

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: SECURITY POLICY

## POTENTIAL TOPICS

- Global Security
- Homeland Security
- International Threats
- Weapons Proliferation
- Terrorism
- Regional Conflicts
- International Crime
- Globalization
- Nuclear Issues
- Peacekeeping
- Cyber Security
- Warfare
- Counterintelligence

## KEY SKILLS

Problem Solving	Communication
Critical Thinking	Interpret Data
Analyze	Evaluate
Research	Assessment
Writing	Translation
Editing	Presentation

## SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

Foreign Service Officer	Regional Monitor
Business Consultant	Food Security Analyst
Policy Analyst	Area Specialist
Trade Policy Specialist	Counterintelligence
Media Correspondent	Consultant
Crisis Advisor	Proposal Writer

## SAMPLE SECTORS & WORK SETTINGS

### Public

- Foreign Service
- Government Agency
- Intelligence Community
- Capitol Hill

### Private

- Investment Firms
- Consulting Firms
- Gov't Contractor
- Multinational Corp.

### Non-Profit /NGO

- Academic Institution
- Think Tank
- Policy Research

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

[ABSC](#)  
[American Enterprise Institute](#)  
[Aspen Institute](#)  
[Atlantic Council](#)  
[Booz Allen Hamilton](#)  
[Brookings Institute](#)  
[Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#)  
[Cato Institute](#)  
[Center for American Progress](#)  
[Center for Strategic and International Studies](#)  
[Central Intelligence Agency](#)  
[CNA Corporation](#)  
[Council on Foreign Relations](#)  
[Defense Intelligence Agency](#)  
[Department of Defense](#)

[Foreign Agriculture Service](#)  
[Institute for Defense Analysis](#)  
[International Alert](#)  
[JTG](#)  
[LMI](#)  
[McKinsey](#)  
[National Security Agency](#)  
[New America Foundation](#)  
[The Stimson Center](#)  
[Northrop Grumman](#)  
[SAIC](#)  
[Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#)  
[The International Institute for Strategic Studies](#)  
[U.S. Department of Energy](#)  
[U.S. Department of State](#)  
[U.S. Institute of Peace](#)

### PROFESSIONAL ORGS.

[Women in International Security](#)  
[Foreign Policy Association](#)  
[Women in Defense](#)  
[Young Professionals in Foreign Policy](#)  
[National Defense Industrial Association](#)  
[ASIS International](#)  
**RESOURCES**  
[www.intelligence.gov](#)  
[cisac.stanford.edu](#)  
[Institute for Security & Conflict Studies](#)

### JOB SEARCH

[jobs.foreignaffairs.com](#)  
[jobs.foreignpolicy.com](#)  
[jobs.unicsc.org](#)  
[www.policyjobs.net](#)  
[www.eurobrussels.com](#)  
[www.usajobs.gov](#)  
[www.dc.linktank.com/jobs](#)  
[www.globaljobs.org](#)  
[www.indeed.com](#)

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

[GW Student Chapter of Women in International Security](#)  
[International Affairs Society](#)  
[GW Strategic Crisis Simulations](#)  
[Sigma Iota Rho](#)



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### EDUCATION

The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, DC May 2014  
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs, Concentration in Security Policy  
GPA: 3.83

Senior Thesis: “Mothers, Demonstrators, Activists, and Healers: On Women’s Civil Society in the Yugoslav Wars”

### EXPERIENCE

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute North America, Washington, DC January – May 2014  
*Research Intern*

- Researched global security issues including a literature review on tactical nuclear weapons programs in Europe
- Monitored political issues in Central Asia, global peace and security, and developments in arms control
- Organized logistics for Central Asia Program fellowship including arranging meetings with public policy experts in Washington DC public and private sector
- Coordinated outreach and fundraising with DC and international think tank, government, and military liaisons
- Ran social media accounts with event live-streaming, program updates, and current events

Foundation for International Education/AMIDEAST, Amman, Jordan & London, UK Summer 2013  
*Peace and Conflict Resolution Program*

- Analyzed case studies on Middle East conflicts including in Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen in small group
- Wrote reports on security topics including non-state political violence and the role of Iran in the Middle East

U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC January – April 2013  
*Afghanistan/Pakistan Security Assistance Team Intern, Political-Military Bureau*

- Analyzed weapons proliferation, counterintelligence, and governance issues in Pakistan and Afghanistan
- Assisted foreign affairs officers in analyzing US-Pakistani military relations and defense acquisition agreements for annual security assistance proposals
- Wrote briefs on weekly meetings, events, and presentations on South and Central Asia for area researcher
- Edited memos on US-Afghanistan and US-Pakistan security assistance within the requirements of government policy and international law

Service Employees International Union, Washington, DC May – December 2012  
*Political Department Research Intern*

- Researched political, economic, and social issues for union publications during the 2012 presidential election
- Reported on media and national public opinion polling to track and analyze major issues during the election
- Coordinated planning for training program, phone banking, and canvassing operations for volunteers

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

Arabic – Working Proficiency  
Russian – Basic Proficiency

### ACTIVITIES

Member, GWU International Affairs Society, 2010 – Present  
Member, Women in International Security, 2014 – Present

SAMPLE RESUME



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