

2025 - 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Studies

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 111*	Literature: WCS 100L required	Transfer Guide*
Language & Culture I	Transfer Guide*	Language & Culture II	Transfer Guide*
Mathematical Skills	Transfer Guide	HIST 100H, 101H, 102H, 103H, 105H or 127H (Meets Interpreting the Past)	Transfer Guide*
Oral Communication	Transfer Guide	GEOG 100S or GEOG 250	GEO 210, 220, 221, 222*
POLS 100S or 102S	PLS 140, 241, 242*	ECON 201S	ECO 201*

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112, 113, 115, 131*	Philosophy and Ethics	Transfer Guide
Language & Culture III	Transfer Guide*	Language & Culture IV	Transfer Guide*
The Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	The Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
Human Creativity	Transfer Guide	Impact of Technology	Transfer Guide
3-credit elective course*****		3-credit elective course*****	

YEAR 3 -JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
300-level Foreign Language**		GEOG 305 or 320	
300-400 level approved elective***		300-level Foreign Language**	
POLS 323 or POLS 324		HIST 300-400 level approved elective***	
GEOG 308, HIST 201, or POLS 308 (Meets Info Literacy and Research)		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ****	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ****		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		3-credit elective course*****	

YEAR 4 - SENIOR (28 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
<u>Major Coursework:</u>		<u>Major Coursework:</u>	
FL 480W, GEOG 480W, HIST 480W or POLS 480W (Grade of C or better required)		HIST 414, 415 or 416	
GEOG 300-400 level approved elective***		300-400 level approved elective***	
POLS 300-400 level approved elective***		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ****	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ****		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		<u>Elective Coursework:</u> *****	
<u>Elective Coursework:</u> *****		3-credit elective course	
3-credit elective course		1-credit elective course	

NOTE: Study abroad or international experience is encouraged for international studies majors, and ODU credit is available for study abroad programs. The Office of Study Abroad offers information, advising services and scholarships for enrolled students.

***A minimum of six credits in the same language beyond the 12 credits required for the Bachelor of Arts. Consult your catalog and advisor.*

****Approved courses appear on the "Approved List of Courses for International Studies" available from the program director or at www.al.odu.edu/bais/. Consult your advisor for your best option.*

*****Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for options.*

******See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor for correct elective choices.*

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.