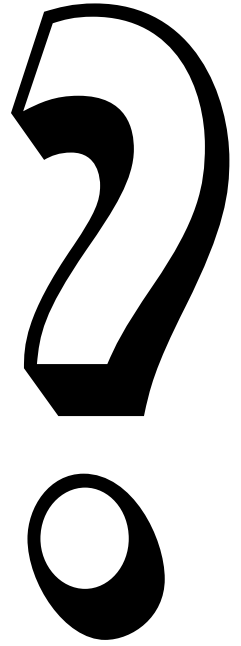


What could I do with a degree in international relations



The good news is half of all vacancies for recent graduates are open to those with a degree in any discipline including yours! The remaining careers require specific training or education — some of which you are already qualified for. Be prepared; you will soon find that no degree on its own is enough to get you a job.

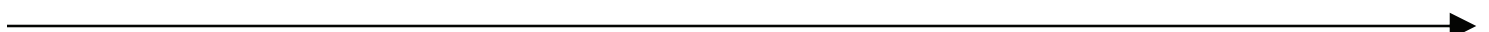
Each employer will be seeking different sets of skills and some of them will come from your degree. You will need to actively develop any missing required skills through work, volunteer, and extra-curricular experiences to gain a competitive advantage. Start by using this guide to help you brainstorm potential careers of interest, and continue by researching specific occupations in the Career Resource Library. Career profiles with a check mark (✓) can be viewed using Career Cruising and Career Descriptions binders, both available at the Career Centre.

What are my direct career options?

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| ✓ Consular assistant | ✓ Foreign affairs advisor | ✓ International banker |
| ✓ Diplomat | ✓ Foreign service officer | • International trade officer |
| ✓ Event planner | ✓ Immigration officer | ✓ Program assistant |
| ✓ Export or import sales manager | ✓ Intelligence officer | ✓ Public affairs reporter |

What are my alternative career options?

Business, finance, and administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Appraiser ✓ Bank manager ✓ Financial analyst ✓ Fundraiser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market researcher • Media relations coordinator ✓ Project manager ✓ Public relations
Social sciences, education, and religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Anthropologist ✓ ESL teacher ✓ Federal lobbyist director ✓ Lawyer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lobbyist ✓ Political scientist ✓ Professor ✓ Public administrator
Art, culture, recreation, and sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Archivist ✓ Editor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Journalist ✓ Translator
Sales and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Art dealer ✓ Auctioneer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Merchandise buyer • Consultant
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Public or community health inspector ✓ Speech pathology 	
Natural and applied sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Demographer • Transportation researcher 	
Trades, apprenticeships, and primary industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purchaser ✓ Vocational forest worker 	



What skills will I develop studying international relations?

Interpersonal relations

- Work with culturally diverse individuals and communities
- Read and understand primary sources
- Ability to influence and persuade

Research

- Attention to detail
- Critical analytical skills
- Evaluate ideas and research

Writing and speaking

- Convey complex information
- Present theories and ideas
- Write and speak effectively
- Draft documents

Organizational skills

- Ability to meet deadlines
- Organize information and materials
- Evaluate research results

Where have previous graduates worked?

Arts, culture, and entertainment

- Canadian National Exhibition
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Art Gallery of Ontario

Education

- University of Toronto
- Toronto District School Board

Non-profit

- Canada World Youth
- Canadian Red Cross
- Peacefund Canada
- UNICEF Canada
- YMCA

Travel, tourism, and accommodation

- Air Canada
- Toronto Pearson Airport

Social services

- Goodwill Toronto
- Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre
- Woodgreen Community Centre
- Youth Assisting Youth

Government

- Government departments (all levels)
- Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Did you know...

- Canadian's life expectancy is approximately 80 years.
- In 2006, Zimbabwe had an inflation rate of 976.4.
- The US consumes around 21 million barrels of oil a day.
- In 2005, the US spent \$518 billion on military expenditures.

Where can I find more information?

Books

- *Careers in Nonprofit and Government Agencies* — WetFeet Insider Guide
- *Opportunities in Overseas Careers* — Blythe Camenson
- *Real Resumes for Jobs in Nonprofit Organizations* — Anne McKinney

Web links

- International Student Centre — www.isc.utoronto.ca
- Monster: Work Abroad — <http://globalgateway.monster.com>
- Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada — www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca

The Career Resource Library has a collection of over 2,000 print and electronic resources spanning all areas of career development and the job search. Research career options, educational programs, organizations, and industries as well as résumé, interview, and networking strategies. A reference librarian is always available to assist you in finding the best resources to meet your specific needs.