# Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

**College of Liberal Studies**  
The University of Oklahoma

## General Requirements

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<th>Minimum Total Hours</th>
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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: Traditional & Electronic Delivery Options

- B640 & B645  
  Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

### Lower-Division Requirements - 30 hours

- **LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS**
  - 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

- **LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS**
  - 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 3443, History of the U.S.
  - LSTD 3503, Interdisciplinary Inquiry†
  - LSTD 3953, Study in Depth: Prospects
  - 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.

### Upper-Division Concentration - 9 hours

- **LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS**
  - 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

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

## University-Wide General Education Requirements (minimum 40 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), or ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)</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>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>Senior Capstone Experience</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>LSTD 4953, Study in Depth (Capstone)</td>
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## University-Wide General Education Requirements

- **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 (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

### 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)

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

- **Courses taken to fulfill the University General Education Requirements must be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List.**

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