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General Information

The International Programs Center (IPC) was created by President David L. Boren in August 1996 with the mission of coordinating and promoting the University’s International activities and programs. The IPC serves as the supervising and coordinating element for the School of International and Area Studies, Education Abroad, International Student Services, the Center for Middle East Studies, the US-China Institute, and the Arabic Language Flagship Partner Program, which is supported by a $1.3M grant from the National Security Education Program.

In addition to its academic mission at the University of Oklahoma, the International Programs Center coordinates and implements seminars, conferences and publications on international and foreign policy issues. Another important goal of the IPC is to enhance the University’s outreach to business, civic and educational leaders in Oklahoma and the region. These outreach efforts benefit state economic growth and community relations by increasing awareness of international matters and providing intellectual support for international business initiatives and related activities.

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The “Eve of Nations,” an annual international extravaganza, is the largest and oldest multicultural events organized by international students in the State of Oklahoma. The event brings together OU’s faculty, staff, students and community members from Norman and neighboring cities around the Oklahoma City area. (Photo by Konstantin Y. Tovstidi)

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Faculty Roster
Many faculty in the School of International and Area Studies are jointly appointed in the School and another academic department. The other departments are indicated in parentheses.

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Degrees Offered
• Bachelor of Arts in International and Area Studies
• Master of Arts in International Studies

General Information
The School of International and Area Studies (SIAS) works with colleges and departments across campus to promote internationalization of the curriculum of the University of Oklahoma and to train students to succeed in an increasingly interdependent world. At the center of the School’s academic programs are the B.A. in International and Area Studies and the M.A. in International Studies. The goal of these degrees is to prepare students to take positions of leadership in fields such as international affairs, international business, and international non-profit services. In addition to a core faculty appointed within SIAS, many SIAS faculty are jointly appointed in the School and another academic department. In addition, more than one hundred faculty across campus are involved as affiliate faculty of SIAS.

Students take a wide range of courses drawing from School of International and Area Studies; the departments of Anthropology, Communication, Economics, English, History, History of Science, Film and Video Studies, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology (College of Arts and Sciences); Art History, Music History (Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts); Geography (College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences); Architecture (College of Architecture); Management (Price College of Business); Educational Leadership (College of Education), among others.

CAREERS
The School of International and Area Studies provides the first stage for students interested in foreign service, international relations, business, law, research, teaching, public service, or any other career where international knowledge and experience is useful and desirable.

Student Organizations
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SOCIETY
The International Affairs Society (IAS) is a student organization created to promote international scholarship and global engagement and awareness at the University of Oklahoma. Although it is affiliated with the School of International and Area Studies, membership is open to all OU students. IAS seeks to encourage international awareness and engagement at the University of Oklahoma; foster international understanding in general; provide student input into the curriculum, activities, and goals of the School of International and Area Studies; coordinate communication and events with international and other OU students, and unify and represent the IAS student community.

PHI BETA KAPPA
Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest college honor society, was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. Alpha Chapter of the University of Oklahoma was chartered in 1920. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is open by invitation only to seniors in the School of International and Area Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, Gaylord College of Journalism, and a limited number of other programs.

Seniors with distinguished academic records are elected in March/April of each year. Students who graduate at the end of the summer session or fall semester are eligible for election the following spring. For additional information about the University’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter, contact the School of International and Area Studies academic counselor, or visit the Phi Beta Kappa website at www.ou.edu/pbk.

PHI BETA DELTA
Phi Beta Delta is an honor society which serves to recognize and encourage high achievements in the field of International Education. It encourages interdisciplinary contacts and promotes the exchange of ideas in the area of international affairs among students, faculty, and staff of the university community, and between it and other academic institutions. Membership is open to all students and faculty whose study includes an international focus. For more information, visit the School’s website.

Undergraduate Study

Admission
Students must be admitted to the University of Oklahoma before being enrolled in the School of International and Area Studies. Please refer to the “Admissions, Enrollment, and Student Financial Services” section of the catalog for information on admission to the university. First-year students are admitted to University College. The freshman year at the University of Oklahoma is spent in University College, which provides an advisory system for freshmen and assists students in choosing a major. Transfer to the School of International and Area Studies from University College is automatic upon completion of the SIAS admission requirements below.

ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES
The minimum requirements for admission to SIAS are:
• A declared International and Area Studies major;
• At least a 2.00 combined retention grade point average on all college-level work attempted; and,
• At least 24 semester credit hours of earned college-level credit.

International and Area studies majors also have a minimum major grade point average requirement for graduation, as discussed in the graduation requirements section.

Student Advisement
International and Area Studies requires all undergraduate majors to be advised prior to each enrollment. Current students will meet with the professional Academic Adviser in the School of International and Area Studies. This office, located in Hester Hall, assists students in choosing courses appropriate for the IAS major, guides students in career and major-specific information, and assists in the evaluation of study abroad work for major credit. Their telephone number is (405) 325-4547. After advisement, students enroll in classes through the online enrollment system.
The International Programs Student Services Office, also located in Hester Hall, is the academic services office which certifies students for graduation and organizes the convocation ceremonies. The Academic Counselor in this office answers questions regarding academic standing, transcript evaluation, degree requirements, or other University regulations. Students who have earned 80 hours or more must meet with this office for an official degree check. Appointments with the Student Services office can be scheduled by calling (405) 325-1429.

Transfer Students

Students who wish to transfer from other colleges or universities should be aware of the following:

- Transfer students who have completed at least 24 semester credit hours will be admitted directly into the School of International and Area Studies if they meet the University's admission requirements.
- Transfer students who have earned fewer than 24 semester credit hours will be admitted to University College.
- The Office of Admissions will determine acceptance of credits from the transferring institutions.
- The School of International and Area Studies will determine how these credits apply toward the requirements for an IAS degree.
- All newly admitted transfer students must meet with an academic counselor in the Student Services Office in Hester Hall prior to their first enrollment at the University of Oklahoma.

Transfer students should be familiar with the curriculum sheets for their chosen International and Area Studies major, which can be found online at the School of International and Area Studies website, http://www.ou.edu/sias. The information provided on the back of the sheet details University regulations necessary for graduation, including residency and hourly regulations.

