

**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 —	<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 <b>not</b> include Major Support): <b>2.50</b>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

Middle Eastern Studies

**B694**

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	
		The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division, and a 2.50 GPA.		
<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, or 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, or 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; or</li> <li>Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; or</li> <li>Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test.</li> </ol>		<p><b>I. Geographical Area of Concentration</b>  <b>A. Foreign Language &amp; Literature (6 hours)</b>                  Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement, in Arabic or Hebrew.                  _____ 3                  _____ 3</p> <p><b>B. History and Ideas (6 hours)</b>                  HIST 2013, Ancient Near East Civiliz.                  HIST 3113, The Crusades                  HIST 3413, History of Ancient Israel                  HIST 3683, Jewish Mysticism                  HIST 3950, Topics-Middle Eastern History                  HIST 3953, The Modern Middle East                  HIST 3963, Rebirth of Israel                  HIST 3973, Judaism—A Religious History                  HIST 3983, Medieval Jewish History                  HIST 3993, Evolution of Martyrdom in the Judeo-Christian Civilization                  IAS 2413, Islam                  RELS 3563, Islamic Theology                  _____ 3                  _____ 3</p> <p><b>C. Politics and Society (6 hours)</b>                  IAS 3423, Politics &amp; Society in Iraq                  IAS 3433, International Relations in the Middle East                  IAS 3443, Political Islam                  P SC 3663, Politics of the Middle East                  RELS 2013, Intro. Relig. Trad. (Mid East)                  RELS 2503, Introduction to Islam                  RELS 2903, Intro.–Judaic Relig. Trad.                  RELS 2923, Intro.–Islamic Relig. Trad.                  RELS 3543, Islamic Law                  RELS 3903, Topics–Judaic Relig. Trad.                  RELS 3923, Topics–Islamic Relig. Trad.                  _____ 3                  _____ 3</p> <p><b>D. Arts and Culture (6 hours)</b>                  A HI 3263, Byzantine Art &amp; Architecture                  A HI 4273, Byzantine Icons                  ARCH 4183, Middle Eastern Architecture                  HIST 3313, Israeli Culture through Film                  HIST 3893, Culture–in Middle East                  HSCI 3453, Science &amp; Civ. in Islam                  IAS/MLLL 3453, World of Arabian Nights                  IAS/MLLL 3463, Arab Culture/Society through Modern Fiction                  MLLL 3063, Survey of Jewish Literature                  MLLL 3073, The Hebrew Bible as Lit.                  MLLL 3413, Arabic Lit. and Culture                  MLLL 3423, Western Visions of the East                  MUNM 3113, Intro. to World Music                  RELS 3533, The Qur'an                  _____ 3                  _____ 3</p>	<p><b>II. Geography (3 hours)</b>                  GEOG 2603, World Regional Geog. 3</p> <p><b>III. 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>IV. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours)</b>                  IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in International &amp; Area Studies 3</p> <p><b>NOTE:</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 either Arabic or Hebrew.                  _____ 16                  _____                  _____                  _____                  _____                  _____                  _____</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 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 — Middle Eastern Studies - B694

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 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)	
	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>	GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b>	3	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Social Science (Core III)	3	Free Elective, lower-division	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 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3	INTL 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3
	INTL 3000, Arts and Culture Major Elective	3	INTL 1000, Free Elective, lower-division	3
	INTL 3000, Foreign Language and Literature Major Elective	3	INTL 3000, Arts and Culture Major Elective	3
	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, Foreign Language and Literature Major Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	History & Ideas Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in IAS (Capstone)	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	History & Ideas Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Politics & Society Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Politics & Society Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1
	Free 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, 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, 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.