Knowledge of world affairs and trends is essential in today’s global environment. The goal of the international relations program is to help you develop the tools you will need to succeed in your future, whether that be in the corporate world, education, government or diplomatic service, the non-profit sector, law school or graduate school.

The international relations faculty is a dedicated and energetic group who take the role of the teacher-scholar very seriously. Respected as experts in their fields, publishing books and articles and attending conferences around the world, the faculty craft excellent courses and make interesting and interactive classroom presentations.

Requiring introductory or foundational classes in economics, history and political science, the program gives students a multidisciplinary perspective on regional and global issues. At the upper division level, students explore relevant phenomenon – like social protest movements, colonialism, globalization, revolution, authoritarianism and democracy, war and peace – that most interest them. The program also makes the teaching and development of research and writing skills explicit while sharpening presentation and analytic skills.

In addition, students often pursue a minor, especially in a foreign language, history, economics, political science and Latin American, Asian or European studies. Many majors choose to spend a semester abroad, take a summer study tour or intern locally or in Washington, D.C.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR:**
- Visit the International Relations Major’s Website: [http://www.sju.edu/majors-programs/undergraduate/majors/international-relations-major](http://www.sju.edu/majors-programs/undergraduate/majors/international-relations-major)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the International Relations Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1785
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the [Career Development Center](http://www.sju.edu/careers) at 610-660-3100

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?**
Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Customs Broker:** Prepares customs documentation and ensure that shipments meet all applicable laws to facilitate the import and export of goods. Determines and tracks duties and taxes payable and process payments on behalf of client. Signs documents under a power of attorney. Represents clients in meetings with customs officials and apply for duty refunds and tariff reclassifications. Coordinates transportation and storage of imported goods.

**Paralegal:** Assists lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing legal documents. Conducts research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action.
Political Scientist: Studies the origin, development, and operation of political systems. Researches a wide range of subjects, such as relations between the United States and foreign countries, the beliefs and institutions of foreign nations, or the politics of small towns or a major metropolis. May study topics such as public opinion, political decision making, and ideology. May analyze the structure and operation of governments, as well as various political entities. May conduct public opinion surveys, analyze election results, or analyze public documents.

Urban and Regional Planner: Develops comprehensive plans and programs for use of land and physical facilities of local jurisdictions, such as towns, cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**

There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University and beyond – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

- Amnesty International
- Economics Society
- Model European Union Program
- Study Abroad

**OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:**

As depicted in the chart below, the majority of new graduates have started their careers in the Education field. Many others have selected a variety of industries. (Data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, 2008 – 2012.)

![Pie chart showing international relations majors' chosen industries]

- Human & Community Service: 21%
- Law Enforcement/Military: 8%
- Financial Services: 25%
- Government: 13%
- Legal Services: 12%
- Education: 13%
- Other: 8%

Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

- Annual Giving Officer
- Case Manager
- Classroom Teacher
- Client Relations Associate
- Custodies Account Manager
- ECAP Family Services Coordinator/Outcomes Specialist
- Entitlements Advocate
- Executive Trainee
- Family Services Coordinator
- Grant Research Associate
- Human Resources Technician
- Import Account Representative
- Intelligence Analyst
- Junior City Planner
- Junior Project Control Officer
- Legal Intern/Secretary
- Logistics Coordinator
- Management Training Program Analyst
Naval Ship Acquisition Analyst  Servant Leader
Paralegal  Technical Sales Consultant
Property Administrator  Training Recruiting Specialist
Refugee Resettlement Specialist  Travel Consultant
Research Assistant  Vice President Business Development

Organizations that have hired our graduates include:
Abingdon Theatre Company  Latin American Community Center
Alston & Bird LLP  Maryland Parks & Planning Commission
AmeriHealth  McCabe World Travel
BDP International  Philadelphia Freedom Schools
Best Learning  Project Renewal
Bright Realty Services  Prudential
Brown Brothers Harriman&Co  RockPort Capital Partners
Catholic Charities  Saint Gabriel’s College
City of Norristown, PA  Teach for America
Cooley Manion Jones LLC  The Vanguard Group
District Office of Congressman Sestak  U.S. Department of Defense
Human Capital Solutions  U.S. Department of the Navy
InOutSource LLP  Ursinus College
Jesuit Volunteer Corps  Wilmington Finance
Lancaster General

Average Starting Salary – Interdisciplinary Health Services Majors – Classes of 2008 – 2012

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Some of the graduate schools in which our new graduates have continued their education, in programs including Social Science, Education, Law and more:
American University  Syracuse University
Drexel University  Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Graduate Institute (Switzerland)  University of Missouri
Harvard University

FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR RESUME
EDUCATION

Saint Joseph’s University
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and French, summa cum laude
Philadelphia, PA
May 2014
- Study abroad at l’Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France (January-June 2013)
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economics, Energy, and Business
Intern, Office of Multilateral Trade Affairs (MTA)
Washington, DC
September 2013 – Present
- Evaluate effectiveness of U.S. preferential trading arrangements (GSP and CNL waivers)
- Construct comprehensive matrix of all trade development programs targeting Colombia
- Represent MTA at bilateral WTO accession negotiations, House Committee Farm Bill hearings, DR-CAFTA discussions, and various panel events

Millennium Challenge Corporation
Presidential Management Fellow, Office of Economic Analysis
Washington, DC
June 2013 – August 2013
- Developed beneficiary analysis methodology for existing MCC investments in Tanzania and Namibia
- Initiated cost-benefit analysis of proposed veterinary investment in Mongolia

White & Case, LLP
Intern, International Trade Practice
Washington, DC
June 2012– September 2012
- Compiled comprehensive handbook on biofuels, including national energy policy histories for five major economies, for internal firm use
- Synthesized trade-related conferences and events for client distribution
- Completed client-driven research on specific WTO and US import regime topics

Overseas Private Investment Corporation
Intern, Office of Investment Policy
Washington, DC
September 2011– January 2012
- Analyzed OPIC investment insurance and structured finance projects targeting developing countries
- Evaluated effectiveness of OPIC-financed projects for the entire Afghanistan portfolio and developed recommendations for future investment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: French (fluent); German (proficient); Italian (proficient)
Technology Skills: Microsoft Office suite; STATA statistical software