

Current Students Share Why They Chose International Studies

Complete your BA on International Studies full-time or part-time while keeping your full-time job.



Cory Click, International Studies major

I chose INT because I knew it would challenge and sculpt me into becoming a better researcher, writer, and most importantly, an Interdisciplinary. I also knew INT would allow me to explore other disciplines and would teach me how to become a more well-rounded individual.



Rachel Holland, International Studies major; accepted into Elon University School of Law

International Studies gave me the opportunity to explore the passion I already had for other countries, while also being flexible enough that I could look into other academic aspects that interested me. The international angle allowed me to gain an open mind, and the interdisciplinary perspective helped me to become a better learner

and

problem solver.



Shaheed Stevenson, International Studies major

I chose IS because I grew up in a very small town in North Carolina where most people never left. I've always wanted to travel the world, learn new languages, and study the many cultures of the world. Because the world is becoming smaller, it's best we learn how each of us can help build a better global society.



Madison Stephenson, International Studies major

I chose to change my major to International Studies after discovering that what I assumed were standard courses, could be broadened to an international perspective. Majoring in INT and choosing courses with a global emphasis has allowed me to see myself and my studies as a part of something larger than just my college education. Learning about how culture affects the fluidity of the global community is the most interesting and rewarding part of INT for me.

Explore your New Career ...

International Business & Industry

Employers:

- Foreign Corporations
 - International Real Estate Firms
 - Travel and Hospitality Industries
 - Consulting Firms
 - Foreign Financial Institutions
- Specific jobs include:
- Export Manager
 - Cross-Cultural Relations Consultant
 - Sales Coordinator
 - PR Representative

Government & International Relations

Employers:

- Government Agencies
 - United Nations
 - Relief and Religious Organizations
 - U.S. Foreign Services
 - National Security Councils
- Specific jobs include:
- Foreign Service Official
 - Foreign Area Specialist
 - International Relations Specialist
 - Activities Coordinator
 - Translator
 - Intelligence Agent

Language and Human Services & Education

Employers:

- Nonprofit Organizations
 - International Organizations
 - Educational Institutions
 - Peace Corps
 - Study Aboard Programs
- Specific jobs include:
- ESL Instructor
 - Program Coordinator
 - Fund raiser
 - Foreign Language Teacher
 - Teacher / Professor
 - Humanitarian Relief Worker

Communications & Research

Employers:

- Research Institutions
 - Foreign News Agencies
 - Online Publishers
 - Academic Journals
 - Magazines
 - Travel Industries
- Specific jobs include:
- Foreign Correspondent
 - Journalist
 - Researcher
 - Translator
 - Editor
 - Tour Guide

Our Graduates Share Their International Studies Experience

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Tiffany Ouellette, Esq.

"I majored in International Studies because I wanted to learn more about the world (and have a great excuse to spend a semester abroad). By majoring in INT, I became an informed global citizen who was in a better position to advance my legal career. I attended law school right out of UNCW and focused on international business law. INT gave me a background that allowed me to have a global view of everything I look at. While in law school I was the Executive Editor of

the *American University International Law Review*. As a young law student right out of college, this position would not have been attainable without my international studies background and the ability INT gave me to articulate opinions on international events. I edited over 30 articles written by foreign scholars on a wide range of international topics. Although I did not, and no one can, become an expert in every area, INT gave me a background in a wide range of international topics – economic, social, political – that allowed me to have a broad understanding. By having that background, I was able to read an article from a foreign scholar and understand what she was saying and know the resources to use to learn more about the topic. INT teaches more than just traditional education, it teaches you how to research to learn more about global topics. Now that my academic career is over, I am an attorney for a multinational pharmaceutical company. I use my international background all the time to interact with our foreign law firms throughout Europe. Understanding cultural intricacies is vital to creating and keeping functional and efficient relations with these lawyers."



Christopher Cardona, Peace Corps Regional Recruiter

"What I loved about majoring in international studies was that I was able to study a foreign language, learn about the politics, economy and cultures of the world and then quickly put this knowledge into action while studying abroad. INT influenced my worldview and helped my career, after graduation I was offered a position with the Peace Corps teaching English in China."



