

American University of Central Asia
International and Comparative Politics Department
CHECKLIST for ADMITS 2024

General Education Courses						
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Academic Orientation program: August 12 - 23, 2024			2*			Outside of 240 cr.
First Year Seminar I			4			
First Year Seminar II			4			
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)			2			
Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)			2			
English Composition I			6			
English Composition II			6			
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I			4			
Kyrgyz Language and Literature II			4			
Russian Language I			2			
Russian Language II			2			
History of Kyrgyzstan			4			
Geography of Kyrgyzstan			2			
Manas Studies			2			
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning			6			
Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar**			6			
Arts/Second Year Seminar**			12			
Humanities/Second Year Seminar**			12			
Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar**			12*			*6 credits – Intro to Political Science
Sports			400 hours / 0 credits			
Total credits			92 [2] credits			

*Credits earned for the Academic Orientation program are not included into 240 credits for graduation.
**All students in their 2nd year must take one Second Year Seminar. This seminar substitutes for one required 6-credit course in either Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts or Natural Science.
***One 6-credit course in Major requirements could be counted towards General Education requirements.

ICP Major Requirements

Required Courses – 54 credits

Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Introduction to Political Science	ICP 101.1	5667	6*	1		*Double counted towards Social Sciences requirement in the General Education
Introduction to Comparative Politics	ICP 131	3003	6	2		
Introduction to International Relations	ICP 110.1	3118	6	3		
Introduction to Political Theory	ICP 280.1	3115	6	3		
Introduction to Political Economy	ICP 270.2	3219	6	4		
Central Asian Politics	ICP 240.2	3269	6	4	ICP 101.1/ ICP 131	
Research Methods in Political Science	ICP 302	5745	6	5	ICP 101.1/ ICP 131	
Foreign Policy Analysis	ICP 318.2	3320	6	5	ICP 101.1/ ICP 131/ ICP 110.1	
Quantitative Research Methods	ICP 331	5746	6	6	ICP 302	

Elective Courses – 24 credits

Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
1 (one) ICP elective course at 200 level			6	3 or 4		
2 (two) ICP elective courses at 300 level			12	5 and 6		
1(one) ICP elective course at 400 level			6	7 or 8		

Senior Thesis Seminar – 12 credits

Senior Thesis I	ICP 404	3716	6	7	ICP 101.1/ ICP 131	
Senior Thesis II	ICP 406	3733	6	8	ICP 404	

Total (Major requirements, Electives in Major, Senior Thesis): 54 + 24+ 12 = 90 credits

Other Elective Courses – 64 credits

64 credits required in total: at least 18 credits should be taken outside of the major.

Internship – 15 credits (on the top of 240 credits)

Internship I	ICP 390.1	3550	6	Summer Sophomore	---	Pass/Non-pass
Internship II	ICP 391.1	3559	9	Summer Junior	ICP 390.1	Pass/Non-pass

Total Credits 240 + 15

Order of study for 2024 admits

Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]			
1st semester (30 credits)		2nd semester (30 credits)	
Introduction to Political Science	6	Introduction to Comparative Politics	6
First Year Seminar I	4	First Year Seminar II	4
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)	2	Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)	2
English Composition I	6	English Composition II	6
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	4	Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	4
Russian Language I	2	Russian Language II	2
Arts	6	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	6
Sports (100 hour)	0	Sports (100 hour)	0
3rd semester (30 credits)		4th semester (32 credits)	
Introduction to International Relations	6	Introduction to Political Economy	6
Introduction to Political Theory	6	Central Asian Politics	6
History of Kyrgyzstan	4	1 (one) ICP elective course at 200-level	6
Geography of Kyrgyzstan	2	Manas Studies	2
Arts/Second Year Seminar	6	Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar (NS)	6
Humanities/Second Year Seminar	6	Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar <i>Student has to choose from the following list of Majors: Anthropology, Economics, European Studies, IB Law, Psychology, Sociology and LAS Concentrations.</i>	6
Sports (100 hour)	0	Sports (100 hour)	0
Internship I – By summer of Sophomore Year			6
5th semester (28 credits)		6th semester (30 credits)	
Research Methods in Political Science	6	Quantitative Research Methods	6
Foreign Policy Analysis	6	1 (one) ICP elective course at 300-level	6
1 (one) ICP elective course at 300-level	6	Other Elective Courses	18
Humanities	6		
Other Elective Course*	4		
*If there is no 4-credit course available, students can take a 6-credit course.			
Internship II – By summer of Junior Year			9
7th semester (30 credits)		8th semester (30 credits)	
Senior Thesis I	6	Senior Thesis II	6
1 (one) ICP Elective Course at 400-level	6	Other Elective Courses	24
Other Elective Courses	18		

Graduation requirements:

- Earn at least 240 credits (+credit hours earned for program internships)
 - Complete all general education requirements
 - Complete all requirements for at least one major
 - Earn no more than 102 credits of introductory (100-level) courses
 - Complete at least 18 elective credits outside of a student's major and General Education program
 - Complete the required number of internship credits (the number of credits is determined by each department)
 - Pass all state graduation examinations
 - Successfully complete and defend a senior thesis/project
 - Receive no "F" or "N/P" grades in the final semester
- To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.**