

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Advisor Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR CHECKLIST: ALL STREAMS (122 s.h.) 2026-27 Academic Calendar

1. Inquiry: Ways of Knowing – Core Requirements (37 s.h.*)

**University Core Requirements are modified for students who transfer in with 57 s.h. or more of initial transfer credit. See [Academic Calendar](#) for details.*

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
FOUNDATIONAL INQUIRIES (28 sem. hrs.)				Academic Writing Requirement ¹			
<i>Academic Research & Writing</i>				WAYS OF KNOWING (9 sem. hrs.)			
	ENGL _____	3	Choose two of ENGL 101, 102, 103, 104.	In addition to the courses on the left, students must take an additional 9 sem. hrs. from each of the following categories, <i>all of which must be from outside of the student's major.</i>			
	ENGL _____	3					
<i>Foundations</i>				<i>Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry</i>			
	FNDN 101	1	Compulsory during the first semester of the first year for all new students unless they have a minimum 24 sem. hrs. initial transfer credit.			3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry category below.
	FNDN 102	3	Normally taken before year three.	<i>Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry</i>			
	FNDN 201	3			**	**	Satisfied by a Modern Language course (Ancillary).
<i>Logical & Ethical Reasoning</i>				<i>Experiential & Embodied Inquiry</i>			
	PHIL _____	3	Choose one of PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, or 210.			3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Experiential & Embodied Inquiry category below.
<i>Religious & Spiritual Thought</i>				<i>Historical & Archival Inquiry</i>			
	RELS _____	3	Choose RELS 110 or 160. Recommended in 1st semester of the 1st year.		**	**	Satisfied by HIST 108.
	RELS 111	3		<i>Quantitative & Computational Inquiry</i>			
	RELS 112	3				3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Quantitative & Computational Inquiry category below.
<i>Scientific Method & Lab Research</i>				<i>Social & Global Inquiry</i>			
		3	Choose one of BIOL 103, 104, 113/198, 114/199, 216, 241, 242, 262; CHEM 101, 103/198, 111/198; GENV 109, 121, 262; GEOL 109; PHYS 111.		**	**	Satisfied by POLS 101 or 211.

¹**Academic Writing Requirement:** students must take WRTG 100 (native English speakers) or WRTG 101 (non-native English speakers) in their first semester at TWU, unless exempt at the time of admission to the University. WRTG course credit may be included toward a degree program as elective credit.

Ways of Knowing: Categories

Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry	ART 181, 182, 230, 250, 280; ENGL 207, 208, 310; HKIN 342; MCOM 211, 221, 231, 369; MUSI 110; PHIL 370; SAMC 111, 370; THTR 130, 161; any Music Ensembles; any Music (MUSA) Private Lessons.
Experiential & Embodied Inquiry	ART 305, 306, 307; BIOL 316, 318, 362, 364, 409, 410; BIOT 200, 300, 400, 409, 410; BUSI 395, 396, 49x; CHEM 409, 410; CMPT 409, 410; EDUC 302, 303, 402, 403; GENV 131, 316, 318, 372, 373, 374, 375, 409, 410; HIST 310, 315, 316; HKIN 201, 202, 216, 235, 266, 336, 355, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460; LING 398, 399; MATH 409, 410; MCOM 281, 391, 392, 393; NURS 213; POLS 395, 396; PSYC 322, 497, 498; SOCI 320, 411, 420; THTR 101, 102, 151, 152, 153, 154, 175, 210, 301, 302, 351, 352, 353, 354; any 1 sem. hr. HKIN Activity course; any Travel Study; any CCCU Global Ed course; any Au Sable course.
Quantitative & Computational Inquiry	BUSI 176, 275; CHEM 104, 112; CMPT 140; DATA 100; ECON 176, 275; GENV 282, 382, 383; MATH 102, 108, 123, 150, 190, 191; PHYS 112; PSYC 207; SOCI 207; SOCS 305, 383, STAT 102, 108.

2. Required Courses – ALL Streams (57 s.h.)

International Studies Requirements (15 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	POLS 101	3			ECON 230	3	
	HIST 108	3			MCOM 372	3	
	POLS 211	3					

Area Studies* (12 s.h.)

*Choose 12 s.h. from the following: MCOM 395, 396; ENGL 482; FREN 350; GENV 343, 344; HIST 371, 372, 381, 382; HIST/POLS 334, 352; POLS 378, 391, 392, 421, 422, 425; RELS 364, or approved CCCU GlobalEd Courses.

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Major Electives* (15 s.h.)

*Choose 15 s.h. from: ANTH 101, 210; ECON 110, 201, 202, 302, 306, 330, 480; GENV 111, 212, 282, 354, 382; HIST 107, 392, 403, 409; HIST/POLS 355, 406, 440; LING 101, 210, 481; MCOM 472; POLS 234, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 391, 392, 395, 396, 421, 430, 431, 487/488 (topic must be approved), 493; RELS 285, 384, 386, 460; SOCI 315, 405. May include up to 6 s.h. of approved practicum credit.

