

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Graduate Program International Studies

Master of Arts in International Studies

Advising Record

Student _____

Student Number _____ Sem/Year Admitted _____

Adviser _____

Please indicate the courses/requirements already completed.

Program Core Courses

		<u>Semester/Yr</u>	<u>Grade</u>
IS 601	IR Theory	_____	_____
IS 600	Research Methods	_____	_____
ECON 650	International Economics	_____	_____
IS 606	American Foreign Policy (Option #1)	_____	_____
	OR	_____	_____
IS 655	International History (Option #2)	_____	_____

Field: _____

Students must take 3 seminars in their primary field. This will include the field core seminar plus two additional seminars. See the individual field sheets for guidance on appropriate seminars. Any questions about appropriate seminars should be directed to the field coordinator.

	Seminar	Semester/Yr	Grade
Field Core Seminar	_____	_____	_____
Seminar 2	_____	_____	_____
Seminar 3	_____	_____	_____

Elective Coursework

Students must have a total of 33 credit hours of coursework. The core plus field seminars account for 21 credit hours. This leaves room for four additional seminars. These should be chosen to complement a coherent program of graduate coursework. Students who elect to write a thesis may take up to six credit hours of thesis coursework.

	Seminar	Semester/Yr	Grade
Elective 1	_____	_____	_____
Elective 2	_____	_____	_____
Elective 3	_____	_____	_____
Elective 4	_____	_____	_____

Foreign Language

The foreign language requirement can be satisfied either by having passed two 300 level courses with a grade of B or better, or by passing an examination administered by the

Foreign Language Department. Native speakers of a foreign language do not need to take the exam. The foreign language requirement is not a prerequisite for taking the comprehensive examination but notes the continuous registration requirement (see below) for those who elect to satisfy the language requirement after the comps.

Language _____

Method of Certification _____ Date of Certification _____

Some Rules to Note

1. Foreign language classes cannot count towards the unit requirement.
2. Students may not count more than six credit hours of independent studies or internships toward their thirty-three credit hours of coursework.

MA Comprehensive Exam or Thesis

Semester taken or anticipated _____

Students may choose to take the comprehensive exam or to write a thesis. Students should be advised that the thesis often takes longer, sometimes much longer, than anticipated. Thus, the comprehensive option is usually the better choice for students without a clear and compelling reason to write a thesis.

The MA comprehensive examinations cannot be taken until the final semester in which all of the course requirements will be completed. The exam is offered in November and April. A guide to the MA comprehensives is available online and in the GPIS office.

Master’s, Education Specialist, and Pre-candidacy Doctoral Students.

Students who have completed all course work but are working during a given semester to complete other outstanding degree requirements (e.g., comprehensive examination, thesis, removal of an I or II grade) or wish to use University facilities and/or consult with faculty must be registered for at least one credit during that semester. Graduate students must be registered for at least one credit hour in the semester in which they graduate. GRAD 999 or the program equivalent may be used to fulfill this requirement. Registration for GRAD 999 or the required program equivalent is subject to the normal fees and regulations of the University.” -- Old Dominion University Catalog 2009-2010, p. 51

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Adviser’s Signature</u>
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