



## 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, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU.

**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. The application is valid for three terms. Application forms are available from the International Programs Center Academic Services office, Whitehand Hall, Room 314. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

### Suggested Semester Plan of Study — International Security Studies - 0316F

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 School of International and Area Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, School of International and Area Studies, and International Security Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), <b>or</b>	3
	MATH (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b>	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	
	Natural Science without Lab (Core II)	3	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	IAS/PSC2603, Governments Around the World	3	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Social Science (Core III)	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR Study Abroad</b>	INTL 3000, International Security Issues Major Elective	3	INTL 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3
	INTL 3000, Strategic Areas Major Elective	3	INTL 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3
	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, International Security Issues Major Elective	3
	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, Strategic Areas Major Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	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
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography, <b>or</b>	3	IAS 3083, International Activism, <b>or</b>	3
	3243, Principles of Economic Geography, <b>or</b>		3910, International Studies Internship, <b>or</b>	
	3513, Political Geography, <b>or</b>		3990, Independent Study	
	4433, Cultural and Political Ecology		IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar (Capstone)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>

\*If deficient in computer literacy, contact your academic counselor in the International Programs Center Academic Services Office, Whitehand 314, 325-1429, for approved courses.

**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, Whitehand 314, 325-1429, <http://www.ou.edu/sias/home.html>.

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