

Graduation Checklist for the Int'l Degree

Requirements:

The student must successfully complete all departmental, college, and institutional requirements for their primary degree. The International Degree cannot be awarded unless the student also earns at least one additional OSU undergraduate degree.

The student must also complete a minimum of 32 credit hours in-residence beyond the credit hours required for their primary degree and additional degrees (if any), including additional courses from specific categories in the Baccalaureate Core, as outlined below, and the one-credit seminar course, INTL 407 - "Introduction to Thesis." Students with at least two majors beyond the International Studies major must choose which major is connected to the International Degree. *Note: Courses taken through an OSU-sponsored program abroad are considered in-residence credits.*

This is a minimum number of additional credits. The student and his/her academic advisor will develop an individual program for fulfilling ID requirements based on his/her major, language background, and choice of an international experience. This may require more than 32 additional credits.

There may be additional International Degree requirements established by the college or department.

Foreign Language Requirement:

The student must demonstrate advanced achievement or proficiency in a foreign language, usually by completion of the third term of a fourth-year language sequence at OSU. Language courses must be taken for a letter grade (not S/U), and the cumulative GPA in language courses must be a minimum of 3.0. Exceptions may be considered only by petition (see the International Degree office for details).

Courses at another accredited U.S. college or university may substitute if combined third- and fourth-year language courses constitute a minimum of 18 quarter (12 semester hours), and the cumulative GPA in language courses must be a minimum of 3.0.

Additional ways to demonstrate advanced proficiency include:

- Coursework through OSU Dept. of Foreign Languages:
- OSU foreign language faculty may approve appropriate coursework to substitute for the completion of the foreign language sequence of 411, 412, and 413.

- Non-native English: If the student is an international student whose native language is not English and wishes to use English to meet the language proficiency requirement, completion of all requirements for the primary degree and other requirements for the International Degree will have met the language requirement.
- Special assessment: It may be possible to have language proficiency in certain languages evaluated using a national or international assessment instrument. See the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature or the International Degree office for details.
- Residency abroad: 1) For a language not taught at OSU, nine months residency (study, research, work) in a country where the language is spoken (and using the language), following full admission to the International Degree program. 2) For a language taught at OSU, a minimum of a 1 term internship or research abroad using the target language after completion of 313 course with 3.0 cumulative GPA in language courses.

In order to meet the Foreign Language requirement, the Department of Foreign Languages will approve the "Language Proficiency Certification Form."

Course Requirements:

The student must successfully complete a minimum of four additional courses selected from specific categories in the Baccalaureate Core Curriculum, with approval of their departmental International Degree advisor. The following courses may be taken for a letter grade or S/U. The student must pass the course using the same guidelines set out for the University Baccalaureate Core. A current lists of courses in these categories are listed on the web at <http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/BCC.aspx>.

- 1 course selected from the Western Culture category
- 2 courses selected from the Cultural Diversity category
- 1 additional course from Western Culture, Cultural Diversity, or Contemporary Global Issues.

Note: all courses may not focus on the same culture or language. For example, if three courses used to meet this requirement focus on Spanish-speaking countries or peoples, the fourth must focus on a different culture.

Additional College/Department Requirements:

Foreign Languages and Literature: As a language major earning the International Degree, in addition to completing all requirements for the major in French, German, or Spanish, the student is required to complete the equivalent of four years of a second foreign language. He/she must also spend two 10-week periods abroad, one in each of the countries where the two languages studying are spoken.

Example: A German major taking Russian as the second foreign language must complete the 400-level Russian course and study abroad in both Germany and Russia.

Forestry: As part of the four additional baccalaureate core courses required for the International Degree, you must take FE/FOR 456, International Forestry (3 credits).

Experience Abroad Requirement:

The third requirement of the degree is to spend a minimum of 10 weeks overseas engaged in one of the following experiences: a study-abroad program, an international internship, an international research project, or an approved previous international experience. The student is expected to complete their experience abroad in a country in which the language he/she is using to complete the foreign language requirement is spoken. The International Degree Committee will consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis, upon recommendation of the primary degree department. In order to meet this requirement, the student's academic advisor (primary academic department) and the Director of the International Degree Committee will approve the "Experience Abroad Approval Form."

Senior Thesis Requirement

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 the student's primary degree. While not required, we strongly recommend students take a social research methods or similar course prior to beginning their theses.

This thesis places the academic discipline in an international context, often in a comparative fashion. Because it fulfills the Writing Intensive Course (WIC) 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 the academic field.

Dual thesis requirements: A student may write one thesis to meet the International Degree requirement and the thesis requirement in the primary academic department. For example, a student in the University Honors College, will work with both the Honors College and the International Degree office to ensure that they fulfill both sets of requirements.

Thesis proposal: The student must submit the signed Senior Thesis Proposal and Timetable Form to the International Degree Program office a minimum of 6 months prior to the expected graduation date.

Thesis credit: Before graduating, the student will spend two to three terms working on the thesis and will receive credits through the major department. The student will receive credit under course number 403 (Thesis) in the major department (e.g. a Environmental Science student would take ENSC 403 - Thesis). The thesis advisor will be the instructor of record.

The number of credits may vary according to the department, but generally total 3-6 (4-6 for students in the Honors College). These may be distributed over multiple terms. The thesis may be graded S/U, P/N or for a letter grade.