Scholastic Requirements

A student must maintain at least a 2.00 grade point average in order to be in good standing in the School of International and Area Studies. Any student whose combined or OU retention grade point average falls below 2.00 is placed on academic contract status, and must meet specific conditions established by the School of International and Area Studies. Failure to meet these conditions will result in denial of enrollment privileges as an International and Area Studies major. Additional grade point average requirements in the major are necessary for a student to be eligible for graduation, as detailed in the Graduation Requirements section of this chapter.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Students entering the University of Oklahoma should contact the OU Office of Financial Aid Services, 1000 Asp Avenue, Room 216, Norman, OK 73019, 405-325-4521, http://www.financialaid.ou.edu.

In addition to general scholarships offered through the University of Oklahoma, the School of International and Area Studies offers several scholarships sponsored by alumni and friends. SIAS scholarships include:

- Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr. Award
- International Scholars Award
- Ambassador Edward J. Perkins Scholarship
- IPC Student Support Grants
- St. Elijah's and Anthony Shadid Award
- IPC Board of Visitors Scholarship
- Thomas W. Adams Best Paper Award
- Latin American Studies Best Paper Contest
- Percy Buchanan Award for Undergraduate of Asian Studies
- Boren Scholars and Fellows Program (NSEP)
- Additional undergraduate and graduate level scholarships and awards

The Admirals William J. Crowe, Jr. Award is awarded annually to the most outstanding graduating senior in the School of International and Area Studies. The Award recognizes an IAS student that has demonstrated high academic achievement, a commitment to public service and a desire to pursue a career in global affairs. The recipient receives a cash award and recognition at the IAS convocation.

Visit the International and Area Studies website for more information on the scholarships above and for application details, http://www.ou.edu/sias.

Graduation Requirements

The responsibility for meeting graduation requirements lies with the student.

The requirements for graduation from the School of International and Area Studies programs normally have four components:

- University-Wide General Education requirements,
- School of International and Area Studies requirements,
- Major requirements, and
- Free electives.

The specific requirements for majors and minors are listed in the Academic Units section of this catalog and on the degree requirement checklists for each program. Refer to individual degree program checklists for specific requirements, including the reverse side of the checklists, upon which credit hour regulations are listed. Degree checklists are available from the Student Services office or the School’s web site (http://www.ou.edu/sias).

GRADUATION GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

The School of International and Area Studies requires certain minimum grade point averages in each of the following areas:

1. Students must earn a minimum of a 2.00 combined retention grade point average (University of Oklahoma and transfer work combined).
2. Students must earn a minimum of a 2.00 retention grade point average on all University of Oklahoma coursework.
3. Students must earn a minimum of a 2.50 retention grade point average in all major credit courses (University of Oklahoma and transfer work combined), and a 2.50 retention grade point average in major credit courses taken at the University of Oklahoma.

TEN-YEAR LIMITATION RULES

A student in the School of International and Area Studies may elect to follow the degree requirements that were in place at the time of the student's first enrollment in the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education (excluding high school concurrent enrollment) or exercise the option to update to more current degree requirements, in consultation with the academic counselor. Those who elect to follow requirements in place at the time of their first enrollment in the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education must complete the requirements within a maximum of 10 calendar years from the date of that enrollment. If the work for a degree covers a period longer than 10 years, the student must update to the most current degree program requirements.

Credit in a student's major that is more than 10 years old may not be applied toward a bachelor's degree unless it is validated by the School of International and Area Studies and the respective course departments.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Students are responsible for filing an official graduation application during their final semester. Graduation applications are available in the School of International and Area Studies Student Services Office in Hester Hall. Failure to file the graduation application will result in the student not being eligible for graduation during that semester or term. Those students who plan to graduate in the fall are strongly encouraged to apply for graduation before October 1; those finishing in the spring before March 1; and those finishing in the summer before July 1. In addition to completing all academic requirements for the undergraduate degree, students must also pay all tuition and fees before the degree can be conferred. Students who complete all academic requirements but fail to pay tuition and fees before the beginning of the following semester or session will have the original graduation date printed on their diploma, but only after all tuition and fees are paid.
Dean’s Honor Roll

The School of International and Area Studies Honor Roll is compiled at the close of each fall and spring semester. It includes students who have completed at least 12 grade point hours and have earned an average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

Students enrolled part-time for both the fall and spring semesters of an academic year will be included on the spring semester honor roll, provided that a 3.50 or better is earned for each semester on a minimum of six semester grade point hours with no withdrawals for either semester. There is no honor roll during the summer session or during intersession, and grades earned during these sessions are not included in determining eligibility for inclusion on regular semester honor rolls.

Double Majors

Students may earn two majors between the School of International and Area Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences as part of a single degree, if they adhere to the following:

- Both majors may not be in the School of International and Area Studies.
- One major must be in the School of International and Area Studies, and the other major must be in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Both majors must be completed concurrently prior to graduation.
- The degree will be awarded when requirements for both majors are completed.
- Only one degree will be awarded, but the transcript will indicate both majors.
- Courses used to fulfill one of the majors or a minor may not be used toward either major.
- All general education, college, major, and major support requirements of both majors must be completed.
- The student will be awarded the degree (diploma) for the degree listed as their “primary” major.

For more information, please contact the Academic Services offices of the School of International and Area Studies or the College of Arts and Sciences.

Additional Bachelor’s Degrees

Additional bachelor’s degrees may be earned from the School of International and Area Studies by satisfying specific requirements beyond those required for a first degree from the School. Students may earn two degrees concurrently, or students holding a bachelor’s degree from another college within the University or from another institution may qualify for an additional (consecutive) degree. To earn an additional bachelor’s degree from the School of International and Area Studies, a student must:

1. Choose a major different from that of the prior degree(s). A student may not earn two degrees within the School of International and Area Studies.
2. Satisfy all current requirements of the additional degree program.
3. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in International and Area Studies courses not applied toward a previous degree, 15 of which must be upper-division.
4. Earn a minimum 2.00 average on all work attempted for the additional degree, along with any specific grade point average requirements for the chosen major (including a 2.5 major grade point average for the International and Area Studies degree).
5. Meet the required residency regulations for the second degree.

