International studies offers students a valuable perspective and useful skills for careers in government, international relations, foreign service, law, business, teaching, journalism, communications or for proceeding to higher degrees. For students working toward other degrees, including degrees in the sciences, mathematics or the technical disciplines, a minor or a second major in international studies will provide a global frame of reference and preparation for future work with international colleagues.

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