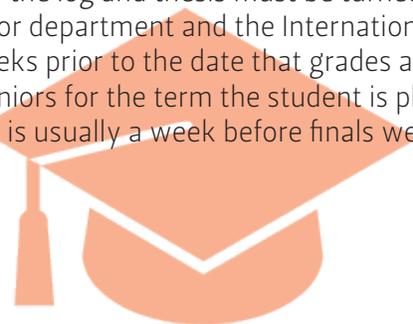
INTL 407: Students are required to successfully pass the one credit class "Introduction to Thesis" (INTL 407), offered on a P/N grading basis. The equivalent course offered through the Honors College (HC 408 "Thesis: Learn") may substitute.

Thesis log and the WIC requirement: The log is another component in meeting the WIC requirement for the International Degree, and should be a minimum of 8-10 typewritten pages (or the equivalent). Beyond the thesis log, we strongly recommend students take a course in social research methods, whether qualitative and/or quantitative.

Final thesis: This represents polished, formal writing. Theses average 25-45 pages, but to ensure fulfillment of the WIC requirement, even a thesis with a non-verbal component such as art, music, or photography must include a minimum of 8-10 pages of formal writing and place the thesis in the appropriate historical/cultural context by incorporating and documenting outside sources.

Presentation: When the thesis is complete, the student will make a public presentation of his/her work. The format may vary depending on the topic and preferences, but the student will present his/her thesis to a group including his thesis advisor, other interested faculty in the department, representatives of the International Degree program, and other guests whom the student may want to invite.

Final copies of the log and thesis must be turned in to the student's major department and the International Degree Office two weeks prior to the date that grades are due for graduating seniors for the term the student is planning to graduate. This is usually a week before finals week.



Int'l Degree Graduation Checklist

Student Information

Name: _____ OSU Student ID Number: _____ ONID Email: _____

College: _____ ID Major: _____ Academic Advisor: _____

General OSU Requirements

Student has met all departmental, college and institutional requirements for the primary degree

Student has met number of credit hours needed to graduate with additional degree(s)

Foreign Language Requirement

Language intended for ID: _____

In order to meet the language requirement for the international degree, students must demonstrate advanced level achievement or proficiency in a single foreign language, usually by completion of the third term of a fourth-year language sequence at OSU. Language courses must be taken for a letter grade (not S/U). The student's cumulative GPA in language courses must be a minimum of 3.0. Exceptions may be considered only by petition (see International Degree Office for details).

Received signed copy of Language Proficiency Certification from Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Total credits for ID language: _____

Course Requirements

In addition to the University's Baccalaureate Core requirements, International Degree requirements include four passing courses (as deemed acceptable for the University Baccalaureate Core) to form the International Core as follows:

- 1 course selected from the Western Culture category,
- 2 courses selected from the Cultural Diversity category, and
- 1 additional course selected from the category of Western Culture, Cultural Diversity or Contemporary Global Issues.

Not all courses may focus on the same culture or language. Courses may be taken for a letter grade or S/U.

International Core courses may not double count with the University Baccalaureate Core. Colleges or departments may have additional requirements or limitations.

| | Primary Major Bacc. Core | ID Baccalaureate Core | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | <i>Subject and Course #</i> | <i>Term</i> | <i>Credits</i> | <i>Grade</i> |
| Western Culture | 1. _____ | 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Cultural Diversity | 1. _____ | 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | | 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| WC, CD or CGI | | 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Social Processes | 1. _____ | | | | | |
| Diff., Power, Discrim. | 1. _____ | | | | | |
| Literature and Arts | 1. _____ | | | | | |
| Contemp. Glob. Issues | 1. _____ | | | | | |
| Science, Tech. and Soc. | 1. _____ | | | | | |

Total credits for ID Bacc. Core: _____

Experience Abroad Requirement

The student must spend a minimum of 10 weeks overseas engaged in one of the following experiences: a study-abroad program, an international internship, an international research project, or an approved previous international experience. This experience must be in a country where the ID language is spoken.

Received signed copy of Experience Abroad Approval Form from International Degree Program Office.

Total EA credits to apply to ID: _____

Senior Thesis Requirement

1. The student must pass "Introduction to Thesis" (INTL 407) or the Honor's College "Thesis: Learn" (HC 408) for 1 credit, offered on a Pass/No Pass grading basis.
2. The student must pass 3-6 credits of 403 Thesis in the primary academic department (e.g. a Sociology student would take SOC 403 Thesis). The credits may be spread out over more than one term. Acceptable grading systems include letter grade, S/U, or P/N. This includes a final signed thesis, an oral presentation and a thesis log and it meets the WIC requirement for the International Degree.

Thesis Advisor: _____

| Thesis Title: | Subject and Course # | Term | Credits | Grade |
|---|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Presentation Date: _____ | 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Date Final Copy Received by Dept: _____ | 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Total credits for senior thesis: _____

Additional Degree Credit Requirement

Specify any additional elective courses taken to satisfy minimum 32 credits for the International Degree.

| Subject and Course # | Term | Credits |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ |

Additional elective credits: _____

GRAND TOTAL CREDITS FOR ID: _____

Primary Major Approval

Academic Advisor: _____ Dept: _____ Date: _____

Head Advisor (if required): _____ Dept: _____ Date: _____