

American University of Central Asia
International and Comparative Politics Department
CHECKLIST for ADMITS 2026

General Education Courses						
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Academic Orientation program: August 17 - 28, 2026	ORI		2*			Outside of 240 cr.
First Year Seminar I	FYS		4			
First Year Seminar II	FYS		4			
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)	FYS		2			
Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)	FYS		2			
English Composition I	ECL		6			
English Composition II	ECL		6			
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	KLL		4			
Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	KLL		4			
Russian Language I	RUS		2			
Russian Language II	RUS		2			
History of Kyrgyzstan	HIST		4			
Geography of Kyrgyzstan	GEO		2			
Manas Studies			2			
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning			6			
Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/NTR		6			
Arts/Second Year Seminar**	ART		12			
Humanities/Second Year Seminar***	SYS/HUM		12			***6 credits from Second language: double counted.
Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar****	SYS/SS		12			****6 credits from Intro to Political Science: double counted
Sports	SPO		400 hours / 0 credits			
Total credits			92 [2] credits			80 + 12

* Credits earned for the Academic Orientation program are not included into 242 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 Second Foreign Language requirement is counted towards General Education: Humanities requirements.

****One 6-credit course in Major requirements (ICP 101.1 Introduction to Political Science) is counted towards General Education, Social Sciences requirements.

ICP Major Requirements						
Required Courses – 66 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	ICP 101.1/or ICP 131	
Introduction to Political Theory	ICP 280.1	3115	6	3	ICP 101.1	
Introduction to Political Economy	ICP 270.2	3219	6	4	ICP 101.1	
Central Asian Politics	ICP 240.2	3269	6	4	ICP 131	
Research Methods in Political Science	ICP 302	5745	6	5	ICP 101.1 and ICP 131	
Foreign Policy Analysis	ICP 318.2	3320	6	5	ICP 101.1/ ICP 131/ ICP 110.1	
Public Policy Analysis	ICP 260.2	3218	6	6	ICP 270.2	
Quantitative Research Methods	ICP 331	5746	6	6	ICP 302	
Contemporary Issues in International Relations	ICP 419	4560	6	7	ICP 318.2	
Elective Courses – 30 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		
1 (one) ICP elective course at any level			6	7 or 8		
Second Language Requirements – 12 credits						
2 (two) Second language courses			12	5 and 6		*One language course will be double counted towards Humanities requirement in the General Education
Senior Thesis Seminar – 12 credits						
Senior Thesis I	ICP 404	3716	6	7	ICP 331	
Senior Thesis II	ICP 406	3733	6	8	ICP 404	
Total (Major requirements, Electives in Major, Senior Thesis):					66 + 30+ 12 + 12= 120 credits	
Other Elective Courses – 42 credits						
42 credits required in total: at least 18 credits should be taken outside of the major.						
Internship – 15 credits (on the top of 242 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		242 + 2 + 15 = 259				

Suggested Order of Study for 2026 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	2	Introduction to Philosophy II	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
Art	6	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	6
Sports (100 hours)	0	Sports (100 hours)	0
3rd Semester (32 credits)		4th Semester (30+6 credits)	
Introduction to International Relations	6	Introduction to Political Economy	6
Introduction to Political Theory	6	Central Asian Politics	6
Manas Studies	2	ICP Major Elective Course at 200-level	6
Second Year Seminar / <u>ART</u> or HUM or SS or Natural Sciences	6	History of Kyrgyzstan	4
Second Year Seminar / ART or <u>HUM</u> or SS or Natural Sciences	6	Geography of Kyrgyzstan	2
Second Year Seminar / ART or HUM or <u>SS</u> or Natural Sciences	6	Second Year Seminar / ART or HUM or SS or <u>Natural Sciences</u>	6
Sports (100 hour)	0	Sports (100 hour)	0
		Internship I – By summer of Sophomore Year	6
5th Semester (30 credits)		6th Semester (30+9 credits)	
Foreign Policy Analysis	6	Public Policy Analysis	6
Research Methods in Political Science	6	Quantitative Research Methods	6
ICP Major Elective Course at 300-level	6	ICP Major Elective Course at 300-level	6
Second Foreign Language 1	6	Second Foreign Language 2	6
Other Elective Course - 1	6	Other Elective Course - 2	6
		Internship II – By summer of Junior Year	9
7th semester (30 credits)		8th semester (30 credits)	
Senior Thesis I	6	Senior Thesis II	6
Contemporary Issues in International Relations	6	ICP Major Elective Course at any-level	6
ICP Major Elective Course at 400-level	6	Other Elective Courses – 5 & 6 & 7	18
Other Elective Courses – 3 & 4	12		

Graduation requirements:

Earn at least **242** credits (+2 credit for Academic Orientation and +15 credits hours earned for the ICP program internships)
 Complete all General Education requirements
 Complete all requirements for ICP 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 (6+9=15 credits top of 240 credits)
 Pass all state graduation examinations
 Successfully complete and defend a senior thesis
 Receive no "F" or "N/P" grades in the final semester
To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.