FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER CAREER TRACKS

When selecting, assessing, and hiring Foreign Service Officers, otherwise known as generalists, for the five different career tracks, the U.S. Department of State looks for motivated individuals who exemplify the Dimensions. Successful individuals are strong leaders who can retain their composure in times of great stress and under dire circumstances.

Please choose carefully, as your choice will have an impact on your selection and job experiences once you enter the Foreign Service. Take this quiz to determine which career track is right for you.

CONSULAR OFFICERS
Consular Officers facilitate adoptions, help evacuate Americans, and combat fraud to protect our borders and fight human trafficking. Consular Officers touch people’s lives in important ways, often reassuring families in crisis.

ECONOMIC OFFICERS
Economic Officers work with foreign governments and other United States Government agencies on technology, science, economic, trade, energy, and environmental issues both domestically and overseas.

MANAGEMENT OFFICERS
Management Officers are resourceful, creative, action-oriented “go-to” leaders responsible for all embassy operations from real estate to people to budget.

POLITICAL OFFICERS
Political Officers analyze host country political events and must be able to negotiate and communicate effectively with all levels of foreign government officials.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY OFFICERS
Public Diplomacy Officers engage, inform, and influence opinion leaders, local non-governmental groups, the next generation of leaders, academics, think tanks, government officials, and the full range of civil society in order to promote mutual understanding and support for U.S. policy goals.