Minors

An attractive advantage of an International and Area Studies minor is that it can allow a student in any major to earn a minor while completing General Education requirements. Many of the courses required for an IAS minor are approved for certain general education credits, thus, students can fulfill General Education requirements and earn credit for a minor simultaneously. Please note that not all courses on the minor check sheets have been approved for General Education credit. Courses not listed on the check sheets may be substituted with the approval of the Academic Adviser.

Courses used to fulfill minor requirements may not be used to fulfill the major requirements of a degree or the requirements of another minor. If the minor is officially declared, successfully completed, and noted on the graduation application, the student’s transcript will so indicate at the time the bachelor’s degree is recorded. Students currently majoring in an area of International and Area Studies may also minor in a different area of International and Area Studies with approval of the School.

Undergraduate Areas of Study

The program offers the Bachelor of Arts in International and Area Studies degree with majors in Asian, European, International Studies, International Security Studies, Latin American, and Middle Eastern Studies. SIAS also offers minors in each major field, as well as a minor in African Studies. Students majoring in International and Area Studies must take at least a combined total of 30 hours of major credit. At least 18 hours must be at the 3000-level or above. In addition, 16 hours of foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration is required.

African Studies

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The African Studies minor is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of Africa’s rich cultural heritage. The program provides an arena to explore how emerging African nations continue to take their place in the world, and how their strategic importance affects events on other continents. The students will examine the relative position of the United States as a world power, viewed through its historic relationship with Africa.

The 15 credit hours required for a minor can be fulfilled with courses in communication, sociology, economics, international and area studies, film and video studies, African and African-American studies, history, anthropology, political science, art, music for non-majors, and geography.

MINOR

The minor in African Studies consists of 15 credit hours of coursework, including nine hours at the upper-division level approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the African Studies area:

- Language (3 hours) — French 2113;
- Social Sciences (6 hours), two courses; and
- Arts and Humanities (6 hours), two courses.

Students are encouraged to study abroad in Africa. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor requirements, though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.

Asian Studies

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Asian Studies challenges students to integrate language and cultural skills to prepare for careers in the Pacific region. The objectives of the program are to provide an understanding of the fundamentals of the civilizations of Asia in both traditional and modern settings, and to provide a more in-depth comprehension of specific areas within the region. This major features courses from such departments as Anthropology, Art, Communication, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, and the School of International and Area Studies. Students will obtain an educational foundation appropriate for teaching, business, research, foreign service, technological and economic development, as well as other careers related to Asia.
ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR

General Education requirements: 40 semester hours, distributed in accordance with University requirements.

School of International and Area Studies requirements: Additional requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies.

Major requirements: (30 hours, 18 must be upper-division). In addition to the core requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies, students pursuing a degree in Asian Studies will develop a course of study with the IAS Academic Adviser and meet the following requirements:

Foreign Language and Literature (six hours): Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement in any of the languages in the area of concentration.

History and Ideas (six hours).

Politics and Society (six hours).

Arts and Culture (six hours).

Geography (three hours).

International Experience: A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, an approved foreign work experience, or experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.

Senior Capstone Course (three hours): IAS 4013 Senior Capstone.

NOTES: Students may take other appropriate courses chosen in consultation with the IAS Academic Adviser. Acceptable substitutions are updated each semester and posted in the Undergraduate Studies section of the SIAS website.

To be eligible for study abroad at OU, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5.

Major Support Requirements: 16 hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.

Free Electives: Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120, including 48 upper-division hours.

MINOR

The minor in Asian Studies consists of 15 credit-hours of coursework including nine hours at the upper-division level, approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the Asian Studies area:

Language (three hours) — Chinese 2113 or Japanese 2113.

Social Sciences (six hours).

Arts and Humanities (six hours).

Students are encouraged to study abroad in Asia. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor degree requirements though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.

European Studies

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European Studies immerses students in European history and culture. The course of study includes literature, art, and geography, as well as the politics and economics of the region. The departments and schools contributing to the success of this program are Anthropology, Architecture, Art, Communication, Drama, Economics, English, Film and Video Studies, Geography, History, History of Science, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Modern Languages, Literature and Linguistics, and the School of International and Area Studies. The scope of the program includes western, central and Mediterranean Europe since approximately 1500.

European Studies graduates will be capable of functioning in at least one European country in which a language other than English is spoken, and they will be able to read materials in the language of that country.

EUROPEAN STUDIES MAJOR

General Education requirements: 40 semester hours, distributed in accordance with University requirements.

School of International and Area Studies requirements: Additional requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies.

Major requirements: (30 hours, 18 must be upper-division). In addition to the core requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies, students pursuing a degree in European Studies will develop a course of study with the IAS Academic Adviser and meet the following requirements:

Foreign Language and Literature (six hours): Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement in any of the languages in the area of concentration.

History and Ideas (six hours).

Politics and Society (six hours).

Arts and Culture (six hours).

Geography (three hours).

International Experience: A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, an approved foreign work experience, or experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.

Senior Capstone Course (three hours): IAS 4013 Senior Capstone.

NOTES: Students may take other appropriate courses chosen in consultation with the IAS Academic Adviser. Acceptable substitutions are updated each semester and posted in the Undergraduate Studies section of the SIAS website.

To be eligible for study abroad at OU, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5.

Major Support Requirements: 16 hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.

Free Electives: Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

MINOR

The minor in European Studies consists of 15 credit-hours of coursework including nine hours at the upper-division level, approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the European Studies area:

Language (three hours) — one course in an appropriate European language chosen from French, German, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish 2113.

Social Sciences (six hours).

Arts and Humanities (six hours).

Students are encouraged to study abroad in Europe. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor degree requirements though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

General Education requirements: 40 semester hours, distributed in accordance with University requirements.

School of International and Area Studies requirements: Additional requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies.

Major requirements: (30 hours, 18 must be upper-division). In addition to the core requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies, students pursuing a degree in International Studies will develop a course of study with the IAS Academic Adviser and meet the following requirements:

International Politics (six hours).
World History And Culture (nine hours).
Comparative Studies (six hours).
International Economics (three hours).
Geography (three hours).

