



BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONOURS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

These are credit-based awards.

These award regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the following documents.

- [Introduction to *The Award Regulations*](#)
- [General Award Regulations](#)
- [Schedule A to *The Award Regulations*](#)

If you wish to print the regulations governing your award, you are advised to print *all* these documents.

BD–IStud 1 DEGREE NAME

BD–IStud 1.1 The University offers the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in International Studies and the Bachelor of Science with Honours in International Studies. The awards are referred to as the BA (Honours) and the BSc (Honours) International Studies. Holders of these awards are permitted to use (as appropriate) the letters BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) Internat Studs (Open) after their names.

BD–IStud 2 REGISTRATION

BD–IStud 2.1 To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. There is no academic entry requirement.

BD–IStud 2.2 To qualify for the award, you must ensure that your credit is linked to it. You can do this as part of the course registration process or make a separate request later.

BD–IStud 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

BD–IStud 3.1 BA (Honours) International Studies and BSc (Honours) International Studies

BD–IStud 3.1.1 The University will award you the BA (Honours) or the BSc (Honours)

International Studies if you have a minimum of 360 credit points from approved courses provided that:

- at least 300 credit points are from specified international studies courses, and of these 300 points at least 120 are at Level 3, at least 120 are at Level 2, and at least 60 are at Level 1
- no more than 60 points are from other Open University courses.

BD–IStud 3.2 BA (Honours) International Studies

BD–IStud 3.2.1 The University will award you the BA (Honours) International Studies if you have a minimum of 360 credit points as detailed in regulation BD–IStud 3.1.1 and of these 360 points at least 180 are from courses that are designated appropriate for a BA; of these 180 points at least 120 must be at Level 2 or higher, and of these 120 points at least 60 must be at Level 3.

BD–IStud 3.3 BSc (Honours) International Studies

BD–IStud 3.3.1 The University will award you the BSc (Honours) International Studies if you have a minimum of 360 credit points as

detailed in regulation BD–IStud 3.1.1 and of these 360 points at least 180 are from courses that are designated appropriate for a BSc; of these 180 points at least 120 must be at Level 2 or higher, and of these 120 points at least 60 must be at Level 3.

BD–IStud 3.4 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have a minimum of 360 credit points of which not less than 180 are from successfully completed specified international studies courses, including the compulsory 60-point Level 2 course and 120 points from the specified courses at Level 3 and not more than 180 are points of transferred credit.

BD–IStud 3.5 The credit for this award must include from Open University courses a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of Student Regulation OU 3.3; that minimum amount is 120 points. If you already have an Open University degree conferred without Honours, the minimum amount of credit is reduced to 60 points.

BD–IStud 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

BD–IStud 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the BA (Honours) and BSc (Honours) International Studies is governed by General Award Regulation GA 6.

BD–IStud 4.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the specified option courses at Level 1 and at Level 2, and towards any other Open University courses as given in regulation BD–IStud 3.1.1 (b), may take the form of full-rate transferred credit.

BD–IStud 4.3 The maximum award of transferred credit towards the BA (Honours) or BSc (Honours) International Studies is 180 points of which no more than 120 points can be at Level 1.

BD–IStud 5 HONOURS DEGREE CLASSIFICATION

BD–IStud 5.1 The BA (Honours) or BSc (Honours) International Studies is classified as follows:

- first class
- upper second class
- lower second class

- third class.

BD–IStud 5.2 For the purpose of classifying your degree, the University will use a minimum of 120 and up to 240 credit points from your best grades on specified Open University international studies courses at Level 2 or higher. At least 120 of these credit points must be from courses at Level 3. The class of the award must be in accordance with the scheme of classification prescribed by the Senate.

BD–IStud 5.3 If you have qualified for the award of a degree conferred with honours and have been offered a classification and have declined, any subsequent changes to the scheme of honours degree classification cannot result in you being offered an honours degree classification lower than that which you were previously offered.

BD–IStud 6 DURATION OF STUDY

BD–IStud 6.1 The credit required for the award of the BA or BSc (Honours) International Studies must be obtained during the time that the degree is available. Courses do not need to be studied consecutively.

BD–IStud 6.2 Credit from the compulsory courses at Level 1 ceases to be countable as such towards the BA (Honours) or BSc (Honours) International Studies twenty years after their final presentation. Subject to the rules about excluded combinations, credit from such courses can continue to be counted as part of any free choice component permitted in the award.

BD–IStud 6.3 Credit from specified courses at Level 2 and Level 3 ceases to be countable as such towards the BA (Honours) or BSc (Honours) International Studies ten years after their final presentation. Subject to the rules about excluded combinations, credit from such courses can continue to be counted as part of any free choice component permitted in the award.