

TIME	SESSION TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	PRESENTER
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome		
9:15 – 10:15 AM	My Life in the Foreign Service and How You can Prepare Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An insiders account of life in the U.S. Foreign Service • What you can expect from the career • The FSOT, how to prepare, and what the application process involves 	
10:15 – 10:30 AM	BREAK		
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Career Opportunities in International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wide world of international nonprofits, NGOs, think tanks, interest groups, and the Hill 	
11:30 - 12:30 PM	An Insider's Perspective to Non-Profit Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pros and cons to nonprofit service • How to get into the nonprofit sector 	
12:30 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Pathways to the Foreign Service – Embassies, Consulates, the Department of State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than just a job: The concept of a professional Foreign Service • Career and life challenges: Family, security, representation, cultural awareness, assignments, and career development • Rewards of the Foreign Service 	
2:00 - 3:00 PM	How U.S. Foreign Policy is Really Made: The Executive Branch and the Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roll of Congress in foreign policy • How the Executive branch affects foreign policy 	
3:00 - 3:15 PM	BREAK		
3:15 - 4:15 PM	How U.S. Foreign Policy is Really Made: Political Appointees and the Foreign Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How political appointees affect US Foreign Policy • The process in which policy is made 	
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Problems and Opportunities at the State Department, a Long-Term Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issues and policies in conflict at the DoS • Where there is room for change 	

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9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Program Overview		
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Practical use of a Master's Degree in International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How a masters will advance your career • What types of programs are available • What you learn from a master's degree 	
10:15 - 10:30 AM	BREAK		
10:30 - 11:30 AM	What is the Foreign Service?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the goals and objectives of the Foreign Service? • What does the Foreign Service entail? • What life is like at State Department HQ • Different branches of the DoS • Various career paths of the DoS 	
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Life in an Embassy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does daily life in the Foreign Service entail? • How is the inside of an Embassy run? • Challenges and opportunities 	
12:30 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH		
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Global Issues of the State Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide arching issues the DoS handles • The issues that are currently in play 	
2:00 – 4:00 PM	The Foreign Service Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to prepare for the FSOT • The written exam and how to avoid common errors • The oral assessment and how to navigate the panel interview 	
4:00 – 4:15 PM	BREAK		
4:15 – 5:00 PM	I Did It, So Can You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside success story about how a conservative succeeded in foreign affairs • Interview and Q&A 	