

World Languages and Cultures

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (BA, HBA)

- 32 credits minimum
- Minimum 15 credits of upper-division coursework at OSU



## □ GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Successfully complete all departmental, college, and institutional requirements for your primary degree.

Complete a minimum of 32 credits in residence beyond the minimum 180 to 204 credits required for most primary degrees. Courses taken through an OSU-sponsored program abroad are considered in-residence credits.

Additional International Degree requirements may be established for your primary degree, check with your major advisor or international degree advisor.

## □ ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

### College of Forestry Majors

As part of the electives required for the International Degree, you must take [FE 456/FOR 456](#).

## □ REQUIRED COURSES

**COMM 326 (3)** | Intercultural Communication

**PS 205 (4)** | Intro to Intl. Relations

**WLC 301 (4)** | Intro to World Languages and Cultures

OR

**ANTH 350 (4)** | Language, Culture and Society

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### □ ELECTIVES – 16 credits

You must successfully complete a minimum of 16 credits selected from the list of approved electives for the International Degree. In the case where approved electives are baccalaureate core courses, you may only count a maximum of 8 credits towards the International Degree and the university baccalaureate core. The International Degree course requirements from the baccalaureate core are as follows:

See [catalog](#) for full list of approved elective courses.

### □ LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Demonstrate proficiency in a second language at the 300 level or above through placement test, transfer credit from another institution, or completion of the second year of a language at OSU or another accredited institution.

### □ INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE – 10 weeks

Students must spend a cumulative minimum of 10 weeks engaged in high-impact, international or intercultural experiences. At least 4 of the 10 weeks must be spent in a location where the language is spoken that the student is using to fulfill International Degree requirements. See [catalog](#) under “Experience Abroad” for ways to meet this requirement.

### □ SENIOR THESIS – 3–6 credits

The final requirement for the degree is to prepare a rigorous and integrative senior thesis that demonstrates a fundamental and comprehensive understanding of global issues and of the international dimensions of your primary degree. This thesis places your academic discipline in an international context, often in a comparative fashion. Because it fulfills the writing intensive course requirement for the International Degree, it will involve multiple drafts and revisions. The final product will represent polished, formal writing, in a format appropriate to your academic field.

You may write one thesis to meet the International Degree requirement and the thesis requirement in your department. If you will complete a senior thesis to meet another academic requirement in your primary degree, it is important to consult with academic advisors in your major as well as in the International Degree office.

**Example:** If you are in the University Honors College, you will work with both the Honors College and the International Degree office to ensure that you fulfill both sets of requirements.

See [catalog](#) for additional information regarding the senior thesis.