

Are you interested in pursuing a degree with an international focus in the US or Canada? Are you considering a masters degree? Undertaking post-secondary education in international studies is one way to build your international credentials. Gain international experience before you go abroad or deepen your international perspective upon your return. This *Quick Guide* provides links for North American students researching international studies degree programs. Happy hunting!

### US Links

- **America's Best Graduate Schools:** [www.usnews.com/education](http://www.usnews.com/education)  
Run by the US News & World Report's education division, this site provides in-depth ranking tables based on expert opinions and statistics, state-by-state directories and informative articles on graduate schools in business, law, medicine, engineering, education and more. Search on the term "international" in order to find internationally-oriented programs. Alternatively, you can browse programs in Non-Profit Management (under Public Affairs) or Development Economics (under Social Sciences).
- **College Navigator:** [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/)  
Available through the National Center for Education Statistics (a subsidiary of the Institute of Educational Sciences department of the US Department of Education), this useful search engine allows prospective students to pinpoint universities offering the specific courses they're looking for. Each search offers up a detailed analysis of the relevant university, and links directly to that university's Web site. Click on the "Browse for Programs" graphic on the main search menu to add programs to your search. Hint: Try using the keyword "International" in your search in order to bring up options that you may not have considered.
- **College Prowler:** [www.collegeprowler.com/rankings/](http://www.collegeprowler.com/rankings/)  
Run by students, this ranking area of the College Prowler site can act as a good resource guide for student advice and reviews of colleges, universities and programs. It uses numerous criteria to rank an institution (e.g. diversity on campus, academics), and also allows you to carry out comparisons of up to five colleges or universities at a time, based on specific criteria (e.g. majors offered). Not as high-level as some of the other resources in this list, but certainly a good starting point. Begin your search under "college programs" and type "international" in the search box; options will appear for you to choose.
- **Foreign Policy Association (FPA): Top Programs List:** [www.fpa.org/jobs/?act=schools\\_list](http://www.fpa.org/jobs/?act=schools_list)  
A handy reference for the top ten International Relations and Public Policy Graduate Programs in the US. This resource provides detailed information on each of the graduate programs and their respective links. Tip: US magazines on globally-focused subjects such as Foreign Policy and Foreign Affairs contain ads for various master's programs available in international subjects (e.g. The New School in New York offers a master's degree in International Affairs, and the School of International Service at American University offers master's degrees in International Development, International Peace and Conflict Resolution, and more).
- **gradschools.com:** [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com)  
GradSchools.com has over 60,000 programs worldwide to choose from in over 400 subject areas. Search by field of study, subject or location (US and international). The site also lists online graduate programs (distance learning) from accredited colleges and universities in over 100 subjects as well as topical resources (e.g. applying to school as a foreign student). Searching by the keyword "international" under the "Programs" search tab on the main page allows you to browse universities with programs in International Affairs, International Business, and International Development.

### Canadian Links

- **Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC):** [www.accc.ca](http://www.accc.ca)  
This national organization was created in 1972 and represents colleges and institutes throughout Canada. On their Web site, you will find a database where you can search full-time programs available at ACCC's 150 member colleges and institutes. You can also find out about ACCC's international projects and browse through their education resources. Under the "Members" tab there is a programs database that can be searched. Try searching "International" to bring up similar programs with a variety of names.
- **Directory of Canadian Universities Database:** [www.aucc.ca/can\\_uni/search/index\\_e.html](http://www.aucc.ca/can_uni/search/index_e.html)  
The Web site of the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC) has a comprehensive online Directory of Canadian Universities Database where you can search undergraduate and graduate programs offered by Canadian Universities. This site can save you time, since you won't have to browse all the Web sites of Canadian universities in searching for the programs you are interested in. The

site contains over 10,000 search records, from which you can navigate directly to the more detailed program information on the university web sites. For the best results, search "international" in the "search programs by key word" field.

- **International Development Studies Network:** [www.idsnet.ca](http://www.idsnet.ca)  
Maintained by the Canadian Consortium of University Programs in International Development Studies (CCUPIDS), this site is a great resource for Canadians studying, researching and working in international development. It provides links to and information about international development studies programs in Canada and opportunities for study abroad, as well as links to organizations that have work, internship and volunteer opportunities in the field. This site does not offer a search field; users must look through the links in list form.

### International Resources

- **Academic Ranking Of World Universities (ARWU):** [www.arwu.org](http://www.arwu.org)  
This site provides useful links to yearly academic rankings of the world's top universities. The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) is universally recognized for its accuracy and is seen as one of the best university ranking systems in the world. Information includes regional and national rankings, as well as criteria scores. The ARWU was originally compiled by Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Institute of Higher Education in order to find out what position Chinese universities held on the global level. As a result, they have compiled some of the first-ever international comparative analyses of university rankings. This resource can be best used in conjunction with other resources. Published annually in August; rankings are searchable only by institution, not by discipline.
- **APSIA: Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs:** [www.apsia.org/schools/school-search/](http://www.apsia.org/schools/school-search/)  
APSIA.org provides information about its 34 member schools and 30-plus affiliate member programs for current and prospective students, employers, media, and media professionals. It provides information concerning graduate and professional degree programs, admission requirements, and contacts. Each member school is listed with a complete evaluation of its internationally-oriented graduate. Search for your international field of interest (e.g. international law, global health, international development studies) in the search bar on the main page to find appropriate programs. On the site's top menu bar, you will see a "Career Advancement" link, which offers some advice and resources for those interested in pursuing a career in international affairs.
- **BISA: British International Studies Association:** [www.bisa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=174&Itemid=153](http://www.bisa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=174&Itemid=153)  
Founded in 1975, this UK organization is the professional association for academics and practitioners of international relations in Britain. BISA promotes the study of international relations and related subjects at UK universities and abroad. If you are thinking about international studies in Britain, this is a good place to start. BISA's Web site allows you to start searching a directory of programs offered by UK universities in the area of international studies.
- **Global Directory Of Peace Studies Programs:** [www.peacejusticestudies.org/globaldirectory/index.php](http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/globaldirectory/index.php)  
This is a comprehensive annotated guide to peace studies and conflict resolution programs at colleges and universities worldwide. Profiles over 500 undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs and concentrations in over 40 countries. Entries describe the programs' philosophies, examples of courses, key requirements, degrees and certificates offered, and complete contact information. This excellent resource is available for purchase or online subscription for a small fee.
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- **International Studies Association (ISA):** [www.isanet.org](http://www.isanet.org)  
A group of scholars and practitioners founded the International Studies Association (ISA) in 1959 to pursue their mutual interest in international studies. Representing eighty countries (including the US), ISA has over 5,000 members worldwide, and is widely-respected as a scholarly association in this field. This guide is key for those interested in international studies, as you can be up-to-date on international studies-related news, find out about annual conventions, make use of their scholarly journals and contact ISA coordinators in your region. But please note that no database of international studies programs is offered.

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