Courtenay Rickards, A Federal Security Service Agency

"Graduating as an International Studies major provided me with a realistic foundation in the way the world operates. My global understanding from the coursework and life skills from studying abroad were easily demonstrated to future employers. Without this program, I would not have been afforded the opportunity to expand

my intellectual curiosity, evolve my interests, and ultimately, land my dream job."

Where are they now ...

- Peace Corps
- Elon University School of Law
- American University Washington College of Law
- Council on Foreign Relations in Washington DC
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey
- Northwestern University; Master of Global Health
- Language and Culture Assistant, Spain
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Reserve
- Palladium: Make it Possible
- AmeriCorps
- Fulbright Teaching Fellowship in Germany
- District Sales Manager at Anheuser-Busch InBev
- Vanda Pharmaceuticals
- M.Sc. Management at Imperial College Business School, London
- Intelligence Analyst at U.S. Army Reserves
- JET Program, Japan
- Avaya
- M.A. in International Studies, Miami University
- M.A. in Latin American Studies at Georgetown University
- University of North Carolina Wilmington



Erin Gallagher, ESL Teacher in France

"I came into UNCW Undecided, declared a major in Environmental Studies, then tried out Anthropology. Despite the fascinating courses I took, none of these majors seemed to capture for me personally the global perspective I sought in order to better understand our complex world, and find concrete ways to improve it. I chose to major in International Studies because I felt that I'd finally found a flexible major which offered a solid foundation as well as a wide

range of future possibilities. The IS major is strong on its own, but is also highly complementary - its core courses and the concentrations available pair very well with other majors and programs. This allows students to strategically chart a course to virtually any sector, whether private, public, academic or nonprofit, while obtaining desired skills. Of course, it's perfect for those with a bit of wanderlust, too. Whether or not you're able to study abroad, you get to travel every time you step into an IS class or open a textbook. An emphasis on internships and thesis-writing provides excellent applied learning options which students can use to launch into their next step. The major is only growing in importance as globalization brings the international into the local and vice versa. This major and its adaptability has defined my way forward in my career, allowing me to draw on several knowledge bases while branching out into new areas with confidence. It has helped me to travel around two continents as well as obtain jobs in France and at home, and it always impresses employers because they understand its value. Besides being a practical major, it lends the added benefit of worldliness to its students. We are increasingly connected to the rest of the world yet we see disconnection daily – part of global citizenship is cultivating the ability to critically analyze international events, observe and understand differences, and serve as an ambassador, whether to our neighbors or to strangers in foreign countries. International Studies at UNCW introduces students to these essential concepts at a crucial time in history and builds on these competencies, which in turn builds capable and prepared graduates who go on to lead in their chosen field."



Addison Delahunty

"I originally stumbled into INT after switching from my theatre major due to my love of travel and other cultures. I quickly became enthralled with the manner the faculty used in their lessons, along with the material that was covered. They really focused on educating their students rather than a rigid curriculum - and their flexibility allowed for a much greater understanding of their intended content.

I can honestly say I've never been as excited about school as my time as an INT major. Since I've moved on the lessons I learned in their classes have helped me navigate and understand the world around me every single day. Each time you step out of your door, this major will help you find success in all aspects of life."

- M.Sc. in International Relations and Affairs, The University of Edinburgh
- MPA Candidate, San Diego State University
- Marketing Director and Assistant Manager at the Hemp Farmacy
- JD Candidate at New England Law
- Credit Suisse
- Import Services Agent at Expeditors
- Google Fiber
- English Second Language Teacher at Berlitz Deutschland GmbH
- Graduate Student at Howard University
- Wine Consultant at Winestore Holdings, LLC
- M.A. Higher Education Administration, University of Michigan
- M.Ed. in International Higher Education, Loyola University Chicago
- Carrier Sales Representative at Becker Logistics
- Student Affairs Manager and Community Outreach Coordinator, The School for Field Studies in South Caicos, Turks and Caicos
- M.A. in Economía y Organización de la Empresa at Universidad de Granada
- Client Marketing Specialist at ROI Revolution, Inc.
- Clinical Trial Administrator at Chiltern
- PPD
- Travel Advisor, Latin America for Less, Lima, Peru
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Atlantic Council with the Rafic Hariri Center for the Middle East