International Experience: A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, an approved foreign work experience, or experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.

Senior Capstone Course (three hours): IAS 4013, Senior Capstone.

NOTES: Students may take other appropriate courses chosen in consultation with the IAS Academic Adviser. Acceptable substitutions are updated each semester and posted in the Undergraduate Studies section of the SIAS website.

To be eligible for study abroad at OU, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5.

Major Support Requirements: Sixteen hours of one foreign language relevant to the area, and ECON 1113, 1123, IAS 2003.

Free Electives: Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120, including 48 upper-division hours.

MINOR

The minor in International Studies consists of 15 credit-hours of coursework, including nine hours at the upper-division level, approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the International Studies area:

Language (three hours) — one course chosen from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish 2113.

Social Sciences (six hours).

Arts and Humanities (six hours).

Students are encouraged to study abroad. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor degree requirements though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.
### Latin American Studies

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Latin American Area Studies provides a concentration in the region’s history and culture. The course of study features Latin America’s economic, geographic, social and political patterns as well as its problems. With a population nearing half a billion people, Latin America has traditionally been, and is now more than ever, a critical area for the United States. Students will examine the historical ties between the two regions in relation to the commonality of cultures and objectives that are becoming increasingly stronger as interdependence grows.

Students majoring in Latin American Area Studies will choose their language specialization and begin studying the Spanish and/or Portuguese language as early as their freshman year.

**LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR**

**General Education requirements:** 40 semester hours, distributed in accordance with University requirements.

**School of International and Area Studies requirements:** Additional requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies.

**Major requirements:** 30 hours, 18 must be upper-division. In addition to the core requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies, students pursuing a focus in Latin American Studies will develop a course of study with the IAS Academic Adviser and meet the following requirements:

- **Foreign Language and Literature (six hours):** Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement, in any of the languages in the area of concentration.
- **History and Ideas (six hours).**
- **Politics and Society (six hours).**
- **Arts and Culture (six hours).**
- **Geography (three hours).**

**International Experience:** A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, an approved foreign work experience, or experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.

**Senior Capstone Course (three hours):** IAS 4013, Senior Capstone.

**NOTES:** Students may take other appropriate courses chosen in consultation with the IAS Academic Adviser. Acceptable substitutions are updated each semester and posted in the Undergraduate Studies section of the SIAS website.

To be eligible for study abroad at OU, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5.

**Major Support Requirements:** Sixteen hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.

**Free Electives:** Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

**MINOR**

The minor in Latin American Studies consists of 15 credit-hours of coursework including nine hours at the upper-division level, approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the Latin American Studies area:

- **Language (three hours) —** Portuguese or Spanish 2113.
- **Social Sciences (six hours).**
- **Arts and Humanities (six hours).**

Students are encouraged to study abroad in Latin America. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor degree requirements though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.

### Middle Eastern Studies

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Middle Eastern Area Studies allows students to combine their study of either Arabic or Hebrew with courses in the history, religions and cultures of the Middle East from Ancient to modern Times. This program will provide the student with a basic understanding of the peoples and history of this diverse and culturally-rich region of the world and a firm foundation for further study. The cultural and language proficiency achieved will also serve as excellent preparation for a variety of job opportunities in teaching, business, government or foreign service. Students should work with the IAS Academic Adviser as soon as possible to develop a coherent program of study.

**MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MAJOR**

**General Education requirements:** 40 semester hours, distributed in accordance with University requirements.

**School of International and Area Studies requirements:** Additional requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies.

**Major requirements:** 30 hours, 18 must be upper-division. In addition to the core requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies, students pursuing a degree in Middle Eastern Studies will develop a course of study with the IAS Academic Adviser and meet the following requirements:

- **Foreign Language and Literature (six hours):** Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement in Arabic or Hebrew.
- **History and Ideas (six hours).**
- **Politics and Society (six hours).**
- **Arts and Culture (six hours).**
- **Geography (three hours).**

**International Experience:** A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, approved foreign work experience, or experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.

**Senior Capstone Course (three hours):** IAS 4013, Senior Capstone.

**NOTES:** Students may take other appropriate courses chosen in consultation with the IAS Academic Adviser. Acceptable substitutions are updated each semester and posted in the Undergraduate Studies section of the SIAS website.

To be eligible for study abroad at OU, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5.

**Major Support Requirements:** Sixteen hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.

**Free Electives:** Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

**MINOR**

The minor in Middle Eastern Studies consists of 15 credit-hours of coursework, including nine hours at the upper-division level, approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the Middle Eastern Studies area:

- **Language (choose one):** — Arabic or Hebrew 2113.
- **Social Sciences (six hours).**
- **Arts and Humanities (six hours).**

Students are encouraged to study abroad in the Middle East. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor degree requirements though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.
Russian and East European Studies

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Russian and East European Area Studies is a special concentration within the European Studies major. It allows students to specialize in the study of Russia and its neighboring countries in Eastern Europe and Eurasia in preparation for careers in teaching, research, business, government or foreign service. The program provides a broad and multi-disciplinary introduction to the larger region, with course offerings in languages, literature, political science, history, economics, geography, music, and film.

RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES

General Education requirements: 40 semester hours, distributed in accordance with University requirements.

School of International and Area Studies requirements: Additional requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies.

Major requirements: (30 hours, 18 must be upper-division). In addition to the core requirements set forth by the School of International and Area Studies, students pursuing a degree in Russian and Eastern European Area Studies will develop a course of study with the IAS Academic Adviser and meet the following requirements:

Foreign Language & Literature (six hours): Two courses at the 3000-level or above beyond the 16-hour requirement, in any of the languages in the area of concentration.

History and Ideas (six hours).

Politics and Society (six hours).

Arts and Culture (six hours).

Geography (six hours).

International Experience: A student is required to spend at least one summer or winter term (preferably one year) in an approved international experience. This may include (but is not limited to) OU Study Abroad, study abroad with another university, an approved foreign work experience, or experience through the US military, or a high school degree or equivalent from another country.

