

International Studies, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Students who intend to study abroad during their junior year should schedule an appointment during their fourth semester to meet with an advisor from International Programs Study Abroad; those who intend to study abroad during their senior year should schedule an appointment during their sixth semester.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least two 3 s.h. foundation courses, and one global perspectives course or world cultures and societies course.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least nine courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least 12 courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major (including capstone course if not already taken), all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Iowa Degree in Three

University of Iowa majors who are strongly motivated can graduate with a degree in three years under the Iowa Degree in Three. The program is available to students who can complete more semester hours each term than they would on the Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students sign an agreement during their first semester of enrollment; meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review their plans and progress; take courses during summer sessions, if necessary; meet specific course checkpoints; and maintain the grade-point average required for the major.

Students are allowed to bring Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or transfer credit upon admission to reduce the number of semester hours required for their degree. They should consult their advisor about the program.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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This sample plan is currently being reviewed and will be added at a later date.