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 2015 through Spring 2016

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	**120**	Upper-Division Within Total	**48**
Major Hours —	**42**	Upper-Division Within Major	**21**

Grade Point Averages:

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

48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED

Planned Program
(Environmental Studies)
B785 P233
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

Forty-two hours are required for the major, 21 must be upper-division.

CORE – 15-20 hours

ENST 1013, Consumption & Environ. — 3

Biological Science – 3-5 hours chosen from the following or as approved by faculty adviser.
BIOL 1013, Introduction to Biology
BIOL 1134, Intro. Biology: Evolution, Ecology and Diversity
BIOL 2103, Everyday Evolution
PBIO 1114, General Botany
PBIO 2404, Ecology & Envir. Quality

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Physical Science – 3-5 hours chosen from the following or as approved by faculty adviser.
AGSC 1013, Interdisc. Perspectives on Extreme Weather & Climate
AGSC 2014, The Earth System
CHEM 1613, General Chemistry for Non-Science Majors
GEOG 1114, Physical Geography
GEOL 1024, History of the Earth & Life
GEOL 1034, Native Science and Earth Systems of North America
GEOL 1104, The Dynamic Earth
METR 1014, Intro. to Weather & Climate
PHYS 1114, General Physics

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Methods & Skills – 3-4 hours chosen from the following or as approved by faculty adviser. May require prerequisites.
ARCH 4353; CEES 4243; COMM 2513; GEOG 2453, 3924, 3933, 4133, 4353, 4543; GIS 4013, 4253, 4353; HIST 2573; LIS 1013; MGT 3013; MKT 2013; PBIO 3451; P SC 2013, 2223, 3913; PSY 2003; SOC 3133.

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Capstone – 3 hours. May choose from any A&S capstone for which prerequisites have been met, or Independent Study as approved by PACGEO. Many ENST majors take the online MDS capstone or a live, intensive OSLEP course as approved by the faculty adviser.

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS cont.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – 27 hours
Nine courses distributed over the three groups listed below. At least ONE course must be taken in EACH of the three groups. Generally, a minimum of three different disciplines should be represented.

Group I – Environmentally-Related Humanities (Minimum 3 hours)
ENGL 3113; ENST 3003; GEOG 3843; HIST 3173, 3493, 4553; HSCI 1003, 2133, 2423, 3023, 3473; NAS 3113; PHIL 3293, 3633; WGS 3493.

Group II – Natural Sciences (Minimum 6 hours)
ANTH 2503; BIOL 3403, 4423, 4463, 4563; ENST 3603, 3913*; GEOG 4273, 4283, 4343, 4443; GEOL 3154, 3633, 4533; METR 4553; PBIO 3163, 3453, 3534, 4553.

*ENST 3913 topic must be approved by faculty adviser.

Group III – Social Sciences (Minimum 3 hours)
ANTH 1913, 2203, 4103, 4143; ARCH 4363; CEE 2103; ENST 3013, 3023, 3103, 3203, 3213, 3223, 3233, 3303, 3313, 3413, 3423, 3503, 3613, 3623; GEOG 2603, 3003, 3253, 3443, 3563, 4003, 4333, 4583; NAS 3403; P SC 3133, 3193; SOC 3643; WGS 3123.

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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. 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 — Planned Program: Environmental Studies B785 P233

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 checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Planned Program major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), **or**	3
	IPE 1013, Consumption & the Environment	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	MATH (Core I)	3	Physical Science Major Core Requirement (Core II)*	4
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Free Elective, lower-division	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**14**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, **or**	3	Group III Major Elective	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Biological Science Major Core Requirement (Core II)*	4	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Free Elective, lower-division	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**16**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**
JUNIOR	Group I Major Elective	3	Group II Major Elective	3
	Group II Major Elective	3	Additional Major Elective, group I, II, or III	3
	Additional Major Elective, group I, II, or III	3	Additional Major Elective, group I, II, or III	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**
SENIOR	Additional Major Elective, group I, II, or III	3	Capstone Major Core Requirement (Capstone)	3
	Additional Major Elective, group I, II, or III	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Research Methods Major Core Requirement	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**

*Courses must be chosen from those listed on the reverse side; one of these courses must include a laboratory.

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/**.