

# INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL & AREA STUDIES

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Major Hours: 30

Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48

Upper-Division Hours Within Major: 18

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.50

Program Code: B604

- 48 Upper-Division Hours Required.
- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of International Studies Requirements
- The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division. 18 of the required 30 must be taken in the Department of International and Area Studies.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>I. Foundations in International Security</b>		
IAS 3043	Global Security	3
<b>II. International Security Issues</b>		
Choose 12 hours from a list of courses maintained by the department (6 hours must be IAS designated)		12
<b>III. Strategic Areas</b>		
Choose 12 hours from a list of courses maintained by the department (6 hours must be IAS designated)		12
<b>IV. International Experience</b>		
Choose an approved international experience <sup>1</sup>		
<b>V. Research and Writing Skills</b>		
Choose one research and one writing skills course in IAS		
<b>VI. Senior Capstone Course</b>		
IAS 4013	Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies	3
Total Credit Hours		30

<sup>1</sup> Please check with the IAS Academic Advisor for more information.

**Note:** Students may take other appropriate courses as approved by the IAS Academic Advisor.

## Major Support Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Additional Requirements</b>		
Choose 16 hours of one foreign language in a strategic area: Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish <sup>1</sup>		16

IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community	3
<b>International Security Practicum</b>		
Choose one of the following:		3
IAS 3083	International Activism	
IAS 3910	International Studies Internship	
IAS 3742 & IAS 3990	Model UN and Independent Study <sup>2</sup>	
Total Credit Hours		22

<sup>1</sup> Others languages as approved by the International Security Studies Coordinator.

<sup>2</sup> IAS 3742 plus participation in OU Model UN Club (1 hour under IAS 3990)

## General Education and College Requirements

Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of International Studies requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at: <http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html>

## University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of International Studies Requirements Core

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b>		
<i>English Composition</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition or EXPO 1213 Expository Writing	3
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
(0-13 hours in the same language) The College of International Studies requirement <b>cannot be met by high school coursework</b>		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Intermediate Course (2000 level) <sup>1,2</sup>		0-3
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose one course		3
<b>Core Area II: Natural Science</b>		
Choose two courses from different disciplines in the biological and/or physical sciences, one of which must include a laboratory component <sup>1</sup>		7
<b>Core Area III: Social Science</b>		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
<b>Core Area IV: Humanities</b>		
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course		3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865 or HIST 1493 United States, 1865 to the Present	3
Choose one course <sup>3</sup>		3

**Non-Western Culture**

Choose one course 3

**Additional Core IV Humanities courses**Choose two courses<sup>1,4</sup> 6**Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience**

Choose one course 3

Total Credit Hours 43-56

<sup>1</sup> College of International Studies Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

<sup>2</sup> One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.

<sup>3</sup> Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.

<sup>4</sup> (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.

## Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

## Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

**Total Hours:** A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**Upper-Division Hours:** A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

**Liberal Arts and Sciences Hours:** At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

**Major Work:** A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

**Pass/No Pass Enrollment:** A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

**Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"):** A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

**Military, Military In-Service, Skills, Applied Technology, and P.E. Courses:** A maximum of 16 semester credit hours of basic skills and/or applied technology courses. No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

**Senior Institution Hours:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

### Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are **not** considered resident credit.

- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

**Grade Point Averages:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA; **and**, a 2.50 major GPA (30 hours, does **not** include Major Support).

**Special Degrees:** Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

**Application for Graduation:** Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available online. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

## Suggested Semester Plan of Study

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of International Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of International Studies, and International Security Studies major requirements.

### • Junior Year - International Experience

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
MATH (Core I)		3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5
	Natural Science without Lab (Core II)	3
	Credit Hours	17
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
or EXPO 1213	or Expository Writing	
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV)	3
or HIST 1493	or United States, 1865 to the Present	
IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community	3
	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Credit Hours	17
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3

Free Elective, lower-division	3	Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their academic counselor, 325-1429, <a href="http://www.ou.edu/international">http://www.ou.edu/international</a> .
Credit Hours	16	
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAS 3043 Global Security	3	Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours.
Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3	
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3	
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3	
Free Elective, lower-division	3	
Credit Hours	15	
<b>Junior</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:		
International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division	3	
Strategic Areas Major Elective, upper-division	3	
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Credit Hours	12	
<b>Second Semester</b>		
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:		
International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division	3	
Strategic Areas Major Elective, upper-division	3	
Free Elective, lower-division	3	
Free Elective, lower-division	3	
Credit Hours	12	
<b>Senior</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Strategic Area Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Credit Hours	15	
<b>Second Semester</b>		
International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Strategic Area Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	
Choose one of the following:	3	
IAS 3083 International Activism		
IAS 3910 International Studies Internship		
IAS 3742 Model UN & IAS 3990 and Independent Study		
IAS 4013 Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies (Capstone)	3	
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1	
Credit Hours	16	
Total Credit Hours	120	

**Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.