

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES**  
**SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:  
**Summer 2009 through Spring 2010**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	<b>120</b>	Upper-Division Within Total	<b>48</b>
Major Hours —	<b>30</b>	Upper-Division Within Major	<b>18</b>
<b>Grade Point Averages:</b>			
Overall: Combined OU/Transfer - <b>2.00</b> OU - <b>2.00</b>			
Major GPA (30 hours; does not include Major Support): <b>2.50</b>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

International Studies

**B605**

Bachelor of Arts in International & Area Studies

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

GENERAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS Courses graded P/NP will not apply.		Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or School of International and Area Studies Requirements			
		MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - continued		
<p>Courses for fulfillment of General Education and School of International and Area Studies requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <a href="http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/classes_offered/general_education.html">http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/classes_offered/general_education.html</a></p> <p align="center"><b>University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and School of International and Area Studies Requirements</b></p> <p><b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b> (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)</p> <p>a. <b>English Composition</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English 1113, Principles of English Composition</li> <li>English 1213, Principles of English Composition, <b>or</b> EXPO 1213, Expository Writing</li> </ol> <p>b. <b>Foreign Language</b> (0-13 hours in the same language)                      The School of International and Area Studies requirement <i>cannot be met by high school coursework</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____</li> <li>Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____</li> <li>Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____                      One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.</li> </ol> <p>c. <b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours, 1 course). _____</p> <p><b>Core Area II: Natural Science</b> (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.</p> <p>◆ <b>1. Biological Science</b> _____                      Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.</p> <p>◆ <b>2. Physical Science</b> _____                      Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.</p> <p><b>Core Area III: Social Science</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political Science 1113, American Federal Government</li> <li>_____</li> </ol> <p><b>Core Area IV: Humanities</b> (18 hours, 6 courses)</p> <p>a. <b>Understanding Artistic Forms</b> (3 hours, 1 course) _____</p> <p>b. <b>Western Civilization and Culture</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, <b>or</b> History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,</li> <li>_____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)</li> </ol> <p>c. <b>Non-Western Culture</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>d. <b>Additional Core IV Humanities courses</b> (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.</p> <p>◆ 1. _____</p> <p>◆ 2. _____</p> <p><b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>◆ School of International and Area Studies Requirements: School requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.</p> <p><b>Computer Literacy Requirement</b> — Students must demonstrate computer proficiency which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications. This requirement may be satisfied by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A high school computer science course that meets curricular requirement; <b>or</b></li> <li>Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; <b>or</b></li> <li>Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test.</li> </ol>		<p align="center"><b>The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division, and a 2.50 GPA.</b></p> <p><b>I. International Politics (6 hours)</b></p> <p>IAS 3013, International Law                      IAS 3023, Genocide                      IAS 3033, International Human Rights                      IAS 3043, Global Security                      IAS 3083, International Activism                      IAS 3153, Chinese Foreign Policy                      IAS 3163, Int'l Relations of East Asia                      IAS 3213, EU, NATO, &amp; Eur. Security                      IAS 3313, Latin Amer. Int'l Relations                      IAS 3333, NAFTA                      IAS 3433, Intl. Relations in Middle East                      P SC 3550, Topics-Int'l Relations                      P SC 3563, U.S. Diplomatic History                      P SC 4523, International Org. &amp; Regimes                      P SC 4553, Int'l Political System                      P SC 4613, Conflict, Violence, Warfare</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>II. World History &amp; Culture (9 hours)</b></p> <p>A HI 3673, History of Visual Comm.                      A HI 4503, Art of the 18 Century                      A HI 4653, Art since WW II                      HIST 3113, The Crusades                      HIST 3123, War in European History                      HIST 3153, The Great War, 1914-18                      HIST 3503, World War II                      IAS/PHIL 3343, Chinese Philosophy                      IAS/PHIL 3363, Comparative Phil.                      IAS 3910, Intl. Studies Internship                      IAS/HIST 4523, Latin American Left                      IAS/HIST 4543, Latin Amer.-Cuban Rev.                      MLLL 3843, 20th C. European Culture                      MLLL 4113, Luso-Brazilian Civilization</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>III. Comparative Studies (6 hours)</b></p> <p>ANTH 3143, Peasant Societies                      ANTH 3553, Peoples of Pacific Islands                      ANTH 3843, South Asia                      ANTH 4303, Women &amp; Dev. in Africa                      COMM 3513, Intercultural Comm.                      COMM 4513, International Comm.                      IAS 2413, Islam                      IAS 3003, Topics-IAS                      IAS 3053, Globalization                      IAS 3063, Politics-Develop. Countries                      IAS 3093, Cultures-Global Workplace                      IAS 3113, Gender in East Asia                      IAS 3123, Environ. Challenges-Asia                      IAS 3133, Ethnic Identity &amp; Conflict                      IAS 3143, Chinese Politics                      IAS 3423, Politics/Society in Iraq                      IAS 3443, Political Islam                      IAS 3613, Intl. Politics, Lit., &amp; Film                      P SC 3613, Politics in Western Europe                      P SC 3623, Politics of Transitional Areas                      P SC 3643, Democratization                      P SC 3653, Govt./Politics-Latin Amer.                      P SC 4623, Globalization                      P SC 4643, Politics of European Union</p>		<p>SOC 3753, Sociology of Africa                      SOC 3803, Inequality in Global Persp.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>IV. International Economics (3 hours)</b></p> <p>ECON 3613, Intl. Trade Theory                      ECON 3633, Intl. Finance Theory                      ECON 4713, Latin American Econ. Dev.                      ECON 4823, Intro. Comp. Econ. Sys.                      ECON 4853, World Economic Dev.                      IAS 3073, Global Econ. Relations                      IAS 3323, Political Economy of Dev.</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>V. Geography (3 hours)</b></p> <p>GEOG 2603, World Regional Geog.                      GEOG 3223, British Empire                      GEOG 3513, Political Geography</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>VI. International Experience:</b> A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, an approved foreign work experience, experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.</p> <p><b>VII. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours)</b>                      IAS 4013, Senior Capstone</p> <p><b>NOTES:</b> Students may take other appropriate courses as approved by the IAS Academic Adviser.</p> <p>To be eligible for an OU Study Abroad program, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5. See the OU Education Abroad Office for details.</p>	<p align="center"><b>MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>Sixteen hours of one foreign language.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>ECON 1113, Prin. of Econ.—Macro 3                      ECON 1123, Prin. of Econ.—Micro 3                      IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community 3</p> <p align="center"><b>Free Electives</b></p> <p>Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.</p>

## 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. The application is valid for three terms. Application forms are available from the International Programs Center Academic Services office, Hester Hall, Room 100. 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 Studies - B605

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 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)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	ECON 1113, Principles of Economics - Macro (Core III)	3	ECON 1123, Principles of Economics - Micro	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b>	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community	3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		
	Free Elective, lower-division	3		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR International Experience</b>	INTL 3000, International Politics Major Elective	3	INTL 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3
	INTL 3000, World History & Culture Major Elective	3	INTL 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3
	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, International Politics Major Elective	3
	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, World History and Culture Major Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	Comparative Studies Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography, <b>or</b>	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	3223, British Empire, <b>or</b>	3
	International Economics Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	3513, Political Geography	3
	World History & Culture Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar (Capstone)	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Comparative Studies Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
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	<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, Hester Hall, Room 100, 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, Hester Hall, Room 100, 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.