

International Degree (I.D.) and Biology

For complete information and admission requirements for the I.D., refer to the “Passport to the International Degree” publication or the website <http://oregonstate.edu/international/degree>.

What are the benefits of the International Degree for students in Biology?

Students enrolled in the I.D. program receive two degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and a concurrent Bachelor of Arts in International Studies of Biology. The I.D. program advisor works closely with each student to help develop a unique program that meets their education needs and future goals, and I.D. students also work with a thesis advisor.

The dual degree provides students the opportunity to:

- Design and execute a research project in Biology
- Develop cross-cultural awareness
- Develop language skills
- Become more marketable for jobs or graduate and professional programs
- Prepare for a global marketplace

What are the requirements of the International Degree?

- Fourth-Year Proficiency in a Second Language**
 - The language requirement can be met by completion of the fourth-year language sequence at OSU (e.g. through 413) **OR** through experience abroad or other alternatives listed in the international degree program website <http://oregonstate.edu/international/degree/future/requirements#language>.
 - The Foreign Language Department (Kidder Hall 210) provides testing to determine where to begin at OSU if you have taken a language in the past, as well to test for proficiency in languages not offered at OSU. If you have taken a language before and are interested in the I.D., take the test!
 - Language courses must be taken for a letter grade and a **cumulative 3.0** language GPA is required.
 - Students for whom English is a second language enrolled in the International Degree program may use their proficiency in English to meet the second language requirement for their degree.
 - Foreign language classes may simultaneously count toward a foreign language minor.
- Four Additional Baccalaureate Core Courses (12-16 credits)**
 - 1 additional Western Culture course (3 – 4 cr.)
 - 2 additional Cultural Diversity courses (6 – 8 cr.)
 - 1 additional Western Culture, Cultural Diversity OR Contemporary Global Issues course (3 – 4 cr.)
- 10 + Weeks Abroad**
 - Study abroad or conduct research or an internship
 - Experience must be in a country where the language used to meet the I.D. requirement is spoken
- Thesis**
 - Focus on some aspect of Biology in an international and comparative or cross-cultural context
 - Take a 1 credit Introduction to Thesis course
 - 3-6 credits of BI 401 Research taken during research/writing phases [Enrollment must be approved. Go to <http://biology.science.oregonstate.edu/PDFs/resapproval.pdf> or stop by the Biology Program Office, Cordley 2042]
 - Honors College students can craft their ID thesis to meet the Honors College thesis requirements
- 212 Total Credits (180 for Biology + 32 additional for the I.D.)**
 - AP, IB, and transfer coursework accepted by OSU counts
 - Language, I.D. courses, and other college coursework at OSU counts
 - Courses taken through an OSU-sponsored program abroad count

What have past students done to complete the International Degree and Biology?

Michelle Harsono



Thesis: “The Equity of Health Care in Jakarta, Indonesia: Bridging the gap through preventive care and a culturally sensitive perspective”

Language proficiency: Indonesian

Abroad experience: IE₃ Internship in Indonesia conducting hospital rotations and helping with patient care at local clinics.

Additional courses:

HST 101: Western Civilization (WC)
LING 209: Cultural Diversity Study Abroad (CD)
PHL 160: Quests for Meaning (CD)
ANTH 483: Medical Anthropology (CGI)

How can I get started on the International Degree?

Students must declare the I.D. by applying to the Office of International Education and Outreach. The I.D. advisor will coordinate the application and certification of the requirements for the language, thesis, and international experience. For complete information and admission requirements for the ID, refer to the “Passport to the International Degree” publication or the website <http://oregonstate.edu/international/degree>.

International Degree (ID) First Steps

1. Gather Information:

- Visit the International Programs website at <http://oregonstate.edu/international/students>.
- If you have taken a language in high school that you would like to continue, take the language placement test at the Foreign Language Department (Kidder Hall 210).
- Meet with Renee Stowell - 4th Floor Snell Hall, renee.stowell@oregonstate.edu to talk about the International Degree requirements and application process.

2. Apply to the I.D. Program

- You must have 32 credits with an overall GPA of 2.75 at OSU, and the equivalent of 2 years of college-level foreign language with an overall GPA of 3.0 to apply.
- The I.D. application has a rolling deadline and is not competitive.
- Applications are approved by the Biology Department Chair.

3. Talk to an academic advisor

- Discuss the requirements with your advisor.
- Check in about issues with incorporating your international experiences or other requirements into biology. If you have further concerns, contact Brock McLeod, mcleodb@science.oregonstate.edu.

Brittaney Bearson



Thesis: “An Evaluation of Humpback Whales as a Tourism Resource and Recommendations for Improving the Whale Watching Industry in Salinas, Ecuador”

Language proficiency: Spanish

Abroad experience: IE₃ Internship in Ecuador researching behavior of Southern Pacific Humpback Whales during migration.

Additional courses:

HST 203: History of the United States (WC)
MUS 108: Music Cultures of the World (CD)
NFM 216: Food in Non-Western Culture (CD)
GEO 300: Environmental Conservation (CGI)