

The Foreign Service

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What is it?

- ◉ Embassies, consulates, peace missions across the globe
- ◉ Representing the United States, its interests, and its policies
- ◉ Qualifications
 - > US Citizen
 - > 21 – 60 years of age
 - > No foreign language requirements

Why the Foreign Service?

- ◉ Live and work in a foreign country
- ◉ Change locations and jobs every few years
- ◉ Exciting and dynamic workplace
- ◉ Access to important and interesting figures
- ◉ Chance to be a diplomat or ambassador

Career Tracks

- Management

- › Supervision of institution, administration, financial documentation

- Consular

- › Crisis and disaster assistance, passports, international custody disputes, travel warnings

- Economic

- › Promote open trade agreements, advise American businesses

Career Tracks

- Political

- › Interpret local events, recommend US government action, implement US foreign policy

- Public Diplomacy

- › Cross-cultural exchanges and dialogues, explaining US culture, traditions, and foreign policy

Foreign Service Officer Test

- ◉ Register at <http://www.act.org/fsot/>
- ◉ Job knowledge
 - › US government, US and World history, US culture, economics, psychology, management theory, and finance
- ◉ Reading and writing capabilities
 - › Reading, grammar, sentence structure
 - › Essays
- ◉ Biography section

Helpful Courses

- ◉ US History
- ◉ World History
- ◉ US Political Thought
- ◉ Conflict and Negotiation
- ◉ International Law
- ◉ Dialogue of Civilizations
- ◉ Study Abroad, International Travel

Following the FSOT

- ◉ Personal Narratives
- ◉ Qualifications Evaluation Panel
 - › No cut-off score
- ◉ Oral Assessment
 - › Combination of group exercises and interviews
- ◉ Medical/Security clearances
- ◉ Final Review Panel

Language Tests

- ◉ Super Critical Needs Language
- ◉ Phone test with the Foreign Service Institute
- ◉ S-2 Level
 - › Give extensive personal background information, explaining likes and dislikes, ability to discuss limited work/educational experience, give straightforward instructions to subordinate

Questions?

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