

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Graduate Program International Studies (GPIS)
Master of Arts in International Studies

Advising Record
Catalog 2025-2026

Student _____

UIN _____ Sem/Year Admitted _____

Adviser _____

Please indicate the courses/requirements already completed.

*Students must have a total of **33** credit hours of coursework. Eighteen (**18**) credit hours program common core courses, nine (**9**) credit hours in the chosen field concentration, and two electives or thesis (**6**) credit hours. Students are **NOT** allowed to take more than nine credit hours per semester. Each required course must be completed with a grade of B (3.00) or above.*

Program Common Core Courses

		Semester/Yr	Grade
IS 600	Research Methods		
IS 601	IR Theory		
IS 655	International History		
IS 708	Asian Politics		
IS 726	American Foreign Policy		
ECON 650	International Economics		

Field: _____

Students must take 3 seminars in their primary field. This will include the field core seminar plus two additional seminars. See the individual field sheets for guidance on appropriate seminars. Any questions should be directed to the field coordinator.

	Seminar	Semester/Yr.	Grade
Field Core Seminar			
Seminar 2			
Seminar 3			

Elective Coursework

These should be chosen to complement a coherent program of graduate coursework. Students who elect to write a thesis may take up to six credit hours of thesis coursework instead of electives

	Seminar	Semester/Yr.	Grade
Elective 1			
Elective 2			

Foreign Language

The foreign language requirement can be satisfied either by having passed two 300 level courses with a grade of B or better, or by passing an examination administered by the Foreign Language Department. Native speakers of a foreign language do not need to take the exam. The foreign language requirement is not a prerequisite for taking the comprehensive examination.

Language _____

Method of Certification _____ Date of Certification _____

Foreign language classes do not count towards the program requirement.

Independent/Directed Research or Internships

Students may not count more than three (3) credit hours of independent studies or internships toward their thirty-three credit hours of coursework.

MA Comprehensive Exam or Thesis

Semester taken or anticipated _____

Students may choose to take the comprehensive exam or write a thesis. Students should be advised that the thesis often takes much longer, than anticipated. Thus, the comprehensive exam option is usually the better choice for students without a clear and compelling reason to write a thesis.

The comprehensive exam cannot be taken until the final semester in which all the course requirements will be completed. The exam is offered in November and April. A guide to the MA comprehensives is available online.

Continuous registration requirement (MA Students)

Students who have completed all course work but are working during a given semester to complete other outstanding degree requirements or wish to use University facilities and/or consult with faculty must be registered for at least one credit during that semester. Graduate students must be registered for at least one credit hour in the semester in which they graduate. Registration for GRAD 999 or the required program equivalent is subject to the normal fees and regulations of the University.

Date Updated

Adviser's Signature