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3. Track Requirements (15 s.h.) – Choose one:

International Development & Cultural Change Stream

*Choose 15 s.h. from: ECON 330, 480; GENV 212, 282; HIST 392; POLS 308; 312 or 314; 430 or 431; SOCI 315 or 405.

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International Affairs & Global Policy Stream

*Choose 15 s.h. from: POLS 312, 308 OR 314, 430, 431; HIST/POLS 355, 406, 436, 440.

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International Political Economy Stream

*Choose 15 s.h. from: ECON 201, 202, 306, GENV 354, POLS 308, 314, 487/488 (Topic must be approved).

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4. Ancillary Requirements – ALL Streams (6 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE
		3	6 s.h. of an approved Modern Language, other than English.		Experiential learning requirement: International Studies Majors MUST take either the Laurentian Leadership Centre Program in Ottawa or a TWU travel study course. This requirement may be waived in cases where students can provide evidence of international experience.
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5. Elective Courses – ALL Streams (22 s.h.)

Students are encouraged, but not required, to take elective classes that contribute to a concentration or a minor. If you choose to take a concentration or a minor, please attach the appropriate concentration/minor checklist available at twu.ca/advising.

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES

NOTES:

- Graduation requirement: A total of at least 122 s.h. of credit, including a minimum of 42 s.h. in the major, a minimum of 42 s.h. of upper-level credit (24 s.h. in the major), and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 overall and in the major.
- You must complete an [Application for Graduation](#) via the Student Portal and [submit a copy of your filled in program checklist\(s\)](#) (i.e. this document) to the Office of the Registrar by June 30 of the year prior to your completion. For more information on the graduation process, please visit twu.ca/graduation.

This program is offered under TWU's exempt status with the Degree Quality Assessment Board.

THIS CHECKLIST IS INTENDED TO ASSIST STUDENTS AND ADVISORS IN ENSURING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE **STUDENT** TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS.

B.A. Degree *International Studies* - 4 Year Plan

		YEAR 1
✓	s.h.	Fall
	1	FNDN 101
	3	RELS 110 or 160
	3	ENGL 103
	3	PHIL ¹
	3	ECON 230
	3	POLS 101
		Semester Total: 16

		YEAR 2
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	FNDN 201
	3	GENV 121
	3	Language ⁶
	3	Track ⁴
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 3
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	SOCS 305
	3	Track ⁴
	3	Core ²
	3	Area Study ³
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 4
✓	s.h.	Fall
	3	Track ⁴
	3	Elective ⁵
	3	Elective ⁵
	3	Area Study ³
	3	Elective
	1	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 1
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	FNDN 102
	3	RELS 111
	3	ENGL 104
	3	HIST 108
	3	POLS 211
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 2
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	RELS 112
	3	Language ⁶
	3	Track ⁴
	3	Elective
	3	MCOM 372
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 3
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	Area Study ³
	3	Core ²
	3	Elective ⁵
	3	Elective ⁵
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

		YEAR 4
✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	Track ⁴
	3	Elective ⁵
	3	Area Study ³
	3	Elective
	3	Elective
		Semester Total: 15

COURSE LEGEND

Core Courses

- Choose one of PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, or 210.
- Core electives should be chosen as follows:
 - ONE Aesthetic and Performance Inquiry
 - ONE Experiential & Embodied Inquiry

Major Courses

- Area Studies:** choose a total of 12 s.h. from: MCOM 395, 396; ENGL 482; FREN 350; GENV 343, 344; HIST 325, 371, 372, 381, 382; HIST/POLS 334, 352, 436; POLS 378, 391, 392, 421, 422, 425; RELS 364, or approved CCCU Courses.
- International Affairs Track:** choose a total of 15 s.h. from: POLS 312, 308 or 314, 430, 431; HIST/POLS 355, 406, 436, 440
Political Economy Track: choose a total of 15 s.h. from: ECON 102, 201, 302, GENV 354, POLS 308, 314, 487/488
International Development Track: choose a total of 15 s.h. from: ECON 330, 480; GENV 212, 282; HIST 392; POLS 308; 312 or 314; 430 or 431; SOCI 315 or 405.
- Major Electives:** choose 15 s.h. from: ANTH 101, 210; MCOM 472; ECON 110, 201, 202, 302; GENV 111, 354, 382; HIST 107, 108, 403, 409, 423, 424; LING 101, 210, 481; HIST/POLS 355, 406, 436, 440; POLS 234, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 391, 392, 421, 430, 493; RELS 285, 384, 386, 460; SOCI 315, 405.

Major + Core Courses

Ancillary Courses

- Choose a total of 6 s.h. of an approved modern language other than English.

Ancillary + Core Courses

Electives

Summer Sessions are encouraged to reduce semester load and/or repeat courses.

This is an example of what a 4-year degree plan might look like. It is not the official program checklist. In the case of any discrepancy between this program plan and the checklist, the checklist shall prevail. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they complete all program requirements as laid out in the approved checklist.