

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL & AREA STUDIES

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Major Hours: 33

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: B605

- 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 33 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division. 18 of the required 33 must be taken in the Department of International and Area Studies.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
I. International Relations		
Choose 6 hours from a list of courses maintained by the department (3 hours must be IAS designated)		6
II. Development & Economics		
Choose 6 hours from a list of courses maintained by the department (3 hours must be IAS designated)		6
III. History & Culture		
Choose 6 hours from a list of courses maintained by the department (3 hours must be IAS designated)		6
IV. Politics & Society		
Choose 6 hours from a list of courses maintained by the department (3 hours must be IAS designated)		6
V. Specialization		
Choose 6 hours in an area of specialization that fits career goals (3 hours must be IAS designated) ¹		6
VI. International Experience		
Choose an approved international experience ²		
VII. Research and Writing Skills		
Choose one research and one writing skills course in IAS		
VIII. Senior Capstone Course		
IAS 4013	Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies	3
Total Credit Hours		33

¹ Will include additional hours from sections I-IV, an area studies, or custom specialization as approved.

² 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
Choose 16 hours of one foreign language		16
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community	3
Total Credit Hours		25

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

Choose one course	3
<i>Additional Core IV Humanities courses</i>	
Choose two courses ^{1,4}	6
Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience	
Choose one course	3
Total Credit Hours	43-56

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

² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.

³ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.

⁴ (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 checklist 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 Studies major requirements.

• Junior Year - International Experience

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
MATH (Core I)		3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5
	Natural Science with Lab (Core II)	4
Credit Hours		15

Second Semester		
ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
Credit Hours		14

Sophomore		
First Semester		
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro (Core III)	3
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3
Credit Hours		18

Second Semester		
ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3

Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
Credit Hours	15

Junior**First Semester**

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:	
History & Culture Major Elective, upper-division	3
International Relations Major Elective , upper-division	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	12

Second Semester

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:	
History and Culture Major Elective, upper-division	3
Politics & Society Major Elective, upper-division	3
Free Elective, lower-division	3
Free Elective, lower-division	3
Credit Hours	12

Senior**First Semester**

Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
International Relations Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Development & Economics Major Elective, upper-division	3
Politics & Society Major Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
Specialization Major Elective, upper-division	3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
Credit Hours	18

Second Semester

IAS 4013 Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies (Capstone)	3
Specialization Major Elective, upper-division	3
Development & Economics Major Elective, upper-division	3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their academic counselor, 325-1429, <http://www.ou.edu/international>.

Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours.