

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES

COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

Summer 2011 through Spring 2012

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			

Latin American Studies

B630

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 COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of International Studies requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at

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

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of International 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 College of International 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: AGSC, 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): _____

◆ College of International Studies: College 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 College of International Studies Requirements

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division, and a 2.50 GPA.

I. Geographical Area of Concentration

A. Foreign Language & Literature (6 hours)

Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement, in any of the languages in the area of concentration.

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B. History and Ideas (6 hours)

HIST 2613, Hispanic-Amer. Hist. 1492-1810
HIST 2623, Hisp.-Amer., 1810-Pres.
HIST 3513, Central America & Caribbean
HIST 3690, Topics in Latin Amer. Hist.
HIST 3703, Native Peoples of Latin Amer.
HIST 3713, Hist. of Mexico, 1800-pres.
HIST 4503, Brazil, 1500-2000
HIST 4553, Envir. Hist. of Latin Amer.
IAS 1303, Intro. to Latin Amer. St.
IAS 3910, Intl. Studies Internship
IAS/HIST 4513, Intellectuals & Artists in Modern Latin America
IAS/HIST 4523, Latin American Left
IAS/HIST 4533, Populism in 20th Century South America
IAS/HIST 4543, Latin Amer.-Cuban Rev.

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C. Politics and Society (6 hours)

ANTH 3333, The Aztec World
ANTH 3883, Archaeology of S. America
ANTH 3893, Maya, Aztec & Inca
COMM 3513, Intercultural Communication
COMM 4513, International Communication
IAS/PSC 2603, Govts. Around the World
IAS 3313, Latin Amer. Intl. Relations
IAS 3323, Political Economy of Dev.
IAS 3333, NAFTA
P SC 3543, US-Latin Amer. Relations
P SC 3653, Govt. & Politics of Latin Amer.

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D. Arts and Culture (6 hours)

A HI 3803, Pre-Columbian Art & Arch. of Meso- & South America
A HI 4913, Seminar (content based on Latin America)
MLLL 4113, Luso-Brazilian Civilization
MLLL 4123, Culture of Afro-Brazilian Pop Music
SPAN 4093, Spanish-American Lit. I
SPAN 4103, Spanish-American Lit. II

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II. Geography (3 hours)

GEOG 2603, World Regional Geog.
GEOG 3273, Cultural Geographies of Colonial Caribbean
GEOG 4253, Latin Amer. Geography
GEOG 4263, Geog. of Latin America through Film

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III. 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.

IV. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours)

IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in International & Area Studies

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.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Sixteen hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.

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IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community

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Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

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 College of International Studies 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 — Latin American Studies - B630

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 College of International Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of International Studies, and Latin American 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)	
	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
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
SOPHOMORE	GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography, or	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	4253, Latin American Geography, or		Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	4263, Geography of Latin America through Film		Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3		
	Social Science (Core III)	3		
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		
IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community	3			
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR International Experience	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
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12
SENIOR	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
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

*If deficient in computer literacy, contact your academic counselor in the College of International Studies 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.