

General Requirements

1. 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 another OSU undergraduate degree.
2. The student must also complete a minimum of 32 credit hours in-residence beyond the credit hours required for their primary degree, including additional courses from specific categories in the Baccalaureate Core, as outlined below, and the one-credit seminar course, "International Issues: Introduction to Thesis." *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 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 Literatures: 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.

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."

Worksheet for credit allocation:

Total number of credits for abroad program ____
Number of credits applied to major - ____
Number of credits applied to minor - ____
Number of credits applied to bacc. core - ____
Other - ____
Total abroad credits to apply to ID: = ____

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. 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. 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 *International Issues: Introduction to Thesis* (INTL 407), offered on a Pass/No Pass grading basis. The equivalent course offered through the Honors College (HC 407 Introduction to Thesis) may substitute.

Thesis log: 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).

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.