

Bachelor of Arts

World Languages and Cultures with a Major in World Cultural Studies (BA)

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3
Language and Culture (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6
Information Literacy and Research (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in both courses and in ENGL 110C before declaring major.

Oral Communication (satisfied in the major for French, German, Japanese, and Spanish by one of the following: FR 311, GER 311, JAPN 311, SPAN 311. Students in the World Cultural Studies major must complete a general education oral communication course.)

Language and Culture: satisfied by the major for French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. Students in the World Cultural Studies major must demonstrate foreign language proficiency at the fourth-semester level.

Interpreting the Past: HIST 104H may not be used to satisfy the requirement.

Literature: WCS 100L is required

Impact of Technology requirement is satisfied by TLED 430W for teacher licensure students.

Human Behavior: GEOG 100S is required

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
- Option C. An approved certification program, such as teaching licensure

- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

World Languages and Cultures Core

Select one of the following:

Option A: Another foreign language at any level or

Option B: Area Studies. Consult the department for a list of approved courses each semester.

Total Credit Hours 6

World Cultural Studies Major

The World Cultural Studies major provides students the critical skills necessary to understand, identify, and approach global challenges and to critically evaluate and provide effective solutions for open-ended problems depending on varying cultural perspectives, values, and resources. Courses in this major are taught in English.

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements	41-47
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours)	6
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level	0-12

World Languages and Cultures Core

Complete world languages and cultures core requirements	6
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World Cultural Studies

WCS 311	Global Conversations	3
WCS 312W	Writing Around the World	3
WCS 323	World Cultures and Contexts	3
WCS 400	Global Cultural Studies	3
WCS 407	Global Communication in Practice	3
300/400-level elective *		3
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300/400-level elective *		3
400-level elective *		3

Total Credit Hours 83-101

* Electives may be chosen from WCS 300/400-level courses, 300/400-level courses in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish offered by the World Languages and Cultures Department (if the student is proficient), or approved courses from the Business, Engineering, and Global Citizenship focus areas listed below.

300/400-Level Electives

Business Focus Area

The business focus area provides a critical advantage in understanding the global nexus of cultural influences in international business today.

ECON 450	International Economics	3
FIN 435	International Financial Management	3
MGMT 462	Comparative International Management	3
MGMT 463	Management Seminar Abroad	3
MKTG 411	Multi-National Marketing	3
PHIL 303E	Business Ethics	3
PHIL 344E	Environmental Ethics	3
WCS 307	Understanding European Culture through Film	3
WCS 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey	3
WCS 330	Contemporary Cultures and Media	3
WCS 410	Berlin-Paris: Crucibles of European Ideas	3
WCS 445	German Cinema I	3
WCS 471	Hispanic Women Authors	3
WCS 476	German-Jewish Literature and Culture	3

Engineering Focus Area

The Engineering focus area bridges gaps between science and culture, incorporating skills in transcultural communication and understanding that will serve students interested in working for international corporations or in development sectors.

CEE 402	Professional Practice of Engineering	1
CEE 458	Sustainable Development	3
CEE 459	Biofuels Engineering	3
ECE 407	Introduction to Game Development	3
GEOG 305	World Resources	3
GEOG 306T	Environmental Hazards & Disasters	3
IT 425	Information Systems for International Business	3
PHIL 355E	Cybersecurity Ethics	3
PHIL 383T	Philosophy of Technology	3
POLS 324	International Relations Theory	3
WCS 307	Understanding European Culture through Film	3
WCS 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey	3
WCS 330	Contemporary Cultures and Media	3
WCS 410	Berlin-Paris: Crucibles of European Ideas	3
WCS 445	German Cinema I	3
WCS 471	Hispanic Women Authors	3
WCS 476	German-Jewish Literature and Culture	3

Global Citizenship Focus Area

In the global citizenship focus area, students learn skills necessary to approach global problems through in-depth analysis, inquiry into global challenges and cultural perspectives, and innovative paths to solutions.

CEE 458	Sustainable Development	3
COMM 400W	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 471W	International Film History	3
ECE 407	Introduction to Game Development	3
ENGL 371W	Language and Culture	3
GEOG 451	Europe	3
GEOG 452	Africa	3
GEOG 453	Asia	3
GEOG 455	The Middle East	3
HIST 371	Modern Mexico	3

HIST 372	Central America and the Caribbean Since 1800	3
HIST 373	U.S.-Latin American Relations	3
HIST 470	Struggle for Democracy and Development in Latin America	3
PHIL 250E	World Religions: Beliefs and Values	3
PHIL 290G	Philosophy of Digital Culture	3
PHIL 353	Asian Religions	3
PHIL 485	Japanese Religion and Philosophy	3
POLS 324	International Relations Theory	3
POLS 325W	World Politics	3
POLS 445	Globalization: Dynamics and Implications	3
PSYC 420	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
WCS 307	Understanding European Culture through Film	3
WCS 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey	3
WCS 330	Contemporary Cultures and Media	3
WCS 410	Berlin-Paris: Crucibles of European Ideas	3
WCS 445	German Cinema I	3
WCS 471	Hispanic Women Authors	3
WCS 476	German-Jewish Literature and Culture	3
WGS 390T	Women, Gender, and Technology Worldwide	3
WGS 401W	Women: A Global Perspective	3

Elective Credit

Elective credit will be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credits

Students who have received an AA, AS or AA and S from a Virginia community college, Richard Bland College or an equivalent associate degree approved by Transfer Evaluation Services have met all lower-division general education requirements. However, completion of ENGL 211C and either six hours of a second foreign language or six hours of area studies (which may include WCS 100L) are major requirements and are not automatically met by completion of an associate degree. Transfer students who have taken a different general education course in the same perspective area should consult the chief departmental advisor to determine if substitutions are possible.

All majors must complete the Lower-Division General Education requirements and the core requirements and select one of the following majors. A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 is required for the 30 hours of upper-division courses in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish. No more than two FR/GER/JAPN/SPAN courses taught in English can be counted for the major. At least 12 hours in the major must be taken at Old Dominion University.

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 110C	English Composition (Grade of C or better required)	3
Mathematical Skills		3
Human Creativity		3

Interpreting the Past (HIST 104H may not be used to meet the requirement)	3
Elective or Language and Culture I (May be waived; See requirement details)	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Literature:	
WCS 100L Introduction to World Literatures and Cultures (required)	3
Human Behavior:	
GEOG 100S Human Geography (required)	3
Impact of Technology	3
Information Literacy and Research	3
Elective or Language and Culture II (May be waived; See requirement details)	3
Credit Hours	15
Sophomore	
Fall	
ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C Writing, Rhetoric, and Research (Grade of C or better required) or Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	3
Nature of Science I	4
Language and Culture III	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
Credit Hours	16
Spring	
Philosophy and Ethics	3
Nature of Science II	4
Language and Culture IV	3
Oral Communication	3
Elective course	3
Credit Hours	16
Junior	
Fall	
WCS 311 Global Conversations	3
WCS 312W Writing Around the World (Grade of C or better required)	3
300/400-level approved course	3
300/400-level approved course	3
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
WCS 323 World Cultures and Contexts	3
300/400-level approved course	3
300/400-level approved course	3
Elective course	3
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor	3
Credit Hours	15

Senior		
Fall		
WCS 407	Global Communication in Practice	3
400-level approved course		
Elective course		3
Elective course		3
Minor or Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
WCS 400	Global Cultural Studies	3
Elective course		3
Elective course		3
Elective course		1
Minor or Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		120

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Dual Dominion Program

The Dual Dominion BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/>) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Dual Dominion Program

The Dual Dominion BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the Dual Dominion program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/>). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.