Senior Capstone Course (three hours): IAS 4013, Senior Capstone.

NOTES: Students may take other appropriate courses chosen in consultation with the IAS Academic Adviser. Acceptable substitutions are updated each semester and posted in the Undergraduate Studies section of the SIAS website.

To be eligible for study abroad at OU, students must maintain a minimum combined retention GPA of 2.5.

Major Support Requirement: 16 hours of one foreign language relevant to the geographical area of concentration.

Free Electives: Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

MINOR

The minor in Russian and East European Studies consists of 15 credit-hours of coursework, including nine hours at the upper-division level approved by the area coordinator. Following are the course requirements for the Russian and East European Studies area:

Language (three hours) — Russian 2113.

Social Sciences (six hours).

Arts and Humanities (six hours).

Students are encouraged to study abroad in Russia or Eastern Europe. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be substituted to meet minor degree requirements though they might not satisfy General Education requirements.

Graduate Study

Master of Arts in International Studies

The Master of Arts degree in International Studies equips students with the tools to engage in a globally integrated environment, whether in the realm of international diplomacy, the international economy, or provision by non-governmental organizations of humanitarian aid and economic development assistance, as well as global environmental advocacy. Program coursework provides a rigorous foundation in international relations theory and practice, comparative politics, international economics, and analytic and statistical methods. Students in the program also have the flexibility to pursue more advanced work in the current concepts, theories and research issues of international political, social, economic and cultural development, in addition to the politics, histories, cultures and economies of specific regions. For substantive questions about the MAIS program, please contact:

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts degree requires at least 36 credit hours with thesis and non-thesis options. Students must show reading and speaking competence equivalent to the completion of three college courses in one major foreign language or the equivalent of two college courses each in two foreign languages. It is strongly encouraged that every student who applies for admission to the program will have had a significant international experience, in the form of study, work, or residence abroad before commencing the degree program. Students without such prior experience will be encouraged to undertake some study or work abroad of limited duration, as approved by their advisory committees, before completing the degree.

The global affairs curriculum consists of six three-credit-hour core courses. In addition, a minimum of 15 hours will be taken in International and Comparative Studies. Students who write a master’s thesis will enroll in three credit hours of master’s thesis; students who take the non-thesis option will take an additional course in their major option so as to reach a total of at least 36 credit hours for the degree. Non-thesis students must pass a written and/or oral comprehensive examination. No more than 25 percent (nine credit hours) of the minimum 36 credit hours required for this master’s degree may be transferred from other institutions, subject to the normal rules and procedures of the University of Oklahoma Graduate College.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Applicants should submit a University of Oklahoma Application for Admission and official transcripts to the Office of Admissions, 1000 Asp, Room 127, Norman, OK 73019-4076. Test scores and supplemental application materials should be sent directly to The School of International and Area Studies, The University of Oklahoma, 729 Elm Avenue, Room 100, Norman, OK 73019-2105.

Although the Graduate College lists the deadlines for the Fall and Spring semester as July 15 and December 1, the graduate committee for the School of International and Area Studies has set an earlier deadline to apply for admission. Applicants should submit all materials before February 15 for the Fall semester and October 15 for the Spring semester.

All applicants should submit the following admissions materials:

1. Graduate Record Examination scores.

2. Three letters of recommendation, from academic referees if possible.

3. Statement of purpose explaining the motive for applying to the program and what the applicant hopes to accomplish during the course of study.

4. Official transcripts from all institutions attended.

5. University of Oklahoma Application for Admission.
ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ADMISSION

Admission will be granted on the basis of undergraduate grade point average, scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), a statement of purpose, and at least three letters of recommendation. Applicants will be expected to have a bachelor’s degree in a discipline that will provide a foundation for graduate study in global affairs or global management. The faculty committee for the graduate program in international studies will review applications for admission. Students admitted conditionally because of low undergraduate grade point averages will be subject to the same requirements and procedures as specified by the University of Oklahoma Graduate College.

COMMON CORE CURRICULUM (15 hours)

A) The following five courses (15 credit hours): P SC 5513, International Relations Theory; P SC 5563, International Political Economy; P SC 6603, Comparative Politics Field Seminar; ECON 5273, Survey of International Economics; IAS 5113, Field Seminar in International Studies.

B) One graduate course (three credit hours) in statistical and analytic methods, from the following: B AD 5033, Statistical Modeling for Decision-Making; ECON 5023, Statistics for Decision Making; P SC 5913, Introduction to the Analysis of Political and Administrative Data; SOC 5283, Advanced Sociological Statistics.

C) Reading and speaking competence in ONE major foreign language approved by the student’s advisory committee at a level equivalent to three semesters of college-level instruction, or reading and speaking competence in TWO major foreign languages approved by the student’s advisory committee equivalent to two semesters each of college-level instruction. The student’s competence in the language will be certified by the ACTFL/ETS examination or by an alternative instrument approved by the OU Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics. Students must have fulfilled this requirement at the time of graduation.

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE STUDIES: Five courses (15 hours). Elective courses may be chosen from International and Area Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Education, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or other departments, as approved by the student’s advisory committee. **No more than two of these courses may be from Political Science.

Thesis and Non-thesis options

Thesis option (with three credit hours for IAS 5980 - Master’s Thesis): A master’s thesis will be required, demonstrating the student’s capacity for independent, original research, analysis, and synthesis. Each student will enroll for three credit hours of IAS 5980, Master’s Thesis. Upon completion of the thesis, the student must sustain an oral defense of the thesis.

Non-thesis option (with an additional three-credit-hour elective course to meet the 36 hour minimum): The student must pass a written and/or oral comprehensive examination on the course work for the program, administered by a committee of the faculty of the program, and take an additional three-hour elective course in the major option, as approved by the student’s advisory committee to meet the 36 credit-hour minimum for the degree. The advisory committee will determine the format of the comprehensive examination.

Center for Middle East Studies

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The purpose of the Center for Middle East Studies is to emphasize the role a public university can make to enhance the peace building process among nations of the world. A public university is most likely to be perceived as a respected and neutral third party by the disputants in a conflict. As a third party, a public university can bring the parties together and introduce questions and ideas that serve to get all sides of the conflict talking about a common issue in an effort to convert the conflict into a shared problem in which all parties can participate equally in finding solutions acceptable to everyone - solutions that are self-sustaining.

