

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education  
**Summer 2008 through Spring 2009**

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Total Hours . . . . . **126**  
 Minimum Overall Grade Point Average . . . . . **2.00**  
 Minimum Grade Point Average in Major . . . . . **2.00**  
 Minimum Grade Point Average in OU Work . . . . . **2.00**

**Liberal Studies: Traditional & Electronic Delivery Options**  
**4901H & 4901J**  
 Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

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

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (43–50 hours)		LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS	
Subject	Hours	Courses	Lower-Division Requirements - 30 hours
<b>Core I: Symbolic &amp; Oral Communication</b>	<b>9-19</b>	<b>ENGL 1113</b> , Principles of English Composition (Core I), and <b>ENGL 1213</b> , Principles of English Composition (Core I), or <b>EXPO 1213</b> , Expository Writing (Core I)  <b>Foreign Language</b> , 0-10 hours, (Core I)—Students who have completed two years of high school foreign language are exempt from the general education foreign language requirement.	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.
		<b>Six hours, 2 courses, which must include one of the following:</b> <b>P.S.C. 1113</b> , American Federal Government (Core III), or <b>LSTD 1323</b> , Governing Ourselves	
<b>Social Science</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Six hours, 2 courses, which must include one of the following:</b> <b>P.S.C. 1113</b> , American Federal Government (Core III), or <b>LSTD 1323</b> , Governing Ourselves	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Upper-Division Requirements - 30 hours</h3> 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 Prospectus† 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.
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>HIST 1483</b> or <b>1493</b> , U.S. (Core IV), or <b>LSTD 1223</b> , A History of the U.S.  One course from one of the following 3 fields (Core IV) must be upper-division:  §Understanding Artistic Forms - _____  §Western Civilization and Culture - _____  §Non-Western Culture - _____	
<b>Science &amp; Mathematics</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>MATH 1473</b> , Mathematics for Critical Thinking, or <b>LSTD 1413</b> , Mathematics in Liberal Studies  Two natural science courses from different disciplines, one must include a laboratory component — 7 hours, 2 courses.  <b>LSTD 2423</b> , Science as a Process (no laboratory), and  _____ (must include a lab component)	
<b>Senior Capstone Experience</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>LSTD 4953</b> , Study in Depth (Capstone)	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Upper-Division Concentration - 9 hours</h3> Students must also complete a minimum of 9-hour concentration in one of the following areas: These course may be chosen from the respective lists available from the Liberal Studies undergraduate coordinator: Humanities Social Sciences Natural Sciences Administrative Leadership  <h3 style="text-align: center;">Electives</h3> Electives to bring total applicable hours to 126 including 42 upper-division hours.  <h3 style="text-align: center;">Computer Literacy Requirement</h3> <b>Computer Literacy Requirement</b> — Students must demonstrate computer proficiency which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications. Please consult your academic adviser for courses to fulfill this requirement.

§Courses taken to fulfill the University General Education Requirements must be chosen from the **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.**

### 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 S/U or P/NP will not apply.

<b>Core I</b>	<b>Symbolic and Oral Communication (9–19 hours, 3–5 courses)</b> • English Composition—6 hours, 2 courses • Mathematics—3 hours, 1 course • Foreign Language—0–10 hours, 2 courses in the same language, (can be met by successful completion of 2 years of the same foreign language in high school) • Other (courses such as communication, logic or public speaking)
<b>Core II</b>	<b>Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses)</b> • Courses must be taken from different disciplines in the biological and/or physical sciences; one of which must include a laboratory.
<b>Core III</b>	<b>Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)</b> • One course must be P.S.C. 1113, "American Federal Government"
<b>Core IV</b>	<b>Humanities (12 hours, 4 courses)</b> • 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
<b>Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course)</b>	