

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION: Applications are due by the spring of the sophomore year or fall of the junior year. Application materials include:

- Application form
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Official Transcript

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 146 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 undergraduate major, including a minimum of 18 credit hours at the upper-division level. A minimum of 36 semester hours must be earned in the graduate major. Twelve (12) of these hours must be shared with the undergraduate major.

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 undergraduate and graduate 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 146 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 3.50 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA; **and**, 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. Application forms are available online. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

DOUBLE MAJORS AND MINORS: Only in rare and exceptional cases are BA/MA students allowed to add a second undergraduate major with another department. One minor program, either within or outside IAS, is allowed. For exceptions to these rules, BA/MA students must petition the IAS Director of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Studies Committee. Options for double majors or dual degrees are limited for BA/MA students.

Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Accelerated International Studies/Global Studies - A605

This plan is a sample of one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in five 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, International Studies, and Global 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
			Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17
SOPHOMORE	ECON 1113, Principles of Economics - Macro (Core III)	3	ECON 1123, Principles of Economics - Micro	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	GEOG upper-division (Major Requirement)	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Social Science (Core III)	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18
JUNIOR	International Politics Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER	
	World History & Culture Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	World History & Culture Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Comparative Studies Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) (recommend take in summer)	3	INTL 3000, Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
			Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) (recommend take in summer)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	IAS 5113, Field Seminar	3	IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in IAS (Capstone)	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	IAS 5503, Theory & Practice of International Politics	3
	Graduate-level Course	3	Graduate-level Course	3
	Graduate-level Course	3	Graduate-level Course	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12
FIFTH YEAR	IAS 5053, Global History	3	IAS 5523, Global Political Economy	3
	Research Tools/Methods, graduate-level	3	IAS 5913, Graduate Internship, or	3
	Graduate-level Course	3	5923, Policy Exercise, or	
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Master's Thesis	
			Graduate-level Course	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12

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, 325-1429,

<http://www.ou.edu/international>.

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