



## 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.

**GRADEPOINT 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. The graduation application is available on line on your Ozone site. Deadlines for the OU Graduation Application are: March 1 for Spring certification and the University of Oklahoma Commencement book; **July 1** for Summer graduation certification; and, **October 1** for Fall graduation certification.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

### Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Political Science BA/MPA- A790 F806

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 Department of Political Science academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Political Science major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), <b>or</b>	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b> 1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	MATH (Core I)	3
	Social Science (Core III)	3	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
		3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	Distributional Requirement	3	Distributional Requirement	3
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	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5	Intermediate Foreign Language	3
		3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	P SC 4093, Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
	P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3		3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	P SC 5913, Intro. to Analysis of Political Data	3	P SC 5183, Public Budgeting and Finance	3
	Graduate Area Requirement	3	Graduate Area Requirement	3
	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
		3		3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>5th YEAR</b>	P SC 5143, Program Evaluation	3	P SC 5950, Research Problems	3
	Graduate Area Requirement	3	Graduate Area Requirement	3
	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
		3		3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>

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

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4411, <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/>.