

What do International Studies Graduates Do?

Like most people who graduate with degrees from liberal arts colleges, Kenyon's International Studies majors have many different occupations, some of them having nothing to do with global affairs. But many are involved in jobs that require living abroad, traveling to other countries, or interacting with people from other parts of the world.

- At least five IS alumni are employed by the Department of State, four of them serving as Foreign Service officers.
- Many IS majors eventually go to graduate school and take professional degrees. The most common degrees among our alumni are in law (JD), international affairs (various master's degrees in international affairs, studies, relations, diplomacy, etc.), public policy (MPP), business administration (MBA), and public health (MPH). Because they tend to have a hands-on, practical orientation, very few IS majors have studied for the Ph.D.
- Several IS alumni are language teachers in secondary schools.
- Our alumni include at least two medical doctors, a dentist, and a couple of veterinarians.
- To offer some specific examples of career paths:
 - *Cdr. Christopher Mooradian '89* wrote an honors thesis on U.S.-Latin American relations at Kenyon. He then joined the Coast Guard for officer training, and most recently commanded the *USCG Jarvis*, based in Honolulu. During his time in the service he earned a law degree and has practiced as a JAG officer. When he was based on the east coast, much of his work involved intercepting illegal drug smugglers.
 - *Rohini Pragasam '90*, who studied in Japan for the off-campus component of her major, went into the banking sector after graduation. She is now an oft-cited spokeswoman for the New York subsidiary of the Swiss bank USB AG.
 - *Julie Gluck Cutter '91* wrote an honors thesis on Argentine political economy. She then worked for a consulting company in Washington advising the government on development assistance in the Caribbean before returning to school to do a master's degree in international relations at the University of Chicago. She has been a Foreign Service officer for the last ten years.
 - *Kristin Petri Barnwell '98* studied in Mexico for her IS major. After graduating, she worked for NGOs in Colorado, helping Latin American immigrants with social service needs. She then took a law degree at the University of Colorado. Kristin now heads the children's legal services section of the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network.
 - *Allison Jones '01* decided after graduating that her passion lay in Montessori education. She studied in Paris and then helped form a Montessori School in Senegal. Currently she holds a prestigious Luce Scholarship, working with educators in China.
 - *Sam Polk '04*, who studied in Cuba while at Kenyon, worked for the U.S. Treasury for three years seeking to find the routes through which international terrorist organizations laundered money. He then also won a Luce Scholarship, which allowed him to spend last year in Jakarta, Indonesia, at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. He is currently a graduate student at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.
 - *Kerry Shannon '04* studied in Thailand on a Fulbright research fellowship the year after graduating. She subsequently earned an MPH from the Johns Hopkins University and is currently pursuing her MD at Johns Hopkins as well.
 - *Ted Samuel '05* studied abroad in India, writing an honors thesis on a little-studied transgender community in Tamil Nadu. Then he received a Fulbright Fellowship to continue his research. In 2007, he joined the Advocacy Project in Nepal, working with journalists who cover communities that have suffered discrimination.
 - *Jesse Lewin '07* is currently a press assistant in The White House.