

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 2010 through Spring 2011

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

International Security Studies

B604

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.

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 http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/classes_offered/general_education.html

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and School of International and Area Studies Requirements

Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

- a. **English Composition** (6 hours, 2 courses)
 1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
 2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, **or** EXPO 1213, Expository Writing
- b. **Foreign Language** (0-13 hours in the same language)
The School of International and Area Studies requirement **cannot be met by high school coursework.**
 1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____
 2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____
 - ◆ 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____
One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.
- c. **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course). _____

Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

- ◆ 1. **Biological Science** _____
Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.
- ◆ 2. **Physical Science** _____
Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: ACSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. _____

Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)

- a. **Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course) _____
- b. **Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
 1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, **or** History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
 2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)
- c. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course): _____
- d. **Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (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.
 - ◆ 1. _____
 - ◆ 2. _____

Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____

◆ School of International and Area Studies Requirements: School requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

Computer Literacy Requirement — Students must demonstrate computer proficiency which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications. This requirement may be satisfied by:

1. A high school computer science course that meets curricular requirement; **or**
2. Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; **or**
3. Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test.

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
The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division, and a 2.50 GPA.	
<p>I. International Security Issues (12 hours)</p> <p>ECON 4853, World Economic Dev. GEOG 3203, Globalization & Environ. GEOG 3253, Environ. Conservation IAS 3003, Topics: Peace Operations, Natl. Secur. Policy, or Low-Inten. Conflict IAS 3013, International Law IAS 3023, Genocide IAS 3033, International Human Rights IAS 3043, Global Security IAS 3053, Globalization IAS 3073, Global Economic Relations IAS 3183, Political Economy of Japan IAS 3213, EU, NATO, & Eur. Security IAS 3323, Political Econ. of Dev. IAS 3623, Compar. Nat'l Security P SC 3020, Genocide/U.S. Intervention P SC 3053, Global Religion P SC 3090, Topics: Tools of Statecraft P SC 3513, Causes of War P SC 3550, Topics: Terrorism/Pol. Viol. P SC 3563, U.S. Diplomatic History P SC 3623, Politics of Transition Areas P SC 4113, American Foreign Policy P SC 4613, Conflict, Violence & Warfare RELS 3213, Religion & Violence RELS 4203, Religion-Ethnic Conflict</p> <p>_____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3</p>	<p>II. Strategic Areas continued</p> <p>_____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3</p> <p>III. Geography (3 hours) GEOG 2603, World Regional Geog. GEOG 3243, Princ. of Economic Geog. GEOG 3513, Political Geography GEOG 4433, Cultural & Political Ecology</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>IV. International Experience: 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>V. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours) IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in International & Area Studies 3</p> <p>NOTES: Students may take other appropriate courses as approved by the IAS Academic Adviser. 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>
MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS	
<p>Sixteen hours of one foreign language in a strategic area: Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish. Others as approved by adviser.</p> <p>_____ 16</p> <p>_____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3</p> <p>IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community 3 IAS/PSC 2603, Govts. Around the World 3</p> <p>International Security Practicum (3 hours) IAS 3083, International Activism IAS 3910, Intl. Studies Internship IAS 3990, Independent Study 3</p>	
Free Electives	
<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 155. 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 - B604

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
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or	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, or	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
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
SOPHOMORE	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
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR International Experience	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
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12
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
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography, or	3	IAS 3083, International Activism, or	3
	3243, Principles of Economic Geography, or		3910, International Studies Internship, or	
	3513, Political Geography, or		3990, Independent Study	
	4433, Cultural and Political Ecology		IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in IAS (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		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

*If deficient in computer literacy, contact your academic counselor in the International Programs Center Academic Services Office, Hester Hall, Room 155, 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 155, 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.