

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

**Summer 2014 through Spring 2015**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	45		
<b>Grade Point Averages:</b>			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - <b>2.50</b> OU - <b>2.50</b>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

Social Work

**B840**

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 AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**  
 Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

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/>

**University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements**

**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** (0-13 hours in the same language)  
 The College of Arts and Sciences requirement *cannot be met by high school coursework*.
  1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Beginning Course, continued (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.

- ♦ **1. Biological Science** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO.
- ♦ **2. Physical Science** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

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

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**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)
- 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.
  - ♦ 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ♦ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements**

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Social Work majors must earn at least a 2.50 overall grade average; at least a 2.50 grade average in required social work courses; an S in Social Work 4315 and 4325; and at least a C in all required social work courses.

Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.25 to be eligible for admission. However, admission is a selective process through application. Students with the minimum GPA may not be accepted after review of the application.

SOCIAL WORK				
2113	Introduction to Social Work	3		
3003	Interviewing Skills for Generalist Practice	3		
3103	Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families	3		
3113	Generalist Practice with Families and Groups	3		
3233	Human Behavior: Individuals and Families	3		
3243	Human Behavior: Organizations and Communities	3		
3313	Social Welfare Policy: Analysis & Practice	3		
3323	Human Diversity & Social Justice	3		
4083*	Social Work Research I	3		
4093	Social Work Research II	3		
4103	Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities	3		
4311	Practicum Seminar I	1		
4315	Practicum I	5		
4325	Practicum II†	5		
4331	Practicum Seminar II†	1		
				3-5
				3
				3

**Free Electives**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

\* All majors must complete a statistics course before enrolling in S WK 4083.

† S WK 4331 and 4325 satisfy the University-Wide General Education Capstone requirement for the Social Work major.

## 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 2.50 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 — Social Work - B840

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

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I) P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III) Beginning Foreign Language, Spanish is recommended (Core I) Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV) Free Elective, lower-division	3 3 5 3 3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), <b>or</b> EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I) HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b> 1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV) SOC 1113, Introduction to Sociology (Core III) <sup>†</sup> Beginning Foreign Language continued, Spanish is recommended (Core I) Free Elective, lower-division	3  3  3 5 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology <sup>†</sup> Intermediate Foreign Language Non-Western Culture (Core IV) Physical Science without lab (Core II) Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3 3 3 3 3	S WK 2113, Introduction to Social Work <sup>‡</sup> BIOL 1005, Concepts in Biology <sup>†</sup> , <b>or</b> BIOL 1013, Intro. to Biology, <b>or</b> BIOL 1114, Introductory Zoology (with or without lab) Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.) Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.) Free Elective, lower-division	3 3-5  3 3 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>Students who have completed prerequisites and meet the minimum grade requirement must file an application to be admitted to the program. Because admission is competitive, not every applicant will be admitted.</b>				
<b>JUNIOR</b>	S WK 3003, Interviewing Skills for Generalist Practice <sup>‡</sup> S WK 3103, Generalist Practice with Individuals & Families <sup>‡</sup> S WK 3233, Human Behavior: Individuals & Families <sup>‡</sup> S WK 3323, Human Diversity & Social Justice <sup>‡</sup> Free Elective, lower- or upper-division (Social Science is recommended)	3 3 3 3 3	S WK 2223, Statistics for Social Work S WK 3113, Generalist Practice with Families & Groups <sup>‡</sup> S WK 3243, Human Behavior: Organizations & Communities <sup>‡</sup> S WK 3313, Social Welfare Policy: Analysis & Practice <sup>‡</sup> Free Elective, lower- or upper-division (Social Science is recommended)	3 3 3 3 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	S WK 4083, Social Work Research I <sup>‡</sup> S WK 4103, Generalist Practice with Organizations & Communities <sup>‡</sup> S WK 4311, Practicum Seminar I <sup>‡</sup> S WK 4315, Practicum I <sup>‡</sup>	3 3 1 5	S WK 4093, Social Work Research II <sup>‡</sup> S WK 4325, Practicum II (Capstone) <sup>‡</sup> S WK 4331, Practicum Seminar II (Capstone) <sup>‡</sup> Free Elective, lower- or upper-division (Social Science is recommended)	3 5 1 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>

<sup>†</sup> Program prerequisites (nine hours) are courses that must be completed before entering the social work major.

<sup>‡</sup> All Social Work Major Requirements must be completed with a grade of C or better and the combined retention GPA to graduate must be 2.50 or higher.

**This major is highly structured and courses must be taken in the proper sequence according to prerequisites and corequisites.**

**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/>.