### Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

**College of Liberal Studies**

The University of Oklahoma

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### General Requirements

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<td>Minimum Total Hours</td>
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<td>Minimum Overall Grade Point Average</td>
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<td>Minimum Grade Point Average in Major</td>
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<td>Minimum Grade Point Average in OU Work</td>
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### Liberal Studies Requirements

**Lower-Division Requirements - 30 hours**

LSTD 1003, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study

LSTD 1213, Creativity in the Arts

LSTD 1313, What in the World are the Social Sciences? (Core III)

LSTD 1323, Governing Ourselves (Core III)

LSTD 1423, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Physical Sciences

LSTD 2213, The Humanistic Tradition: Prehistory through Renaissance

LSTD 2223, The Humanistic Tradition: Renaissance to Modern World

LSTD 2313, The Human Experience: The Role of Culture

LSTD 2323, Human Groups and Distribution of Resources

LSTD 2413, Interdisciplinary Life Sciences

In addition to these courses, LSTD 1223, 1323, 1413, and 2423 are also lower-division requirements and are listed in the General Education requirements.

**Upper-Division Requirements - 30 hours**

LSTD 3233, Special Topics in Humanities of the Ancient World

LSTD 3243, Special Topics in Humanities of the Modern World

LSTD 3333, Human Arrangements: Troubled Institutions, Problems & Inequality

LSTD 3343, Challenges in a Changing World

LSTD 3433, The Dynamic Universe

LSTD 3443, Ecology and Evolution

LSTD 3503, Interdisciplinary Inquiry†

LSTD 3953, Study in Depth (must be in at least one of the following areas: Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Administrative Leadership)

LSTD 4700, Advanced Topics in Liberal Studies

LSTD 4800, Investigative Studies in Liberal Studies

In addition to these courses, LSTD 4953 is also an upper-division requirement and is listed in the General Education requirements.

† Satisfies Computer Literacy Requirement.

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### General Education Requirements (43–50 hours)

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<td>Core I: Symbolic &amp; Oral Communication</td>
<td>9-19</td>
<td>ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I), and ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
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<td>Students who have completed two years of high school foreign language are exempt from the general education foreign language requirement.</td>
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<td>Social Science</td>
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<td>Six hours, 2 courses, which must include one of the following: PSC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III), or LSTD 1323, Governing Ourselves</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>HIST 1403 or 1493, U.S. (Core IV), or LSTD 1223, A History of the U.S.</td>
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<td>One course from one of the following 3 fields (Core IV) must be upper-division:</td>
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<td>§Understanding Artistic Forms</td>
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<td>§Western Civilization and Culture</td>
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<td>§Non-Western Culture</td>
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<td>Science &amp; Mathematics</td>
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<td>MATH 1473, Mathematics for Critical Thinking, or LSTD 1413, Mathematics in Liberal Studies</td>
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<td>Two natural science courses from different disciplines, one must include a laboratory component — 7 hours, 2 courses.</td>
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<td>LSTD 2423, Science as a Process (no laboratory), and</td>
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<td>(must include a lab component)</td>
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<td>Senior Capstone Experience</td>
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<td>LSTD 4953, Study in Depth (Capstone)</td>
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**Upper-Division Concentration - 9 hours**

Students must also complete a minimum of 9-hour concentration in one of the following areas: These courses may be chosen from the respective lists available from the Liberal Studies undergraduate coordinator:

- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Administrative Leadership

**Electives**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 126 including 42 upper-division hours.

**Computer Literacy Requirement**

- Students must demonstrate computer proficiency, which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications.

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**University-Wide General Education Approved Course List**

A minimum grade of C or better must be earned in all upper-division Liberal Studies (LSTD) courses.

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### University-Wide General Education Requirements (minimum 40 hours)

Courses designated as Core I, II, III, IV, or Capstone are part of the General Education curriculum. Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of General Education courses, chosen from the approved list, including at least one upper-division Gen. Ed. course outside of the student’s major concentration. Courses graded SU or P/NP will not apply.

**Core I**

- Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-19 hours, 3-5 courses)
  - English Composition-6 hours, 2 courses
  - Mathematics-3 hours, 1 course
  - Foreign Language-0-10 hours, 2 courses in the same language, or 2 courses in different languages

**Core II**

- Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses)
  - Courses must be taken from different disciplines in the biological and/or physical sciences; one of which must include a laboratory.

**Core III**

- Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)
  - One course must be PSC 1113, “American Federal Government”

**Core IV**

- Humanities (12 hours, 4 courses)
  - Understanding Artistic Forms-3 hours, 1 course
  - Western Civilization and Culture-6 hours, 2 courses, including HIST 1483 or HIST 1493
  - Non-Western Cultures-3 hours, 1 course

**Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course)**

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Please consult your academic adviser for courses to fulfill this requirement.

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OU encourages students to complete at least 32 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.