

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	33
Upper-Division Hours within Major	18
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.00
Major - Combined and OU	2.50

Program
International Studies
B605
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
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>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: Arts and Humanities		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course ⁴		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course ^{3,4}		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course ⁴		3
Core Area V: First-Year Experience		
Choose one course		3
Total Credit Hours		37-50

- 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. 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).
- ³ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.
- ⁴ 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 33 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division. 18 of the required 33 must be taken in the Department of International 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. 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.

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

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose 13 hours of one foreign language		13
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community (International Experience)	3
International Experience		
Majors are strongly encouraged to pursue study abroad opportunities.		
Total Credit Hours		22

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/boren-international-studies/international-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 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	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Natural Science with Lab (Core II)	4		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
					First-Year Experience (Core V)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		17
SOPHOMORE	ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro (Core III)	3	ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	IAS 2003	Understanding the Global Community	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
		Intermediate Language	3		World Culture (Core IV) ¹	3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV) ¹	3		Western Culture (Core IV) ¹	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
JUNIOR		History & Culture Major Elective, upper-division	3		History and Culture Major Elective, upper-division	3
		International Relations Major Elective , upper-division	3		Politics & Society 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
		CREDIT HOURS		12	CREDIT HOURS	
SENIOR		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	IAS 4013	Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies	3
		International Relations Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Specialization Major Elective, upper-division	3
		Development & Economics Major Elective, upper-division	3		Development & Economics Major Elective, upper-division	3
		Politics & Society Major Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1
		Specialization Major Elective, upper-division	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		CREDIT HOURS		18	CREDIT HOURS	

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