

## Academic Map: International Studies

**Department:** Political Science **Degree:** BA  
**Program/Major:** International Studies  
**Track/Emphasis:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No)** Yes<sup>1</sup>

### 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/ca/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* Lower-Division (LD) UCA Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) 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 <sup>3</sup>	3	PLSC2003
		2000-Level Foreign Language <sup>4</sup>	3	acts link
MATH	1360	LD UCA Core, Natural Science <sup>5</sup> or Quantitative Literacy	4 3	core link MATH1113
		LD UCA Core <sup>5</sup>	3	core link

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

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1320	Academic Writing and Research or	3	ENGL1023 ENGL1023 core link
ENGL	1320	Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Other approved alternative <sup>5</sup>		
MATH	1360	LD UCA Core, Natural Science <sup>5</sup> or Quantitative Literacy	4 3	core link MATH1113
		2000-Level Foreign Language <sup>4</sup>	3	

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		LD UCA Core <sup>5</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>5</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

**Year 2****Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 16)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		IS core required course	3	
		LD UCA Core, Natural Science <sup>5</sup>	4	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>5</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>5</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		General elective	3	

**Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		IS core required course	3	
		LD UCA Core <sup>5</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		General elective	3	
		General elective	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	

**Year 3****Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		IS core required course	3	
		IS concentration course <sup>6</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
		IS core required course <sup>7</sup>	3	

**Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		IS concentration course <sup>6</sup>	3	
		IS concentration course <sup>6</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
PSCI	4392 or 4393 or 4394	Experiential Learning Requirement	3	

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

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		IS concentration course <sup>6</sup>	3	
		IS concentration course <sup>6</sup>	3	

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	

**Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 13)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		IS concentration course <sup>6</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	
		General elective	3	
		General elective	1	

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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**

<sup>1</sup> This Academic Map includes 24 hours in a minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 26 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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/>.

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

<sup>4</sup> Students pursuing the B.A. in International Studies will complete related course requirements consisting of six credit hours in a foreign language at the 2000 level or higher. 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.

Students with prior language experience in Spanish, French, or German that is not AP credit, should take the free language placement exam from any computer by visiting [uca.edu/wlan/placement](https://uca.edu/wlan/placement) before registering for classes and enroll in the level of their placement. For students with prior language experience in Chinese or Japanese, email [llc@uca.edu](mailto:llc@uca.edu) for placement and for information on how that placement may lead to additional Credit by Examination.

<sup>5</sup> 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 should be taken in the first two years if possible. MATH 1360 should be completed in the first year in either the first or the second semester. Students who have already earned credit for another

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1000-level MATH course (i.e., concurrent credit, CLEP, AP, transfer, etc.) may substitute that course for MATH 1360. However, a student who has not completed a 1000-level MATH course must enroll in MATH 1360.

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.

<sup>6</sup> International Studies has been divided into three concentrations: (1) International Affairs & Security, (2) International Development and Globalization, and (3) Regional and Cultural 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.

<sup>7</sup> Choose one of the following course options: ANTH 2300, ENGL 2305, 2306, GEOG 3300, or LING 2350.