

## **International Studies - Africa Major (B.A.)**

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### **Major code BA4405**

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Undergraduate Program in International Studies

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### **Program Overview**

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Knowledge of the interdependent world in which we live and work is essential to all citizens. Through pursuit of the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies degree students develop international competence which involves understanding other peoples and societies well enough to work effectively with them on a broad range of common problems. The degree calls for the education and training of persons who are proficient in a language other than their own and who understand the history, culture, goals, aspirations and world view of a people utilizing that language.

The African Studies Major grew out of the excitement emanating from the decolonization of the continent in the mid-1960's and the awareness of the important role Africa could play in world affairs. Today the multi-disciplinary nature of the program allows the student to build a course of study reflecting Africa's contemporary reality. Themes include the socioeconomic development of the continent in the context of Africa's grand cultural and historical traditions. Students may also view the study of Africa as an excellent case-study of the process of social change in the developing world.

### **Admissions Information**

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Any student admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences is eligible to enter this program. Potential OU students should contact Admissions for complete information about admissions procedures and requirements.

### **Opportunities Upon Graduation**

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International Studies alumni find meaningful post-bachelaureate opportunities in their chosen fields of education, the non-profit world, public policy, the business sector and more.

### **University wide Graduation Requirements**

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To complete this program, students must complete all University wide graduation requirements.

### **College-level Requirements**

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Please see the appropriate college listing for college-level academic requirements.

### **Core International Studies Courses**

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- [ANTH 101 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [POLS 250 - International Relations](#) Credit Hours: 4

### **Comparative/International Studies**

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**Complete 12 hours from the following:**

- [AAS 364 - Comparative Study of Injustice](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 340 - Applied Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 345 - Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 350 - Economic Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 351 - Political Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 353 - Anthropology of Violence and Peace](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [ANTH 355 - Medical Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 357 - Anthropology of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 376 - Culture Contact and Change](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [B A 329 - Current Global Issues in Business](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [B A 385 - Multinational Business](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [BUSL 385 - International Business Law](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [CLWR 181 - Introduction to Religion](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 312 - Economics of Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 340 - International Trade](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 350 - Economic Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [EDCS 205 - Learning from Non-Western Cultures](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ENG 355 - Studies in World Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ENG 453 - Studies in World Literature](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [FILM 421 - International Film I](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 131 - Globalization and the Developing World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 326 - Urban Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 329 - World Economic Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 336 - Geography of Religious Space and Place](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 348 - Gender, Environment, and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 428 - Migration and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 327 - Slavery in the Americas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [MGT 484 - International Comparative Management](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [MUS 121 - Introduction to World Music](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [PHIL 440 - Contemporary Social Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [POLS 230 - Comparative Politics](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [POLS 340 - The Politics of Developing Areas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 429 - Comparative Public Administration](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 449 - Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 455 - International Law](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 456 - International Organizations](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 457 - National Security in the Post-Cold War World](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 458 - War And Its Causes](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 460 - International Political Economy](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490C - Causes Of War](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490N - Terrorism](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490P - Intn'L Human Rights Org](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 490Q - Nationalism & Ethnic Conf](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 230 - Sociology of Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 414 - Contemporary Social Movements](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 421 - Comparative Studies of Family](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [WS 410 - Global Feminisms](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [WS 411 - Women and Globalization](#) Credit Hours: 4

### **Environmental Literacy**

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#### **Complete 12 hours from the following:**

- [ANTH 378 - Human Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [BIOS 220 - Conservation and Biodiversity](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [BIOS 275 - Ecology in the 21st Century](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 313 - Economics of the Environment](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 201 - Environmental Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [GEOG 241 - Global Issues in Environmental Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 315 - Landforms and Landscapes](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [GEOG 321 - Population Geography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 348 - Gender, Environment, and Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 353 - Environmental Planning](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 417 - Landscape Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 211 - Introductory Oceanography](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 215 - Environmental Geology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 231 - Water and Pollution](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOL 330 - Principles of Geomorphology](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [PBIO 209 - Plant Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [PBIO 322 - Tropical Plant Ecology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOC 481 - Environmental Sociology](#) Credit Hours: 4

### **African Area Studies**

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- [INST 113 - Modern Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- in addition to 24 more hours of African Area Studies courses out of 3 departments from the list below:

### **African Area Studies Courses**

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- [AAS 250 - Foundations of African American Arts and Culture](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 351 - Political Anthropology](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 357 - Anthropology of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ANTH 381 - Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [CLWR 311 - Islam](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [CLWR 471 - African Religions](#) Credit Hours: 4

- [DANC 495D - Special Topics in Dance](#) Credit Hours: 1 to 4
- [ECON 312 - Economics of Poverty](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [ECON 350 - Economic Development](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [EDCS 205 - Learning from Non-Western Cultures](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [FR 454 - Francophone Literature of Sub-Saharan Africa, Maghreb, and the Caribbean](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [GEOG 331 - Geography of Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 330A - African History Through Film](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 339 - Women in African History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 340 - African Intellectual History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 341A - Early Africa](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [HIST 441 - Studies in African History](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [INST 495 - Internship](#) Credit Hours: 1 to 15
- Students must find their own placement and have it approved by the instructor of record. A maximum of 8 credit hours will count towards the major or certificate.
- [MUS 248A - African Ensemble I](#) Credit Hours: 1
- [MUS 248B - African Ensemble II](#) Credit Hours: 2
- [MUS 425 - Music of Africa](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [MUS 426 - African Music and Related Arts](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [PHIL 440 - Contemporary Social Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 5
- [POLS 340 - The Politics of Developing Areas](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 441 - African Politics](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [POLS 463 - The United States and Africa](#) Credit Hours: 5

### **Study Abroad/Internship**

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Complete at least one quarter-length, Advisor approved study abroad or internship experience which compliments area and language of study.

## **Language**

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With Advisor's approval, complete either 3 years of coursework in a single language, 2 years of each of 2 different languages, or demonstration of equivalency. At least one of the languages studies must match area of study and education abroad destination/internship focus. Students may petition their Advisor to have a language they take elsewhere fulfill the requirement.

### **African Languages Taught at OU**

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Akan, Arabic, French, Kikuyu, Somali, Sudanese Arabic, Swahili, Tigrinya, Wolof