

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	40
Major Hours —	30		
Grade Point Averages:			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 2.00 OU - 2.00			
40 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED			

Multidisciplinary Studies

B700

Bachelor of Arts

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

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/classes_offered/general_education.html.

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours)

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

- a. **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
- b. **Foreign Language** (0-10 hours, 2 courses in the same language). May be met by successful completion of 2 years of the same foreign language in high school.

1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____
2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____

c. **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course). _____

Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) from different disciplines, including one laboratory component.

1. **Natural Science** _____
2. **Natural Science** _____

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

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. _____

Core Area IV: Humanities (12 hours, 4 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)
- c. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course): _____

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

In addition to the Senior Capstone Experience, one of the courses (minimum 3 credit hours) used to satisfy General Education Requirements must be at the upper-division level and outside of the student's major.

Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education Requirements

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Every candidate for this degree must select an area of concentration, which is a set of courses with a coherent theme that meets the student's professional and personal goals. These courses must total a minimum of 30 credit hours, with a minimum of 50 percent of those hours completed at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level). Courses selected as fulfilling the major requirements must be reviewed by an academic counselor in the College of Arts and Sciences and approved by the Dean.

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Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120, including 40 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 40 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.

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE 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 credit hours, with a minimum of 50 percent of those hours completed at the upper-division level (3000-4000 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 in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at OU.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- 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.

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. The degree with Distinction will be conferred on students who achieve at least a 3.50 retention grade point average in their OU and combined grade point averages. The degree with Special Distinction requires at least a 3.75 retention grade point average in the OU and combined grade point averages.

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, 124 Ellison Hall. 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 General Catalog for more complete information.

GRADUATION PLAN			
Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
			Total Hours _____ Upper-Division _____