

# INTERNATIONAL POLITICS & ECONOMICS |

## Where Do Our Majors Go?

**W**hat can you do with a major in International Politics and Economics? In the context of the traditional liberal arts education you will receive at Middlebury, your major will serve you well in whatever path you choose to pursue. The skills and dispositions you will develop are desirable to employers from many diverse industries. While many majors go on to graduate work, others lead companies and NGOs, become performers or writers, work in government, law, and healthcare, or start their own businesses. As you begin to successfully translate the goals of your disciplinary training into professional competencies and enhance your learning through student organizations and internships, you will have a solid foundation on which to build a meaningful and dynamic career path in any field you can imagine. The list below gives just some of the many interesting ways our graduates in International Politics and Economics have applied their liberal arts learning to *engage the world*.

**VP, Research**  
Gerson Lehrman Group

**Attorney**  
Federal Reserve Board

**Head of Faculty**  
The Entrepreneur School

**Strategy Associate,  
Corporate Group**  
The World Bank Group

**National Project Director  
(Republic of Congo)**  
Habitat for Humanity International

**Asia Analyst**  
Defense Intelligence Agency

**Corporate Foreign Exchange**  
Wells Fargo

**Foreign Terrorist Programs Officer**  
U.S. Department of Treasury

**Minister Counselor,  
Economic Affairs**  
U.S. Embassy in Moscow

**President, CEO & Founder**  
Mongolia International Capital Corp.

**Executive Producer/CEO**  
Creature Films

**VP, Corporate Development**  
Bulletin Intelligence

**Assistant Professor of Economics**  
Case Western Reserve University

**Chief Product Development Officer**  
Women's World Banking

**Agricultural Attaché**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Senior Officer, Resource Development**  
Singapore Economic Development  
Board

**Director**  
CBS Money

**VP, Finance**  
National Grid

**Special Advisor**  
FBI

**Principal & Co-Founder**  
Green Peak Solar

**Director, Government Relations**  
ITT Exelis

**Senior Financial Analyst & Director**  
Teleglobe

**Human Resources Coordinator**  
Doctors Without Borders

## PREPARATION & POSSIBILITIES

### Program in International Politics & Economics

## About the Major

**T**he Program in International Politics & Economics at Middlebury College provides students with the opportunity to study two disciplines as well as areas that cut across traditional departmental and disciplinary lines. Through courses developed and taught by economics and political science faculty, students examine the globalizing world through a variety of conceptual lenses supplied by the social sciences; they learn multiple ways of solving problems; and they explore areas of inquiry that intersect traditional disciplines.

This approach, in combination with the study of languages and immersion in another culture during study abroad, prepares students for a wide array of opportunities after college, including further study in graduate and professional schools. Alumni of the program are engaged in careers ranging from investment banking to the Peace Corps, from teaching to government service, journalism, public policy and management consulting.

## You Might Choose This Major if . . .

**Y**ou have an interest in politics, economics, and globalization, and want to approach the disciplines from both an interdisciplinary and international perspective. You're deeply interested in the rapidly changing world and how governments interact with the global economy. Your interest in politics extends far beyond the borders of your own background, and you are keen to understand the global nature of it. You're looking to build a solid foundation for any number of career paths and graduate education.

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## PREPARATION & POSSIBILITIES On Leading a Liberal Arts Life



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## LEARNING GOALS FOR THE MAJOR:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the disciplines of economics and political science by completing six courses within each discipline

2. Demonstrate competence in a foreign language taught at Middlebury College

3. Study abroad for at least one semester, normally at one of the Middlebury schools abroad

4. Demonstrate ability to conduct independent work by engaging in research and in-depth analysis that culminates in meaningful written senior work

## Making the Most of It While on Campus

You have a wide range of options to connect your learning to your interests during your time at Middlebury. You can find on- and off-campus opportunities, support, and experiences through:

**180 Degrees Consulting (180DC):** Student-run consulting group that provides high-quality services to nonprofits and social enterprises to create greater social impact.

**American Enterprise Institute on Campus:** Seeks to promote free market values and principles including the importance of free enterprise and a limited federal government through events and discussion.

**Baseball Analytics Club:** A forum to discuss baseball through a variety of lenses that include analytics, fantasy, trade analysis, favorite teams, and economics.

**The Campus:** Middlebury's only student weekly, *The Campus* has a 105-year-old tradition of providing timely reporting to the College community.

**Center for Social Entrepreneurship:** Helps students learn to be effective agents of social change by reflecting on who they are, connecting with others, analyzing systematic challenges, and engaging the world around them.

**Midd Entrepreneurs:** A student-taught winter term course for students who wish to start their own business or non-profit organization.

**Middlebury Economics Society:** Works to hold a platform for students to initiate, to develop, and to pursue their interests in economics through exposure to a variety of economics-related spheres and engagement in a wide range of activities.

