

What can I do with my studies in International Development Studies

Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles:

- International Aid Worker
- Fundraiser
- Research Assistant
- Ecotourism Guide / Agent
- Project Coordinator
- Travel Agent
- Entrepreneur / Venture Capitalist
- Immigration Officer
- Business Developer
- Market Research Assistant
- Volunteer Recruiter / Coordinator
- Peace / Human Rights Activist
- Community Development / Liaison Officer
- International Youth Worker
- Foreign Service Officer
- Federal Policy Officer
- Federal Program Officer

The information in this handout will provide you with ideas as to some typical careers/jobs that are associated with your degree, along with alternative careers that may not be as directly related to what you have studied. This by no means implies that these jobs are the only options you have. These careers are just samples of what you can do if you have the appropriate skills and experience.

If you're feeling a bit lost and you're curious about your future career options, we encourage undergrads to register for the [Undergrad Hive](#) career exploration program. Feel free to come by the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

Possible job titles outside my area of study:

Business

- Job Analyst
- Sales Manager
- Quality Control / Quality Assurance Specialist
- Marketing Specialist

Education

- Academic Advisor
- Educator / Trainer
- English Language Teacher

Try searching for the job titles shown on this page at either jobbank.gc.ca or careercruising.com, where you'll find career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks (login details for Career Cruising available by contacting CaPS).

Communications

- Writer / Author / Columnist
- Editor
- Reporter / Correspondent
- Documentary Filmmaker
- Broadcaster
- Technical Writer

With additional education/ training or experience:

- Professor
- Lawyer
- Cross-Cultural Trainer
- Paralegal
- International Patent Agent
- Translator / Interpreter

Social Programs & Advocacy

- Refugee / Immigrant Lawyer
- Corporate Social Responsibility Officer
- Social Worker
- Refugee / Displaced Persons Officer
- Refugee Affairs Program Officer
- Women's Organization Analyst / Advisor
- Native Employment Program Officer
- Human Rights Analyst / Case Worker
- NGO Advisor Health Care Aide
- Health & Social Programs Officer
- Community / Social Services
- Organization Manager

Education & Research

- Internship Coordinator
- Socio-Economist
- Senior Policy Analyst
- Translator / Interpreter
- Political Risk Analyst
- Public Policy Researcher
- International Trade Specialist
- International Finance / Investment Analyst
- International Relations Specialist
- Social Scientist
- Gender Equality Analyst
- Peace Researcher
- Health & Social Policy Researcher

Economic Development & Natural Resource Management

- Rural Development Officer
- Human Ecologist
- Agricultural Economist
- Public Administrator
- Natural Resource Manager
- Project / Program Manager
- Operations Management Researcher
- Micro-Enterprise Development Specialist
- International Development Officer
- Corporate Citizenship Officer
- Community Development Specialist / Planner
- Development Consultant
- Urban / Regional Planner
- Management Consultant
- Program Planning / Monitoring Specialist
- Developmental Projects Manager
- Public Relations / Communications Officer
- Tourism / Trade Development Officer
- Lobbyist / Business Development / Marketing Consultant

Areas of Employment:

- Business Associations
- Consulting Firms
- Government Agencies & Political Groups
- Health Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Environmental Agencies
- Media Organizations
- Foreign Aid Agencies
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Law Offices
- Public Service Commission
- Medical Centres
- Museums
- Real Estate Development Companies
- Religious Organizations
- Scientific & Research Organizations
- Social Service Organizations
- Private Corporations
- Trade and Import/Export Businesses
- United Nations
- Travel & Tourism Businesses
- Youth Leadership and Development Organizations
- Community Organizations
- Conflict Management & Peace Consultancy Groups
- International Relief Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- International Education Institutions

Related Skills:

- Analytical skills in assessing and evaluating issues and trends in international development
- An awareness of the key issues in the development of cultures and cross-cultural relationships
- An ability to anticipate and plan for the effect of change on the development of a community
- Knowledge of past issues and events and the ability to apply this knowledge, in conjunction with contemporary issues, when planning for and anticipating future needs and trends
- The skills to research and gather information for the purpose of planning and decision making
- An understanding of key issues in economic development, power, and international relations
- Communication skills and the ability to use these skills to inform and educate others
- The ability to use contemporary informational resources such as the Internet
- Awareness of perspectives which underlie stereotypes of dependency, growth and benefit
- Objectivity and training in looking beyond existing paradigms
- Knowledge of a variety of ethnic groups, as well as many cultures in other countries
- Avid interest in history, social justice and regional development
- Physical strength and stamina
- Leadership qualities
- Ability to work both as part of a team and independently
- Ability to analyse the root causes of social problems and work towards solutions with people from a wide variety of backgrounds
- Work in a hectic environment/adaptable
- Planning projects
- Writing grant proposals

Associations & Websites:

- Association Québécoise des Organismes de Coopération Internationale
<http://www.aqoci.qc.ca/>
- Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD)
<http://www.aiard.org/>
- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development
<https://casid-acedi.ca/>
- Canadian International Development Platform
<http://cidpnsi.ca/>
- Canadian Public Relations Society
<https://www.cprs.ca/>
- Canadian Society for International Health
<http://www.csih.org/>
- Canadian Council for International Cooperation
<https://ccic.ca/>
- Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada
<http://cdfcanada.coop/>
- Economic Developers Association of Canada
<https://edac.ca/>
- Global Affairs Canada
<http://www.international.gc.ca/>
- International Development Association
<http://ida.worldbank.org/>
- International Studies Association
<https://www.isanet.org/>
- International Development Research Centre
<https://www.idrc.ca/>
- Open Canada
<https://www.opencanada.org/>