

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: MIDDLE EAST STUDIES



## KEY SKILLS

- Analytical
- Communication
- Contextualization
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Flexibility
- Foreign Language
- Pattern Perception
- Problem Solving
- Research and Writing



## POTENTIAL TOPICS OF STUDY

- Arab Spring
- Comparative Politics
- Democracy
- Energy and Resources
- Human Rights
- International Econ.
- Islam
- Islamic Law
- Israel and Palestine
- Languages
- North Africa
- Persian Studies
- Regional History
- Terrorism
- Turkish Studies
- US Foreign Policy
- War, Conflict, and Insurgency
- Women and Gender



## GRAD SCHOOL PATHS

- JD or LLM (Law School)
- MA in Translation
- MA in Islamic Studies
- MA in Journalism
- MA in Public Affairs
- MA in Public Policy
- MA in Middle East Studies
- MA in International Affairs
- Master of Library Science



## SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Aid Worker
- Analyst
- Consultant
- Foreign Service Officer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Journalist
- Program Coordinator
- Proposal/Grant Writer
- Regional Specialist
- Researcher
- Teacher
- Translator



## POSSIBLE WORK SETTINGS

- Public Sector
  - Foreign Service
  - Government Agency
  - Intelligence
  - Intergovernmental Organization
- Private Sector
  - Consulting Firm
  - Contracting Firm
  - Media/News
- Private School
- Non-Profit/NGO
  - Academic Institute
  - Charity Organization
  - Humanitarian Aid
  - Think Tank



## SAMPLE STUDENT ORGS

- Arabic Language Club
- Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Sorority & Fraternity
- Iranian Democratic Student Association
- International Affairs Society
- Model Arab League
- Sigma Iota Rho



## SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

- Al-Jazeera
- AMIDEAST
- Arab American Institute
- Bain & Company
- Boeing
- Brookings Institution
- Central Intelligence Agency
- CNN
- Council on Foreign Relations
- CSIS
- Defense Intelligence Agency
- Endeavor Global
- Foundation for Middle East Peace
- Human Rights Watch
- INJAZ
- McKinsey & Company
- Middle East Children's Alliance
- Middle East Policy Council
- The Boston Consulting Group
- The New York Times
- The Washington Institute
- The Washington Post
- The Wilson Center
- US Government Agencies
- US Institute for Peace
- USAID



## FELLOWSHIPS & RESOURCES

- Fellowships
  - Boren Scholarship
  - Critical Language Scholarship
  - Foreign Language and Area Studies
  - Fulbright Scholar Program
- Resources
  - World Bank: MENA
  - Middle East Studies Association
  - Middle East Institute
  - Institute for Middle East Studies



## JOB SEARCH

- [mideast.unc.edu/jobs](http://mideast.unc.edu/jobs)
- [www.policyjobs.net](http://www.policyjobs.net)
- [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)
- [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
- [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)
- [www.internationaljobs.org](http://www.internationaljobs.org)
- [www.aidboard.com](http://www.aidboard.com)
- [www.opajobs.org](http://www.opajobs.org)
- [jobs.interaction.org](http://jobs.interaction.org)

