Recommendations

B.A. International Studies

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PARTICIPATE

Community Service
- Related course: POLI 121: Green Explorations; POLI 122: Green Engagements
- Sites/experiences: Martin Luther King Day of Service; Service Saturdays; Students Advocating a Greener Environment (SAGE); Alternative Breaks; CityServe; Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Columbia
- Why this is important: Community service fosters awareness of political and social problems and common goals. Service projects can illustrate, in a concrete way, some of the concepts and issues examined in the International Studies major (environmental projects) and give students the opportunity to share their knowledge with the community.

Global Learning
- Why this is important: Global study opportunities connect international studies course material to real-world experiences in other countries and help students draw comparisons between their own cultural norms/institutions and those of other cultures.

Peer Leadership
- Student Organization(s): Sigma Iota Rho: Honor Society for International Studies; Students Advocating a Greener Environment (SAGE); Amnesty International; Model United Nations
- Opportunities: POLI 215: Introduction to Leadership Studies; Minor in Leadership Studies
- Why this is important: Leadership activities train students to be and assess leaders in all walks of life, and help them to draw connections between political science course material and real-world leadership.

Internships
- Related Courses: POLI 379: Public Affairs Internship (requires sophomore standing and prior completion of at least 6 credit hours of 300-level POLI coursework)
- Recommended sites/work experiences: Columbia World Affairs Council; Office of the Governor; Columbia offices of Members of Congress and state legislators; South Carolina Republican Party; South Carolina Democratic Party (the content of International Studies internships must be internationally focused); South Carolina Dialogue Foundation.
- Why this is important: Internships allow students to apply knowledge learned in the classroom, build professional skills, and develop a professional network.
Research

Related courses
POLI 399B: Independent Study (International Studies); POLI 498: Research Experience; POLI 499: Senior Thesis

Sample research projects or topics
The status of human rights in specific countries

Why this is important
The development of general research skills is part of an international studies education and is helpful for those seeking advanced degrees. Research opportunities also allow for further exploration of specific topics of interest.

INTEGRATE

How to integrate
POLI 121: Green Explorations; POLI 122: Green Engagements; POLI 215: Introduction to Leadership Studies

LEAD

Initial career opportunities
State Department of Commerce, International Trade Officer; Foreign Service Officer; International Program Evaluator, International Trade Negotiator.

Related graduate programs
Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS); Master of Public Administration (MPA); PhD in Political Science; Graduate programs in law

Future career opportunities
Leaders in national government, academia, law, corporations, non-governmental organizations, community organizations and schools, local politics, and public interest groups

The listed experiences are a sample of options for your major. See the USC Connect experiences database to search for more opportunities.

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