What you can do with a degree in
Global Development Studies

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Global Development Studies. Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major. Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Advocate
- Aerial Photo Interpreter
- Agricultural Geographer
- Area Specialist
- Archivist
- Campaign Manager
- Cartographer
- Child and Family Specialist
- Community Development Specialist
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Manager
- Community Organizer
- Computer Cartographer
- Demographer
- Economic Development Officer
- Emergency Manager
- Environmental Manager
- Environmental Planner
- Environmental Specialist
- ESL Instructor
- Foreign Service Officer
- Geographer
- Geographic Analyst
- Geographic Information Analyst
- Global Health Specialist
- Health Services Planner
- Industrial Location Specialist
- Intelligence Agent
- International Business Specialist
- International Economist
- International Lawyer
- International Volunteer Coordinator
- Land Planner
- Language/Culture Teacher
- Librarian
- Location Analyst
- Location Expert
- Map Analyst
- Mapping Technician
- Marketing Researcher
- Museum Curator
- Nonprofit Management Photographer
- Population Analyst
- Professor/Teacher
- Program Developer
- Public Health Education
- Public Policy Analyst
- Real Estate Agent/Broker/Appraiser
- Real Estate Development Researcher
- Retailer for Sustainable Development Cooperatives
- Researcher
- Resettlement Aid
- Rural Planning Coordinator
- Surveyor
- Transportation Planner
- Travel Agent, Guide or Writer
- Urban/Community Planner
- Urban Planning Research Assistant
- Chamber of Commerce
- City Manager
- Consumer Services Director
- Election Official
- Housing Management Officer
- Probation Officer
- Title Examiner

Possible Professional Settings:

- Aerial Survey Firms
- AmeriCorps
- Architectural Firms
- Archives
- Business Corporations
- Civic Associations
- Correctional Institutions
- Court System
- Environmental Consulting Firms
- Federal, State & Local Government/Agencies
- Foreign Service
- Global Health Organizations
- Housing Authorities
- Insurance Developers
- International Business
- International Education Agencies
- Land Developers
- Libraries
- Mapping Agencies
- Marketing/Distribution Companies
- Microenterprises
- Municipalities
- Museums
- Non-profit Agencies
- Non Government Organizations (NGO’s)
- Peace Corps
- Planning Agencies
- Political Campaigns
- Public Policy Organizations
- Real Estate Developers
- Relief Agencies
- Regional Planning Councils
- Resource Mgmt Agencies
- School Boards
- Social & Environmental Justice Organizations
- Social Service Agencies
- State Department
- Teach for America
- Textbook & Map Publishers
- Travel Agencies
- VISTA
- United Nations
- Universities
- Urban Renewal Agencies
- USAID
Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.

**Websites Related to this Field**

- [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
- [www.geographyjobs.com](http://www.geographyjobs.com)
- [www.devdir.org](http://www.devdir.org)
- [www.ngo.org/links](http://www.ngo.org/links)
- [www.proworldvolunteers.org/](http://www.proworldvolunteers.org/)

**Professional Associations and Organizations**

- American Geographical Society: [www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org)
- Association of American Geographers: [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)
- National Council for Geographic Education: [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org)
- Urban and Regional Informational Systems Association: [www.urisa.org](http://www.urisa.org)

**General Career Information**

- Washington Occupation Information System: [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org)
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

**SPU Resources**

- Political Science Department Website: [http://www.spu.edu/depts/polisci/](http://www.spu.edu/depts/polisci/)
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: [www.spu.edu/depts/sas](http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas)
- Academic Catalog: [www.spu.edu/academics.aspx](http://www.spu.edu/academics.aspx)
- On Track Degree Planner: [http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/](http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/)
- SPU Study Abroad Office: [http://www.spu.edu/acad/study-abroad/](http://www.spu.edu/acad/study-abroad/)
- The John Perkins Center: [http://www.spu.edu/depts/perkins/](http://www.spu.edu/depts/perkins/)
- Related Student Organizations: [http://www.spu.edu/depts/studentprograms/clubs.asp](http://www.spu.edu/depts/studentprograms/clubs.asp)

* Websites are current as of September 2013. If any go inactive, please let us know.