REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LETTERS
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

Summer 2016 through Spring 2017

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	**120**	Upper-Division Within Total	**48**
Major Hours —	**36**		

Grade Point Averages:
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - **2.00** OU - **2.00** Last 90 Hours: **3.00**

48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED

Letters (Standard)

B635-P416

Bachelor of Arts in Leters

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 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

The major requires 36 hours in history (including history of science), literature (including classical culture and MLLL), and philosophy, at least 27 of which must be upper-division, and including at least 9 hours in each division.

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MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Supporting courses, secondary or collegiate, in one ancient and one modern language (3 courses in one and 4 in the other).

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A course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts.

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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 — Letters (Standard) - B635 P416

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 and/or Department of Classics academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Letters 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
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, **or**	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		MATH (Core I)	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	Social Science (Core III)	3
	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)†	3	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**17**
SOPHOMORE	Beginning Foreign Language, continued (Core I)	5	Intermediate Foreign Language	3
	Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level) (Gen. Ed.)	3	History Major Elective, lower-division	3
	Literature Major Elective, lower-division	3	Humanities, upper-division (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Philosophy Major Elective, lower-division	3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**18**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**
JUNIOR	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)*	5
	History Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	History Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Philosophy Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Philosophy Major 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**	**14**
SENIOR	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)*	5	LTRS 4503, Letters Capstone Course (Capstone)	3
	History, Literature, or Philosophy Major Elective, upper-division	3	Intermediate Foreign Language*	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	History, Literature, or Philosophy Major Elective, upper-division	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**14**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**12**

* Students must complete one modern and one ancient foreign language.

† This course may also fulfill the major support requirement for a course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts.

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/**.