

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

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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.