Institute for US-China Issues

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The Institute for US-China Issues at the University of Oklahoma was established in August 2006 with the generous financial support of Harold J. and Ruth Newman, who endowed a chair for its first director, Peter Hays Gries. ConocoPhillips endowed a professorship for the Institute’s first associate director, Mark Frazier.

The Institute has two primary goals. First, the Institute engages in and supports research and outreach activities that seek to better understand and improve US-China relations. The focus is on the deeper structure of the bilateral relationship: its dynamics of security and insecurity, perception and misperception, identity and power. The Institute promotes academic research that has policy relevant implications, and seeks to have an impact on the broader national debate on US China policy.

Second, the OU Institute for US-China Issues seeks to promote China studies in the state of Oklahoma. This begins with promoting Chinese language training at the K-12 and university levels, but also includes the broad interdisciplinary study of China. The Institute particularly seeks to strengthen the China studies faculty and curriculum at OU. A strong interdisciplinary knowledge of China is the starting point for improving US-China relations.

In addition to sponsoring lectures and colloquia, the Institute convenes a variety of conferences, symposia, and retreats that bring together a broad array of academic, think tank, government, and business leaders to discuss specific security concerns in US-China relations. It also hosts visiting scholars and postdoctoral fellows, and facilitates the visits of Chinese delegations and other China-related activities on campus and in the state of Oklahoma.
Arabic Language Flagship Partner Program

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The Arabic Language Flagship Partner Program is an undergraduate program designed for learners of Arabic who seek to achieve superior language proficiency while pursuing degrees in the academic majors of their choice. The Program offers an innovative five-year curriculum in Arabic language and culture designed to produce graduates with dual strengths in Arabic language proficiency and their chosen career fields.

During the five-year program, students take three years of core courses in Arabic language, as well as content-based courses taught exclusively in Arabic. To bolster classroom learning and to provide students with opportunities to use Arabic outside of the classroom, OU offers extra-curricular activities including an Arabic table at meals, screening and discussions of films, and other cultural-related events.

For additional information or to apply, please contact Dr. Mohammad Al-Masri.

Education Abroad

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Education Abroad develops programs aimed at increasing cross-cultural awareness and emphasizing international education. The office maintains linkages with professional organizations at the state, national and international levels. This unit works in close liaison with college deans and assists faculty in seeking external funding for international projects and collaborative research. EA has a library and resource center with information on foreign nations, universities, foundations and agencies.

The principal functions of the Education Abroad office include the following:
- OU’s ambassador to constituencies in foreign nations,
- Faculty and student exchanges with sister institutions worldwide,
- Coordination of study abroad programs with other U.S. universities,
- Recruitment of international students,
- Coordinating international scholars and speakers,
- Assisting international visitors,
- Coordination of programs for internationally sponsored faculty and students,
- Attending international conferences,
- Providing information on international education,
- Support for scholarship/grant/proposal applications,
- Orientation, counseling and development of intercultural programs for exchange faculty and students and culture-specific orientations for faculty, staff and students going abroad; and
- Services and programs for all exchange students and faculty.

Opportunities available to OU undergraduate and graduate students for study abroad include:

Reciprocal Exchanges

Students at OU can choose to study at any one of the dozens of different international universities with which OU has reciprocal exchange agreements. A student participating in one of these exchanges enrolls in a block of course work under a Education Abroad course number and pays OU tuition and fees. Students are responsible for transportation costs and living expenses while abroad. In the majority of cases, students live in university-sponsored housing, and living expenses are comparable to those at OU. Financial aid may be applied to cover the costs of studying abroad, and all credits earned on OU programs are applied to the student’s degree program. Opportunities include a semester or year in the following countries and universities with whom OU has either student or research exchanges:

BILATERAL EXCHANGES:

**ALGERIA**
Algerian Petroleum Institute

**ARGENTINA**
University of Buenos Aires

**AUSTRALIA**
Monash University

**AUSTRIA**
Karl-Franzens-University

**BOLIVIA**
Catholic University of Bolivia
Private University of Bolivia
Private University of Santa Cruz

**BRAZIL**
Pontifical University of Rio De Janeiro
Federal University of Rio De Janeiro
Federal University of Fluminense
Santa Ursula University

**CANADA**
University of Calgary

**CHILE**
University of Santiago
University of Tarapacá
University of Viña Del Mar

**CHINA**
Beijing Normal University
Chengdu Institute of Technology
Fudan University
Lanzhou University
Peking University
Shandong University
Shanghai School of Drama
Shanghai Theatre Academy
Tianjin University
Xi’an International Studies University
Xu Beihong School of Arts at the Renmin University of China
Yunnan Normal University

**COLOMBIA**
National University of Colombia
University of America
University of the Andes
University of El Bosque
Industrial University of Santander
Surcolombiana University

**COSTA RICA**
University of Costa Rica

**ECUADOR**
University of San Francisco De Quito

**ETHIOPIA**
Mekelle University

**FRANCE**
Clermont-Ferrand School of Fine Arts
French Institute of Petroleum
University of Auvergne
Blaise Pascal University
University Limoges
University of Nice
University of Rennes II
University of Bordeaux III, Michel de Montaigne
University of Bordeaux IV, Montesquieu
University De Montpellier II

GERMANY
Bucerius Law School Hamburg
Applied Sciences School of Augsburg
Applied Sciences School of Bingen
Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg
Technical University of Berlin
Technical University of Braunschweig
Technical University of Chemnitz
University of Hamburg
University of Paderborn
University of Stuttgart

GHANA
University of Cape Coast

GUATEMALA
University of San Carlos of Guatemala

INDIA
Indian Institute of Technology

ISRAEL
Netanya Academic College
Technion University
Tel Aviv University

ITALY
University of Insubria
University of Bologna
University of Siena in Arezzo

JAPAN
Asia Pacific University
Ritsumeikan University
The University of Electro-Communications
University of Yamaguchi
Yamagata University

JORDAN
Philadelphia University
The Hashemite University
University of Princess Sumaya

