

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS | LAW | GOVERNMENT

## CAREER RESOURCES

### Career Community Summary

This career community focuses on addressing issues through governmental initiatives and shaping and influencing policy through political systems and institutions to ensure that fundamental rights and the needs of the public are universally recognized. Professionals in this area achieve these means through advocacy, law, political campaigns, and administration at the local, state, and federal levels. On an international level, work in this career community may emphasize international diplomacy, foreign service, trade, customs, education, and defense.

Opportunities exist within public, for profit, and nonprofit sectors and ranges from work in policy and advocacy, law, civil service in local, state, and federal government, and cause based work. To be successful, an ambitious, resilient, and thoughtful mindset as well as the ability to work with various groups and cultures is needed.

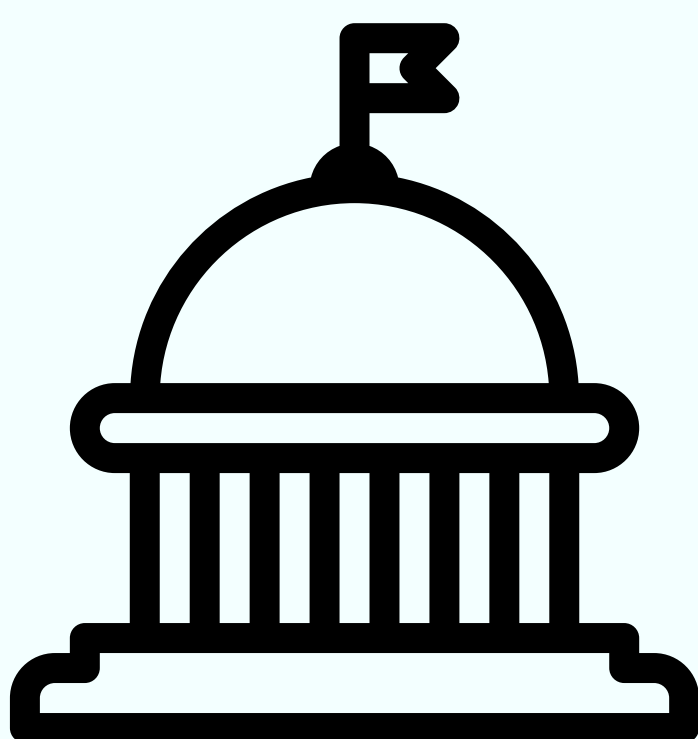
### Skills Needed

- Ambition
- Resiliency
- Cultural sensitivity & ability to work with various groups and cultures
- Language proficiency
- Ability to make strong, logical arguments and sound decisions
- Research & writing skills



### Sample Job Search Terms

- Diplomacy
- Translation & interpretation
- Foreign policy
- Foreign intelligence
- Advocacy & lobbying
- Campaign management
- Human rights
- Trade & commerce
- Public health
- Language/cultural affairs
- Foreign service
- Intellectual property
- Legal & paralegal
- Peacekeeping & defense
- Contracts & negotiation
- Trade & commerce
- Study abroad administration & international education
- Political & legislative aides
- Public policy & administration



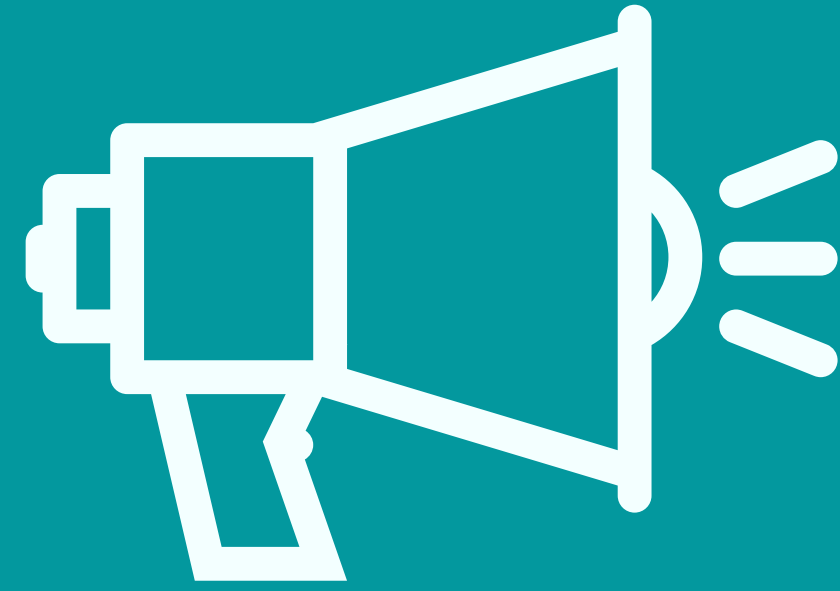
### Work Locations

- Local, state, federal government
- Political/issue campaign
- International organizations
- Law firms/legal clinics
- Lobbying firms/advocacy groups
- Large corporations
- NGOs
- Public interest organizations

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## Get Involved on Campus

- ASMSU
- CeLTA Community Language School
- Residence hall government
- MSU Pre-Law Society
- MSU Community Relations Coalition
- Office of Education Abroad ambassadors
- Language clubs



## Professional Organizations

- American Association of Language Specialists
- American Foreign Services Association
- American Bar Association
- American Society for Public Administration
- American Translators Association
- National Association of Government Employees
- NAFSA: Association for International Educators
- TESOL International Association
- Young Professionals in Foreign Policy
- United Nations Associations (by geographic area)

## Research, Info, & Job Search Sites

- City & county websites
- State Senates & House of Representatives
- U.S. Senates & House of Representatives
- PeaceCorps.gov
- usajobs.gov
- GoinGlobal
- Mi.gov
- CIA.gov/careers

## Tips

- Keep up with news on a local, state, national, international scale.
- Get relevant professional experience through volunteering, interning, or a part-time job. This can be working with the issue, population, or in the context (e.g. state government, political campaigns, etc.) of interest to you.
- Learn about government job applications procedures. Plan to apply early!
- Resumes for federal government jobs look different! Refer to USAJOBS Help Center guide at [usajobs.gov/help/FAQ](https://usajobs.gov/help/FAQ)
- For those interested in law school, explore resources offered by the Law School Admissions Council at [lsac.org](https://lsac.org). The MSU College of Law also offers numerous video recordings on topics relevant to the law school application process at any school, which can be found at [law.msu.edu](https://law.msu.edu).