**Model United Nations:** An academic simulation of the UN that aims to educate participants about civics, globalization, and multilateral diplomacy.

**Privilege & Poverty/Shepherd Internships:** A curricular initiative that brings together faculty, students, and staff interested in studying economic inequality and features an experiential component through the paid, summer Shepherd internship program (national and local).

**Roosevelt Campus Network:** A student-led think tank that provides a means for students with great ideas to impact their communities.

**Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs:** Promotes lectures and other co-curricular programming on global affairs; students can apply for funding for lectures and research.

**SGA Finance Committee:** The financial arm of the student body charged with allocating the Student Activities Fee (SAF) to all student organizations.

**Socially Responsible Investment Club:** Promotes transparency and responsibility in the College's investment practices.

**Student Investment Committee:** Provides students interested in finance with varied opportunities to expand their knowledge and network.

For more information on student organizations, check out Student Activities at [go.middlebury.edu/activities](http://go.middlebury.edu/activities)

## Applying Your Learning through Internships

Students pursue internships and research in a variety of fields, enabling them to apply their liberal arts learning in real-world settings during Winter Term or over the summer. Internships, research, and self-directed projects enrich your academic experience and help prepare you for life after Middlebury. Students of studio art and other arts have interned or done research at:

U.S. Department of State

Bank of China

CBS Sports Network

Deloitte Consulting

ACCION

Lift Up Africa

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation

Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights

IBM

Humanity in Action

Endeavor Global

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

U.S. Embassy in Lisbon

Morgan Stanley

Moody's

Imagination Afrika

The White House

Emerging Asia

FINCA International

Goldman Sachs

Analysis Group

Banco Popular

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Rural Education Action Program (REAP) China

The Peace Alliance

Intern-American Development Bank

Vermont Sail Freight Project

Washington Office on Latin America

Undergraduate Summer Research at Middlebury

“Interning at REAP was an amazing experience that broadened my perspective on the world and on China. If you're an IP&E major with any interest in developmental economics, this is the internship for you!”

—Reid Manheim '17 (*International Politics & Economics*)  
Rural Education Action Program (REAP) China Intern

Interested in doing an internship but don't know where to start? Drop by the **Center for Careers & Internships** in Adirondack House for help!

## Translating Your Learning: Professional Competencies

Throughout your time at Middlebury, you will develop and enhance the following core professional competencies—skills and dispositions highly valued by employers that will prepare you for leadership and success in any given field.

### Cross-Cultural Skills

- Greater understanding and appreciation of others' cultural, social, political, and religious behaviors and beliefs
- Appreciation and understanding commonality and connectedness across and within cultures and societies
- Awareness of and an ability to contextualize how past and present events inform and affect individual attitudes and behaviors
- Reaching across one's own beliefs in solidarity with others
- Adapting well to a new environment, working in a diverse cultural setting, and sensitivity to other cultures and values

### Communication Skills

- Demonstrating skill and sophistication in oral and written expression
- Using various forms and styles of written communication
- Formulating and defending an argument
- Producing written synthesis or summarization
- Employing language and tone that leads to creating understanding
- Using different devices and tools to be more persuasive (humor, passion, etc.)
- Listening for understanding

### Research Skills

- Ability to conceptualize the question
- Formulating a question to appropriate scope and scale
- Understanding and evaluating research methodology
- Designing appropriate method and approach
- Finding and identifying most relevant sources
- Conducting and analyzing research
- Using required tools and technology to conduct research and sort data

### Critical Thinking Skills

- Defining the scope and attributes of a problem
- Gathering evidence through research
- Evaluating opinions and findings
- Deriving evidence-based conclusions
- Constructing logical arguments
- Contextualizing
- Relating skills and knowledge to other disciplines

### Analytical Skills

- Evaluating and sorting data
- Synthesizing facts, concepts, and principles
- Identifying themes and patterns
- Formulating an independent conclusion
- Summarizing findings
- Presenting and defending one's analysis of data and literature

### Interpersonal Skills

- Collaborating effectively with people of varying perspectives and abilities toward a common goal
- Sensitivity to socio-economic backgrounds
- Taking initiative at times; and following instructions at others
- Being an effective team player, comfortable in playing different roles as needed
- Empathy: Being able to put one's self in the shoes of others, and imagine perspectives other than their own
- Emotional and social intelligence: Ability to connect with others and building strong relationships

### Personal Skills

- Ability to prioritize and meet deadlines and manage several projects simultaneously
- Being open to feedback and build on experience
- Taking responsibility and being accountable
- Perseverance, passion, and hard work—the relentless drive to achieve goals
- Effective planning and time management
- An ability to produce independent work
- Be self-reflective for personal and professional growth
- Working under constraints: limited time, limited finances, and limited staff to accomplish tasks