

INTA 2001A, Careers in International Affairs

Wednesdays, 2:05-2:55 pm

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I. Introduction

This course examines major issues and careers in the field of international affairs. Organized and coordinated by faculty members in The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, the class involves guest speakers from business and industry, government, the not-for-profit sector, and academia. The course is designed to provide students with an understanding of issues and careers in the field and the knowledge and skill sets required to pursue these opportunities. It is required for International Affairs majors, but open to all Georgia Tech students interested in learning about opportunities in the field.

II. Course Objectives

This course will enable students to:

- Understand major issues in international relations and their impact on public policy, business, and the not-for-profit sectors;
- Acquire information about major, minor, certificate, and overseas and internship/ co-op programs offered through The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs;
- Determine their individual skills and abilities and their career interests and goals;
- Understand the variety of occupations in the field of international affairs through classroom presentations, readings, and guest speakers;
- Develop strategies to plan an effective job search, including use of campus resources and the Internet;

- Position themselves for future employment in the international arena and in jobs that value a background in international affairs.

III. Required Readings

The following text is available for purchase in the Engineer's Bookstore:

Maria Pinto Carland and Lisa A. Gihring, eds., Careers in International Affairs. 8th edition. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2008.

IV. Graded Assignments and Policies

Attendance and class participation is mandatory and will be monitored. Assessment of assigned reading for each class will be conducted by 2-3 multiple-choice questions administered via Turning Point clicker either at the beginning or end of class.

Fifty percent (50%) of the final grade in the class will be based on attendance, taken by the clicker, answers to reading questions given via clicker and class participation. As a courtesy to our guest speakers, students are required to arrive promptly, remain for the entire class period, and be prepared with questions and comments. Some speakers may choose to survey your views via clicker in the course of the class discussion, so please be sure to participate.

Students will be required to complete a Career Assessment and Strategic Plan, a formal resume and must conduct an informational interview with an off campus contact. A one-page Preliminary Career Assessment and Strategic Plan as well as a rough draft of a resume (10% of the final grade) are due in class on **October 10, 2012**. The final Career Assessment and Strategic Plan, formal resume, and one-page write-up of your informational interview are worth 40% of the final grade, and are due in class on **December 5, 2012**.

Students must complete the requirements of the course and attend regularly in order to receive a grade of "S," with a class average of 70% or better.

V. Course Outline and Readings

NOTE: The following is a tentative outline for the course. Because the class involves guest speakers, the order of topics and readings may have to be changed if there is a scheduling conflict. Changes to topics and readings will be announced on T-Square. In addition, announcements concerning changes will be made in class. Students are responsible for monitoring the course schedule and preparing for class accordingly. Additional readings may be added throughout the semester.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Readings</u>
August 22	Introduction to Careers in International Affairs
<i>Guests:</i>	Dr. Kirk Bowman, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Programs, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs
	Stephanie Jackson, Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Program
	Stephanie Greear, International Affairs Student Organization President
	Stephanie Travis, INTA Ambassadors
	Emily Robey, Sigma Iota Rho
August 29	Armed Services
<i>Readings:</i>	http://www.rotc.gatech.edu/
<i>Guests:</i>	Capt. Joshua Roberts, Marine Corps ROTC
	Lt. AJ Walker, Navy ROTC
September 5	Student Alumni Association
<i>Readings:</i>	http://gtalumni.org/pages/students
<i>Guest:</i>	TBA
September 12	International Plan and Overseas Programs
<i>Readings:</i>	http://www.worldcitizensguide.org/
<i>Guests:</i>	Stephanie Jackson, Academic Advisor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs
	Dr. Kirk Bowman, Director, Latin America Summer Program, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs.
	Dr. Vicki Birchfield, Brussels Summer Program, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs.

September 19 International Business/Consulting Careers

Readings: Carland & Gihring, Chapter 9 and 11

Guests: TBA

September 26 U.S. Government: Intelligence

Readings: Carland & Gihring, pages 131-151

<http://www.fbijobs.gov/>

Guests: TBA

October 3 International Career Development Opportunities

Readings: TBA

Guest: Phil Barry, Chairman of Global Grant Scholarships, Rotary Club

Jim Hoadley, Associate Director, Center for International Business Education and Research (GT CIBER)

October 10 Internships Game Plan

Readings: TBA

Guests: Stephanie Jackson, Academic Advisor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs

PRELIMINARY CAREER ASSESSMENT DUE

October 17 Careers in the U.S. Government: Department of State

Readings: Carland & Gihring, pages 53-102

Guest: Kristin Lundberg, Bureau of International Information Programs, U.S. Department of State

October 24 **Graduate School – International Affairs, MBA and Law School**

Readings: Carland & Gihring, Chapter 5 and pages 125-130
www.lsac.org (Law School Admissions Council)

Guests: James Stevens, Associate, Kilpatrick-Stockton, LLC

Dr. Brian Woodall, Associate Chair, Sam Nunn School of International
Affairs, Georgia Tech

Paula Wilson, Dir. MBA Admissions, College of Management

October 31 **Pre-Health Program and Global Health Policy**

Readings: Carland & Gihring, pages 83-84, 330-33

Guest: Chris Pritchett, Management and Program Analyst, Center for Disease
Control

Jennifer Kimble, Pre-Health Program Director, Georgia Institute of
Technology

November 7 **International/Economic Development**

Readings: Carland & Gihring, pages 320-30

Guest: Amanda Shailendra, Senior Project Manager, Ga Dept. of Economic
Development

November 14 **Non-Profit Sector**

Readings: Carland & Gihring, Chapters 12 and 13

Guests: Molly Williams, Community Relations Director, The Gateway Center

Lauren Kent-Delaney, Dir. Educational Programs, The Carter Center

November 21 **NO CLASS MEETING: CAREER ASSESSMENT WORK DAY**

November 28 **Media**

Readings: <http://www.turner.com/careers/internships.html>

Additional handout about Media careers will be provided on T-square

Guest: TBA

December 5 **Careers in Teaching**

Readings: http://www.preteaching.gatech.edu/about_us.html

<http://www.teachforamerica.org/our-mission>

Guests: Susan Belmonte, Director of Pre-Teaching, Georgia Institute of
Technology

FINAL CAREER ASSESSMENT DUE