

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**  
**Graduate Program International Studies (GPIS)**  
**Ph.D. in International Studies**

**Advising Record**  
*Catalog 2025-2026*

Student \_\_\_\_\_

UIN \_\_\_\_\_ Sem/Year Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate the courses/requirements already completed.*

**Prerequisites**

*These prerequisite courses do NOT count toward the 48 credit hours required for the PhD program. Courses may be waived only by the Program Director. Each prerequisite course must be completed with a grade of B (3.00) or above.*

		Semester/Yr	Grade
IS 600	Research Methods in International Studies		
IS 601	Seminar in International Relations Theory		
IS 655	International History		
ECON 650	International Economics		

**Program Common Core Courses**

*Students must take the following four program core courses.*

		Semester/Yr	Grade
IS 814	Law in the International System		
IS 820	Research Seminar in Global Security		
IS 823	Advanced Statistical Techniques for International Studies		
IS 824	International and Comparative Political Economy		

**Primary Field:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Students must take 5 seminars in their primary field (15 credit hours). This includes the field core seminar plus four additional seminars. See the individual field sheets for guidance on appropriate seminars, any questions should be directed to the field coordinator.*

	Course #	Seminar	Semester/Yr	Grade
Field Core				
Seminar 2				
Seminar 3				
Seminar 4				
Seminar 5				

**Secondary Field:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Students must take 3 seminars in their secondary field (9 credit hours). This will include the field core seminar plus two additional seminars. See the individual field sheets for guidance on appropriate seminars. Any questions about appropriate seminars should be directed to the field coordinator.*

	Course #	Seminar	Semester/Yr	Grade
Field Core				
Seminar 2				
Seminar 3				

**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 a translation examination. Native speakers of a foreign language do not need to take the exam.*

Language \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Certification \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign language classes cannot count towards the unit requirement.

**Independent/Directed Research, Internships**

Students may count no more than three (3) credit hours of independent studies or internships toward their 36 credit hours of coursework.

**PhD Comprehensive Exam**

*The PhD comprehensive examinations cannot be taken until all of the course requirements and the language requirement are completed. The exam is offered in August and January. A guide to the PhD comprehensives is available online.*

Semester taken or anticipated \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissertation Credits**

*In addition to 36 credit hours of coursework, students must take at least 12 credit hours of IS 899 Dissertation in order to meet the required 48 credit hours.*

**Continuous Registration Requirement**

*Please note that all PhD students must be continually registered from the time they complete their comprehensive examination until they complete the degree. This requires registration for at least one credit hour in every semester (including summers). Military students deployed out of the area may petition for an exception to this requirement.*

**Time Limit**

*PhD Students must complete their degree within 8 years from the starting semester. Active duty military students may receive an extension up to 5 years.*

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**Adviser's Signature**

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