KOREA
Kyungpook National University
Seoul National University
Soongsil University (Seoul)
Sunchon National University
Sungkyunkwan University

LEBANON
American University of Technology

MEXICO
Technological Institute and of Superior Studies of Monterrey
Autonomous University of Guadalajara
Autonomous University of the State of Morelos
University of Colima
University of the Americas
National Autonomous University of Mexico
Popular Autonomous University of the State of Puebla

THE NETHERLANDS
Northern College of Leeuwarden

NORWAY
University of Oslo

PERU
Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

ROMANIA
University of Bucharest

RUSSIA
Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture

SOUTH AFRICA
University of Pretoria

SPAIN
University of Alcalá de Henares
University of Santiago de Compostela
Polytechnic University of Valencia
University of Jaume I
University of Valencia

SWEDEN
Jönköping International Business School
Linköping University
The University of Stockholm

SYRIA
Aleppo University

THAILAND
Chulalongkorn University
Master and Ph.D. in Petrochemical Technology and Polymer Science

TAIWAN
National Taiwan University

TURKEY
Bogazici University
Bilkent University
Istanbul Technology University
Middle East Technical University

UNITED KINGDOM
Middlesex University
University of Reading
University of Sheffield
University of Central England in Birmingham
University of Gloucestershire
University of Hertfordshire
University of Aberdeen
University of Dundee
University of Glasgow

UNITED STATES
Sacred Heart University

VENEZUELA
Simón Bolívar University

VIETNAM
Hanoi University of Mining and Geology
Vietnam National University (Hanoi)

MID-AMERICA UNIVERSITIES INTERNATIONAL (MAUI): BIG 12 INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AND UTRECHT NETWORK EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Aarhus University—Aarhus, Denmark
University of Antwerp—Antwerp, Belgium
University of Basel—Basel, Switzerland
University of Bergen—Bergen, Norway
University of Bochum—Bochum, Germany
University of Bologna—Bologna, Italy
University of Coimbra—Coimbra, Portugal
University College Cork—Cork, Ireland
Karl-Franzens-University—Graz, Austria
University of Helsinki—Helsinki, Finland
University of Iceland—Reykjavik, Iceland
University of Leipzig—Leipzig, Germany
University of Sciences and Technology of Lille—Lille, France
University of Ljubljani—Ljubljani, Slovenia

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Lund University—Lund, Sweden
Complutense University of Madrid—Madrid, Spain
University of Malta—Msida, Malta
Masaryk University—Brno, Czech Republic
University of Strasbourg I, Louis Pasteur—Strasbourg, France
University of Strasbourg II, Marc Bloch—Strasbourg, France
University of Strasbourg III, Robert Schuman—Strasbourg, France
Utrecht University—Utrecht, Netherlands
Utrecht School of the Arts—Utrecht, Netherlands

**MEDICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS**

**CAMEROON**
University of Yaoundé

**COLOMBIA**
University of Cartagena

**FRANCE**
University of Auvergne

**GUATEMALA**
University of San Carlos of Guatemala

**INDIA**
Christian Medical College and Hospital
Winness Hospital at Miraj Medical Center

**JAPAN**
Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine
Yamaguchi University School of Medicine

**KENYA**
University of Nairobi College of Health Sciences

**MALAWI**
University of Malawi College of Medicine

**NEPAL**
Tribhuvan University Medical School and Teaching Hospital

**SOUTH AFRICA**
University of Pretoria School of Medicine

**THAILAND**
Chulalongkorn University School of Medicine

**ZIMBABWE**
University of Zimbabwe School of Medicine

**Summer Programs**

OU has a variety of summer options, many of which change from year to year. Anyone interested in summer programs needs to contact the Office of Education Abroad for details.

**Journey to China**
This program consists of four weeks of study in Kunming, Shanghai, Xi’an, and Beijing focusing on Chinese language, civilization, contemporary economics and politics. All instruction is given in English and students will receive four hours of transfer credit. Apply through the Education Abroad Office.

**Journey to Italy**
OU Journey to Italy is designed exclusively for OU students in collaboration with the University of Siena, an OU partner university in Arezzo. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for one month throughout Italy and will visit Rome, Florence, Venice and Arezzo. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English. Experiential activities, cultural events and lectures from host nationals combine to give Journey to Italy participants a broad introduction to the historical context and contemporary issues facing Italy.

**Journey to South America**
Journey to South America is OU's newest Journey Program and will take place in Peru and Chile. Led by OU faculty members, this program is designed in collaboration with OU partner universities Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Universidad de Viña del Mar and Universidad de Tarapacá. Journey to South America includes a side-trip to Machu Picchu, and fulfills general education requirements in Western Civilization.

**LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Summer is a great time to start a new language or improve your skills in a language you have already studied. Through our partner universities abroad, we are able to offer OU students the opportunity to participate in a number of academic programs abroad designed especially for language learners. For further information about specific programs, please explore the listings below.

**Arabic**
The Hashemite University, Jordan — Intensive Arabic; two semesters of Arabic language study prerequisite

**French**
Université Blaise Pascal, France — four-week program, no language prerequisite

**German**
OU Summer in Germany — 6 or 9 week program in collaboration with the Universität Leipzig; open to all OU students with one semester or more of German
Universität Stuttgart, Germany — six week program, no language prerequisite; coursework available in both German and English
Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany — five-week program, three semesters of German language study prerequisite
Universität Paderborn, Germany — four-week programs in Business German and beginning German

**Japanese**
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan — eight weeks, no language prerequisite

**Spanish**
University Autónoma de Guadalajara, México — 1, 2 or 3 months, no language prerequisite; Optional coursework taught in English during June/July session
Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, México — 5 weeks, no language prerequisite
Universidad de Viña del Mar, Chile — 1 or 2 months, one semester of Spanish language study prerequisite
Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Spain — 1 or 2 months, two semesters of Spanish language study prerequisite
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú — Field School Programs require a working knowledge of Spanish. The Spanish Language and Inca Culture program is for beginning and intermediate Spanish language learners.

English Language Programs
There are a number of summer study abroad programs where the language of instruction is English. Taught at our partner universities, these programs are located in Europe and Korea. The programs are listed below by country.

