

**AFSC 16P4, Staff**  
**AFSC 16P3, Qualified**  
**AFSC 16P1, Entry**

**POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS STRATEGIST (PAS)**  
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**1. Specialty Summary.** Provides political-military expertise to build effective relationships with our global partners. This international expertise is key to an ability to sustain coalitions, pursue international stability and security cooperation, and contribute to multi-national operations. Related DoD Occupational Group: 230100.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 2.1. Develops Air Force policy positions on international political-military affairs of national, combined, or joint service interest. Receives, evaluates, and translates information from national and international agencies into tailored Air Force guidance. Assists in developing, coordinating, and implementing National Security Council policies. Determines requirements for military actions to implement national policy objectives.
- 2.2. Advises combined, joint, and Air Force operational commanders supporting the full range of Global Engagement activities.
- 2.3. Coordinates with Departments of State and Defense and other governmental agencies involved with international affairs to present and interpret Air Force positions to interdepartmental and international committees and groups affecting negotiations on government-to-government and service-to-service levels.
- 2.4. Conducts analytical studies based on political-military situations and trends, and prepares studies, reports, and surveys on political implications of proposed actions.
- 2.5. Political-Military Affairs Strategist positions include billets with an international focus at OSD, SAF, Air Staff, Joint Staff, Unified Commands, Combatant Commands, Defense Agencies, MAJCOMs, and NAFs.

**3. Specialty Qualifications:**

- 3.1. Knowledge. Knowledge is mandatory of geopolitics, international relations, U.S. foreign policy, and U.S. military issues.
- 3.2. Education. Advanced academic degree in International Relations or related field. Additional information may be found in AFI 16-109, *International Affairs Specialist (IAS) Program*.
- 3.3. Training.
  - 3.3.1. Appropriate training is listed in AFI 16-109.
  - 3.3.2. 16P1. Officers, who complete an applicable Political-Military oriented Intermediate Developmental Education (IDE) program and those officers who qualify for PAS Direct Utilization, per AFI 16-109 and approved for certification by the 16P CFM, will be awarded the entry level PAS AFSC (16P1).
- 3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 16P3, mandatory minimum of 12 months experience as a 16P1 in a PAS billet.
- 3.5. Other. The following are mandatory, as indicated:
  - 3.5.1. Prior qualification in any AFSC is mandatory.
  - 3.5.2. Officer must be a major-select or higher before being considered a candidate for selection to the PAS program.