

Academic Map: International Studies

Department: Political Science **Degree:** BA
Program/Major: International Studies
Track/Emphasis: _____
Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No) Yes¹

Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

UCA Core Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>
LD UCA Core Check Sheet: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>
UD UCA Core Course List: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>
Degree Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>
Program Description: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments-programs/college-of-liberal-arts/department-of-political-science/>
Course Descriptions: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/courses/>

This degree program requires a total of 120 semester credit hours, including at least 40 upper-division credit hours.

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a [core link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* UCA Lower-Division Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](#) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/>) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

Scholarship recipients: Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote ².

Year 1

Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: 15/16)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|--|-----|---------------------------|
| WRTG | 1310 | Introduction to College Writing | 3 | ENGL1013 |
| PSCI | 1330 | U.S. Government & Politics ³ | 3 | PLSC2003 |
| | | 2000-Level Foreign Language ⁴ | 3 | acts link |
| MATH | 1360 | LD UCA Core, Natural Science ⁵ or | 4 | core link |
| MATH | 1390 | Quantitative Literacy | 3 | MATH1113 |
| | | College Algebra | 3 | MATH1103 |
| | | LD UCA Core ⁵ | 3 | core link |

Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: 15/16)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|---|-----|---------------------------|
| WRTG | 1320 | Academic Writing and Research or | 3 | ENGL1023 |
| ENGL | 1320 | Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or | | |
| | | Other approved alternative ⁵ | | core link |

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|---|-----|---------------------------|
| MATH | 1360 | LD UCA Core, Natural Science ⁵ or | 4 | core link |
| MATH | 1360 | Quantitative Literacy | 3 | MATH1113 |
| | | College Algebra | 3 | MATH1103 |
| | | IS required course (additional semester of foreign language) ⁶ | 3 | |
| | | LD UCA Core ⁵ | 3 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ⁵ | 3 | core link |

Year 2

Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 16)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|---|-----|---------------------------|
| PSCI | | IS core required course | 3 | |
| | | LD UCA Core, Natural Science ⁵ | 4 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ⁵ | 3 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ⁵ | 3 | core link |
| | | General elective | 3 | |

Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 15)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| PSCI | | IS core required course | 3 | |
| | | LD UCA Core ⁵ | 3 | core link |
| | | General elective | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |

Year 3

Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 15)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| PSCI | | IS core required course | 3 | |
| | | IS concentration course ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 3 | |

Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| | | IS concentration course ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | IS concentration course ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 3 | |

Year 4**Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: 15)**

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| | | IS concentration course ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | IS concentration course ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 3 | |

Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 13)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| | | IS concentration course ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor elective ¹ | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 3 | |
| | | General elective | 1 | |

SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR

DATE

SIGNED – COLLEGE DEAN

DATE

To be completed by the advisor when an Eight-Semester plan is accepted by the student:

If applicable, has student selected a minor? Type “x” as appropriate. _____ No _____ Yes

If “yes,” specify: _____

Notes

¹ This Academic Map includes 24 hours in a minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 27 credit hours, so students will need to adapt the number of general elective and minor elective credit hours in this plan as needed, depending upon the chosen field. Given a student’s choice of minor and special degree requirements, the total number of credit hours taken may exceed the total number required to complete the program.

² See online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.

³ PSCI 1330 is a prerequisite for all upper-division Political Science courses and satisfies the American History & Government requirement in the LD UCA Core.

⁴ Students with no previous experience with a foreign language may need to enroll in up to six hours of lower-level instruction to prepare for this requirement. These courses are not included in this plan of study. Please note that such need will require adjustment of General Elective hours in the plan. The Academic Advising Center and the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures recommend that students complete the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program in order not to lose fluency gained in high school.

⁵ See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under “UCA Core” in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. During the first year, a student must complete a UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living. An approved UCA Core lab science and an approved UCA Core math course should be taken in the first two years if possible.

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The student will also need to complete major, minor, or general elective courses designated as fulfilling the upper-division and capstone requirements of the UCA Core that address outcomes in each of the four areas of the UCA Core: Diversity (D), Critical Inquiry (I), Communication (C), and Responsible Living (R). These courses may count as major, minor, or elective requirements, and one course may satisfy up to two Core requirements, as long as the outcomes for both areas are assessed. The UCA Core capstone requirement will, in addition to any disciplinary goals and outcomes, address certain UCA Core goals and outcomes in Critical Inquiry, Communication, and Collaboration. See the [Department of Political Science](#) page in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* and your academic advisor for courses within the major that fulfill the UD UCA Core requirements.

⁶ The program in International Studies requires 3 credit hours of a foreign language beyond that required for the BA.

⁷ International Studies has been divided into three concentrations: (1) International Politics & Diplomacy, (2) International Political Economy, and (3) Regional Studies. Students must complete a minimum of eighteen hours of upper-division elective courses within their selected concentration: six courses at the 3000-level or above from one of the three International Studies concentrations, including at least two courses at the 3000-level or above from the political science offerings.