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International relations specialists analyse politics, trade, security and diplomacy between nations. They work with the foreign ministry, think tanks, international organisations, multinational companies and the media.



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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। • An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (any stream) + bachelor's and M.A. in political science/international relations
Work mode	Office and research; travel and work across time zones
Demand	Growing - driven by geopolitics, trade deals and expanding think tanks
Top earning	₹3 lakh+/month at senior analyst/diplomat level

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in world events, news and politics
- Enthusiasm for learning foreign languages and cultures
- Enjoy debate, analysis and problem-solving

ABILITIES

- Strong communication skills, especially fluent English
- Ability to analyse and solve problems
- Ability to work in a team

KEY SKILLS

- Understanding of international politics and economics
- Research, policy writing and report drafting

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- Knowledge of one or more foreign languages
 - Critical analysis of data and news
 - Negotiation and diplomatic communication skills
 - Public presentation and media engagement

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in any stream.
- 2 Do a B.A. in political science, international relations, history or economics.
- 3 Pursue an M.A. in international relations - JNU, Jamia and Jadavpur are leading centres.
- 4 For research careers, add an M.Phil./Ph.D.
- 5 Intern at a think tank or research institute.
- 6 To become a diplomat, take the UPSC Civil Services Exam and opt for the Indian Foreign Service.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- UGC-NET (political science/international studies)
- UPSC Civil Services Examination for the Indian Foreign Service

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Jawaharlal Nehru University (School of International Studies) — New Delhi
- University of Rajasthan (Political Science) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Jamia Millia Islamia — New Delhi
- Jadavpur University (International Relations) — Kolkata, West Bengal
- University of Mumbai (Civics & Politics) — Mumbai, Maharashtra

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Ashoka University — Sonapat, Haryana
- Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts — Pune, Maharashtra
- Amity University (Jaipur and other campuses) — Jaipur and others

ONLINE

- IGNOU (M.A. Political Science, distance) — Distance education
- Coursera (international relations courses) — Online

FEES

Course fees roughly ₹6,000 to ₹3,00,000; much lower in government universities. Varies by institute.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Governments, international organisations, multinational companies, development consulting firms, NGOs and think tanks.

WORK CULTURE

8-9 hours a day, 5-6 days a week; travel and working across time zones is common. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Ministry of External Affairs and Indian embassies | • Think tanks - ORF, MP-IDSA, CPR |
| • International organisations such as the United Nations | • Multinational companies and risk-consulting firms |
| • Media - foreign affairs journalism | • Universities and research institutes |

DEMAND (2026)

Shifting geopolitics, new trade agreements and India's growing global role are raising demand for analysts and policy researchers in 2026.

7 Career growth

- 1 Research assistant/Campaign worker
- 2 International relations analyst

- 3 Senior analyst/Policy advisor
- 4 Director/Diplomat (senior level)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹35,000-60,000
Mid level	₹70,000-1,20,000
Senior level	₹1,50,000-3,00,000

Experienced specialists earn about ₹70,000-1,20,000 per month; international organisations and senior posts pay more.

8 The good parts · The challenges**The good parts**

- Influential, prestigious work on global issues
- Opportunities to travel and engage with cultures
- Multiple career paths - diplomacy, research, media

The challenges

- Tough competition for top positions
- Long study path and fluent English are essential
- Irregular routine due to time zones and travel

9 Real-life journeys**Shivshankar Menon**

Former Foreign Secretary and National Security Advisor of India

With an M.A. in history, Shivshankar Menon joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1972, served as envoy to China, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, became Foreign Secretary and then shaped policy as National Security Advisor.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shivshankar_Menon

Nirupama Rao

Former Foreign Secretary; India's ambassador to the US and China

Daughter of an army officer from Kerala, Nirupama Rao became the MEA's first woman spokesperson, served as ambassador to China and the US, and made history as India's second woman Foreign Secretary.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nirupama_Rao

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Political Scientist
- Criminologist
- Museologist

11 Sources & further reading

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