

**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 2016 through Spring 2017**

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>
Grade Point Averages:			
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 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 COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS Courses graded P/NP will not apply.		Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of International Studies Requirements		
		MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - continued
		The major requires 30 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division. 18 of the required 30 must be taken in the Department of International and Area Studies.		
<p>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 <a href="http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html">http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html</a></p> <p align="center"><b>University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of International Studies Requirements Core</b></p> <p><b>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 College of International 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) The two courses must be taken from different disciplines in the biological and/or physical sciences; one of which must include a laboratory component.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ol> <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ol> <p><b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>▶ College of International Studies Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.</p>	<p><b>I. Foundations in International Security</b>                      IAS 3043, Global Security 3</p> <p><b>II. International Security Issues (12 hours; 6 hours must be IAS designated)</b>                      IAS 3003, Topics: Peace Operations, Natl. Secur. Policy, or Low-Inten. Conflict                      IAS 3013, International Law                      IAS 3033, International Human Rights                      IAS 3053, Global Governance                      IAS 3073, Global Economic Relations                      IAS 3263, Poverty &amp; Rural Development                      IAS 3283, Cult., Power &amp; Global Environ.                      IAS 3323, Pol. Economy of Development                      IAS 3643, Illicit Trafficking                      IAS 3653, Energy, Climate &amp; Security                      IAS 3693, Military, State &amp; Society                      P SC 3563, U.S. Diplomatic History                      P SC 4113, American Foreign Policy                      RELS 3213, Religion &amp; Violence                      RELS 4203, Religion-Ethnic Conflict</p> <p>_____ 3                      _____ 3                      _____ 3                      _____ 3</p> <p><b>III. Strategic Areas (12 hours; 6 hours must be IAS designated)</b>                      AFAM 4123, African Politics                      AFAM 4143, Africa's Role-Cont. World                      HIST 3723, Africa Since 1945                      HIST 3783, Africa Since 1800                      HIST 3903, Contemporary Japan                      HIST 3923, China Since 1911                      IAS 3143, Chinese Politics                      IAS 3153, Chinese Foreign Policy                      IAS 3173, Rural Life in Modern China                      IAS 3193, Envir. &amp; Disease Crisis China                      IAS 3203, Middle East Since WW I                      IAS 3213, EU, NATO &amp; Euro. Security                      IAS 3223, Modern Iran                      IAS 3233, Nat'lism &amp; the Mod. Middle East                      IAS 3253, Africa in the World Economy                      IAS 3273, European Union                      IAS 3303, Mexican Econ. Development                      IAS 3313, Intl. Relations-Latin America                      IAS 3373, Latin American Narco-Regimes                      IAS 3403, US-Iran Relations                      IAS 3433, Intl Relations-Middle East                      IAS 3443, Political Islam                      IAS 3473, Arab-Israeli Conflict                      IAS 3493, Iran Since 1979                      IAS 3513, 20th Century India                      IAS 3563, International Politics of S. Asia                      IAS 3573, Religious Conflicts in Asia                      IAS 3583, Managing US-China Relations                      IAS 3593, Intro to Southeast Asia                      IAS 3703, South Asian Security                      IAS 3713, Race &amp; Immigration - Europe                      IAS 4523, Latin American Left                      IAS 4533, Populism in 20th C.S. Amer.                      IAS 4543, Lat. Amer. in Age of Cuban Rev.                      P SC 3633, Politics of East Asia                      RELS 3543, Islamic Law</p> <p>_____ 3                      _____ 3                      _____ 3                      _____ 3</p>	<p><b>IV. International Experience</b>                      Students must complete an approved international experience. Please check with the IAS Academic Adviser for more information.</p> <p><b>V. Research and Writing Skills</b>                      Students must complete one research and one writing skills course in IAS.</p> <p><b>VI. Senior Capstone Course (3 hours)</b>                      IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in International &amp; Area Studies 3</p> <p>NOTES: Students may take other appropriate courses as approved by the IAS Academic Adviser.</p>	<p align="center"><b>MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>Sixteen hours of one foreign language in a strategic area: Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish. Others languages as approved by the International Security Studies Coordinator. 16</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community 3</p> <p><b>International Security Practicum (3 hours)</b>                      IAS 3083, International Activism OR                      IAS 3910, Intl. Studies Internship OR                      IAS 3742, Model UN, plus participation in OU Model UN Club (1 hour under IAS 3990) 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. 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.

**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 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 International Security 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
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b>	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	5
	Natural Science without Lab (Core II)	3	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	3
			IAS 2003, Understanding the Global Community	3
			Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	Free Elective, lower-division	3	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Foundations in International Security: IAS 3043 Global Security	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b> International Experience	International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Strategic Areas Major Elective, upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	International Security Issues Major Elective, upper-division	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Strategic Areas Major Elective, upper-division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	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) Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Strategic Area Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	IAS 3083, International Activism, <b>or</b>	3
			3910, International Studies Internship, <b>or</b>	
		3742, Model UN plus 1 hour IAS 3990		
		IAS 4013, Senior Capstone Seminar in IAS (Capstone)	3	
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	1	
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>

**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.