

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Graduate Program International Studies (GPIS)
Master of Arts in International Studies

Advising Record

Student _____

UIN _____ Sem/Year Admitted _____

Adviser _____

Please indicate the courses/requirements already completed.

Program Common Core Courses

		Semester/Yr	Grade
IS 600	Research Methods		
IS 601	IR Theory		
IS 606	American Foreign Policy		
IS 655	International History		
ECON 650	International Economics		
IS 708	Asian Politics		

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 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 27 credit hours. This leaves room for two 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 instead of electives

	Seminar	Semester/Yr.	Grade
Elective 1			
Elective 2			

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 the course requirements will be completed. The exam is offered in November and April. A guide to the MA comprehensives is available online.

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.

Date Updated

Adviser’s Signature
