

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2026 through Spring 2027

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours .....	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours .....	48
Major Hours .....	30
Upper-Division Hours within Major .....	18
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Overall - Combined and OU .....	2.00
Major - Combined and OU .....	2.50

Program
<b>International Security Studies</b>
<b>B604</b>
Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

**GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at: <http://www.ou.edu/content/geded/courses.html>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

**MINIMUM OF 40 HOURS REQUIRED FOR UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION**

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	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>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>		
<b>Core Area III: Social Science</b>		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
<b>Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities</b>		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course <sup>4</sup>		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course <sup>3,4</sup>		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course <sup>4</sup>		3
<b>Core Area V: First-Year Experience</b>		
Choose one course		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>37-50</b>

- <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. If this requirement is waived, a few hours of General Education electives may be needed to achieve the required 40 hour minimum (may also be satisfied by a major requirement or free elective).
- <sup>3</sup> Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.
- <sup>4</sup> It is recommended students take either Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture at the 3000-/4000-level to fulfill the university requirement of one upper-division course from the approved University Wide General Education list. The course must be outside the major. This may also be satisfied in the upper-division or free elective categories.

**FREE ELECTIVES**

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

Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College 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 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. Senior Capstone Course</b>		
IAS 4013	Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

**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 13 hours of one foreign language		13
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>1</sup>	
<b>International Experience</b>		
Majors are strongly encouraged to pursue study abroad opportunities.		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>19</b>

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

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

## 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.

## SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

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, (405) 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.

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 Department of International Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, college, and International Security Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition ( Core I )	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition ( Core I ) or Expository Writing	3
		MATH (Core I)	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government ( Core III )	3	IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		First-Year Experience (Core V)	3
		Natural Science without Lab (Core II)	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>17</b>
SOPHOMORE		Intermediate Language	3	IAS 3043	Global Security	3
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		Free Elective, lower-division	3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	3		World Culture (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	3		Western Culture (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
JUNIOR		International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division	3		International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division	3
		Strategic Areas Major Elective, upper-division	3		Strategic Areas Major Elective, upper-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>12</b>
SENIOR		International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Strategic Area Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Strategic Area Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Choose one of the following:	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	IAS 3083	International Activism	
				IAS 3910	International Studies Internship	
				IAS 3742 & IAS 3990	Model UN and Independent Study	
			IAS 4013	Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies	3	
				Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>

<sup>1</sup> University-Wide General Education course, refer to online listing. One course (Artistic Forms, World Culture, or Western Culture) must be 3000-4000-level.