



Foreign Service is a program of study in the **Government and Public Administration Career Cluster**. A Career Cluster is a grouping of occupations and broad industries based on commonalities. There are 16 Career Clusters.

Career clusters link what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they need for success in college and careers. The Government and Public Administration Career Cluster focuses on those careers that are unique to government and not contained in another Career Cluster.

There are seven programs of study in this cluster:

- Foreign Service
- Governance
- National Security
- Planning
- Public Management and Administration
- Regulation
- Revenue and Taxation

Employment Outlook

Interpreters and Translators are examples of careers in this program of study. They convert spoken or written words from one language into another. The number of jobs for interpreters and translators is expected to grow faster than average through the year 2014. Many businesses continue to expand their operations into other countries, and as a result, workers will be needed to help American workers communicate with their non-English speaking coworkers (Career Information System, 2007). Nationally, interpreters and translators earn between \$20,120 to \$57,100 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-2007).

Using this brochure

Inside you will find a suggested **program of study** that has lots of helpful information. The model is an example of the types of courses and extended learning experiences that are important for the **Foreign Service Program of Study**. Use this model to plan your course schedule, educational experiences, and career choices.

At the top of the model, you will find **career goals** with the corresponding **O*NET code**. The O*NET code is an official classification of jobs and can be used to locate career-related information. Your teacher, counselor, or media center should be able to help you locate further information.

The upper left side of the model highlights the **core courses and career-related electives** in high school that will help prepare you for your career goal. This model is based upon the Recommended High School Graduation Plan and can easily be adapted for the Distinguished Achievement High School Graduation Plan.

The upper right side of the model highlights examples of extended learning experiences that can enhance your knowledge and skills for your career goal. You will find examples of curricular activities, such as participation in Career and Technical Student Organizations like SkillsUSA, career learning experiences, service learning activities, and extracurricular activities.

The lower left side of the model indicates industry licensures/certifications and on-the-job training experiences that may be available while still in high school. This section also highlights the various levels of postsecondary education and examples of career options available to you once you have completed that level of education and training.

The lower right side of the model contains examples of professional associations available for foreign service professionals. Many organizations allow preprofessional membership while enrolled in a postsecondary program. Most organizations have websites which can be easily located by entering the organization name in available search engines.



Thinking about a career in Foreign Service?

This program of study may be for you! People in the Foreign Service program of study work in embassies, serve as consulates, direct diplomatic missions, and advise government leaders (Career Information System, 2007). Look inside to see the suggested coursework and learning opportunities that will prepare you for an exciting and rewarding career.