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

- 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
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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