Estonia, Russia & Ukraine: University of Tartu — 3 weeks, post-Soviet studies
Europe: Utrecht Network Summer Schools — 3 weeks, post-Soviet studies

Contact Information and Applications
Application deadlines for study abroad programs are in early February to March for summer and fall programs, and in early October for spring programs. Please contact the Education Abroad Office at (405) 325-1693 for more specific application deadlines. Additional information can be found at the Education Abroad website: www.ou.edu/ea/.

International Student Services (ISS)
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International Student Services (ISS) assists year-round almost 2,000 international students and their dependents from over 100 countries.

In Spring 2009, 1,381 international students were enrolled at OU, including 208 short-term exchange students from reciprocal partners abroad.

The ISS office provides expert advice, support, services, programs, and information to ensure that the experience of every international student and their dependents is productive and enriching over the entire course of their time at OU. We work with international students, faculty and staff, community members, US federal officials, and a variety of agencies.

The ISS office is a key university resource for immigration regulations related to the benefits and restrictions of student visas. We advise international students and campus departments on US immigration law as it relates to student visas, recommend, and in certain cases approve, immigration benefits, assist students who are filing applications with the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Service), and file notifications as required by the federal government.

The ISS office is the first point of contact for incoming international students. We provide airport transfer information for newly arriving international students from the Oklahoma City airport, and initial information for settling into Norman, such as university housing, obtaining Social Security numbers, the OU student health plan, academic advising, e-mail accounts and more. During the fall and spring semesters, we provide New International Student Orientation programs. All incoming international students must attend New International Student Orientation.

The ISS office supports programs that offer every international student and their families the opportunity to meet in a social setting. International student programming is an integral part of student life at the University of Oklahoma. The International Advisory Committee (IAC), comprised of the presidents of more than 20 international student organizations, provides regular events throughout the year, including the International Bazaar in the fall, cultural nights throughout the academic year, and Eve of Nations in the spring.

OU ISS maintains SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor System) compliance for OU. The office registers in the SEVIS system each semester all international students in good standing, and is the federally designated office for creating, extending, or terminating the visa status of F-1 and J-1 students. In addition, OU ISS responds to federal audits, site visits, and requests for information.

OU ISS provides regular workshops and campus outreach throughout the calendar year, including Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT) off-campus employment authorization workshops. ISS also provides international travel information sessions for international students traveling abroad. F-1 and J-1 students seeking off-campus work authorization MUST first attend a workshop.

Additional services that ISS provides to the international community include immigration advising for international students at all levels (CESL, undergraduate, graduate, short-term exchange), short-term employment authorization advising and support for qualifying students (internally and through USCIS), changes of visa status advising and support, immigration advising for dependents, extensions of stay, support for visa applications, arrival information, SEVIS transfers to and from OU, and support for the US visa application process at US consulates abroad.

International students must maintain their visa status in order to pursue and complete their academic programs in the US. It is the student’s responsibility to maintain lawful visa status by, for example, completing the minimum required number of credit hours per semester and refraining from unauthorized employment.

OU hosts two principal student visa programs, F-1 and J-1. F-1 and J-1 visas are issued by US consulates and embassies to qualifying students pursuing a course of study in the U.S. F-1 visas are most frequently issued to students whose primary source of funding is personal or family funds. At OU, these
are often long-term, degree seeking students. J-1 visas are issued most frequently to students whose primary source of funding is a third party, such as a university, a corporation, non-profit, or government.

Due the evolution of international student programs at OU, the F-1 and J-1 programs are handled separately. F-1 students at Norman and Tulsa campuses are supported by ISS on the Norman campus. F-1 students at the OUHSC are supported by the OUHSC. The OUHSC is a separate campus for F-1 immigration purposes. All OU J-1 students are supported by ISS on the Norman campus. The Tulsa, OUHSC, and Norman campuses are all the same campus for J-1 immigration purposes.

International Student Scholarships
OU offers limited international student scholarships through the International Programs Center along with Education Abroad and International Student Services. Scholarship forms are available from International Programs and online. Applications are accepted in the spring semester.

Cleo Cross Scholarship — Ten to fifteen need-based scholarships are available for students who have attended OU for the entire previous year as full-time students, and are currently enrolled full time.

Greeenberg Scholarship — Thanks to Scandinavia, Inc. of New York in conjunction with Allen Greenberg, offer scholarships to Scandinavian students from Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Bulgaria.

International Advisory Committee (IAC) International Student Emergency Relief Scholarship — One to two need-based scholarships are offered each year. Applicants must have documented financial need arising as a result of unforeseen circumstances. Applicants must be graduating within the next three semesters.

International Leadership Class (ILC) — The Center for Student Life offers ten or more merit-based scholarships for academically outstanding international students who show potential for leadership growth.

Paul and Rose Sharp Scholarship — A scholarship established by former OU President and his wife to recognize an outstanding international student based on academic excellence and service. This scholarship is given to one student each spring who has demonstrated outstanding service to the university community and academic achievement.

Ronnie Irani International Student Leadership Scholarship — A successful international alumnus established this scholarship to be awarded to qualified international students.

Sue Williams Service Award and Scholarship — This merit-based scholarship is given to the student who demonstrates outstanding service.

Yoshi and Koko Sasaki Scholarship — A scholarship established by an OU Professor to recognize outstanding Japanese students based on academic excellence; two awards given per year.

For other general scholarships, students should contact Financial Aid Services online at www.financialaid.ou.edu or contact the administrative office of International Programs.

International Student Programs
Several organizations have been established to enrich the lives of international students and US faculty, staff, and students, particularly the International Advisory Committee (IAC) and the International Leadership Class (ILC).

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) is composed of the presidents of all recognized international student organizations, and supports all cultural and social programs for international students. The group meets monthly, and attendance by all students is encouraged. Numerous national and cultural associations help new students and promote cultural exchange between the campus and the Norman community, and represent almost every area of the world.

The International Leadership Class (ILC) consists of approximately 30 leaders from within OU's international student body. The class combines leaders from throughout the international community. Contact the Center for Student Life for more information about ILC.

International Student Services (ISS)