

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS
DAVID L. BOREN COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2026 through Spring 2027	Minimum Total Hours (Thesis) 36 Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis) 36	Global Studies M497 Master of Arts

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Program Code: M497

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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IAS 5003	U.S. Foreign Relations	3
IAS 5503	Theory and Practice of International Politics	3
IAS 5703	International Studies Colloquium	3
IAS 5713	Policy Analysis and Writing	3
Global Economics		
Choose 3 hours from a list of Global Economics courses provided by the department		3
Area Studies		
Choose 6 hours from a list of Area Studies courses provided by the department		6
Law and Institution		
Choose 3 hours from a list of Law and Institutions courses provided by the department		3
Global Security		
Choose 3 hours from a list of Global Security courses provided by the department		3
Electives		
Choose 6 hours as approved by the graduate liaison ¹		6
Cumulating Exercise/Thesis		
IAS 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	3
or IAS 5723	Global Policy Workshop	
Total Credit Hours		36

Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.

Courses completed through correspondence study may *not* be applied to the master's degree.

To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

Additional information for master's degree students may be found in the Graduate College Bulletin.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/boren-international-studies/global-studies-master-arts/>).

¹ No more than 3 hours may be IAS 5990. Electives may be chosen from the following topics and disciplines, subject to approval by the Graduate Liaison: Economics (Global/Regional), World/Regional History, Political Science, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Policy Studies, World and Human Geography, Sociology, Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Law (International and Comparative), Foreign languages.

General Requirements for all Master's Degrees

The master's degree requires the equivalent of *at least* two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.

All coursework applied to the master's degree must carry graduate credit.

Master's degree programs which require a thesis consist of *at least* 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master's degree programs require *at least* 30 credit hours.