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Foreign Service Specialists

As America's lead foreign affairs agency, the U.S. Department of State is dedicated to protecting and strengthening America's interests abroad. America's foreign policy is designed to amplify the nation's voice and extend its reach to positively impact the daily lives of our citizens. We work to ensure our country's diplomatic leadership enhances our economic, food, and energy security and stability, and reflects American values.

With your diverse educational and cultural backgrounds, perspectives, and knowledge, and exceptional analytical and problem-solving skills, you can become part of America's foreign policy leadership, contributing your specialized skills, innovative thinking, and global perspective to support and expand our efforts worldwide.

As a U.S. citizen, you are America. And you can represent America to the world. Specialists work in eight (8) different areas in Embassies and consulates throughout the world. Those wishing to pursue a career in the Foreign Service must be worldwide available.

Administration

- Financial Management Officer • General Services Officer • Human Resources Officer

Construction Engineering

- Construction Engineer

Facility Management

- Facilities Manager

Information Technology

- Information Management Specialist • Information Management Technical Specialist (Unified Communications, Digital)

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International Information and English Language Programs

- Regional English Language Officer
- Regional Public Engagement Specialist

Medical and Health

- Medical Providers (NPs/PAs)
- Regional Medical Officer
- Regional Medical Officer/Psychiatrist
- Regional Medical Laboratory Scientist

Office Management

- Office Management Specialist

Law Enforcement and Security

- Diplomatic Security Special Agent
- Diplomatic Courier
- Security Engineering Officer
- Security Technical Specialist

For more information on each career track, including current employment opportunities, visit:
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Foreign Service Specialist Selection Process

1. Choose a Specialization
2. Submit Your Application
3. Qualifications Evaluation Panel
4. Take the Foreign Service Oral Assessment
5. Clearances – Medical & Security
6. Suitability Review Panel
7. Register of Cleared Candidates

An Oral Assessment Study Guide for Foreign Service Specialists is available at:
[Foreign-Service-Specialist-Oral-Assessment-Information-Guide.pdf](#)

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