# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

**Summer 2012 through Spring 2013**

### Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required

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**Grade Point Averages:**

- **Overall & Major:** Combined OU/Transfer - 2.00 OU - 2.00

**48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED**

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#### OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

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<th>GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS</th>
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<td>A grade of C or better must be earned in each Microbiology course presented for major credit and in the required supporting courses.</td>
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### University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at [http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/](http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/)

#### Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

- **English Composition** (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing

- **Foreign Language** (0-13 hours in the same language)
  1. The College of Arts and Sciences requirement **cannot be met by high school coursework**
  2. Beginning Course (0-5 hours)
  3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours) One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.
  c. **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course)

- **Core Area II: Natural Science** (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component:
  a. **1 Biological Science**
    Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBI.
  b. **2 Physical Science**
    Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AASC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, CPHY, METR, or PHYS.

#### Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)

- **Political Science** 1113, American Federal Government

#### Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)

a. **Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course)

b. **Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present
  2. Excluding HIST 1483 and 1493 (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)

c. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course)

d. **Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000-4000 level) Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.

### Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course)

- **College of Arts and Sciences Requirements:** College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

### Microbiology (Standard)

- **B690** Bachelor of Science

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#### MBIO 2815 will not be accepted for major credit.

A total of 30 hours in microbiology is required, which must include the following:

- **Microbiology**
  1. Fund. of Microbiology Laboratory
  2. Fund. of Microbiology
  3. Pathogenic Microbiology and Immunology
  4. Intro. to Molecular Biology
  5. Physiology of Microorganisms

- **One capstone course or two semesters of**
  1. Senior Thesis:
  2. Capstone in Microbiology
  3. Senior Thesis - Capstone

**Math**

1. **CHEMISTRY**
   1. 1315 General Chemistry
   2. 1415 General Chemistry continued
   3. 3053 Organic Chemistry I: Biological
   4. 3152 Organic Chemistry Lab: Biological
   5. 3153 Organic Chemistry II: Biological
   6. 3653 Introduction to Biochemistry

2. **PHYSICS**
   1. 1311 General Physics Lab I
   2. 1321 General Physics Lab II
   3. 2414 General Physics for Life Science
   4. Oriented Majors
   5. 2424 General Physics for Life Science
   6. Oriented Majors

3. **MATH**
   1. 1743 Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences

4. **BOTANY**
   1. 1114 General Botany
   2. 1134 Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology, & Diversity

### Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.
INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

UPPER-DIVISION HOURS: A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled “Independent Study”): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. COURSES: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

RESIDENCY:
- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are not considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES: Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SPECIAL DEGREES: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION: Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available from the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Services office, Ellison Hall, Room 124. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

Refer to the OU Catalog for more complete information.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Microbiology (Standard) - B690

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Microbiology major requirements.

![Semester Plan Table](https://iadvise.ou.edu/)

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELH 124, 325-4411, [http://ou.edu/cas](http://ou.edu/cas).

Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at [https://iadvise.ou.edu/](https://iadvise.ou.edu/).