### Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts

**College of Arts and Sciences**

The University of Oklahoma

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**Generals Education and Core 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/](http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/).

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<th>Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required</th>
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<td><strong>Total Hours</strong> — 147</td>
<td><strong>Upper-Division Hours Total</strong> — 54</td>
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<td><strong>Major Hours</strong> — 42</td>
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#### 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)

- 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

- Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)
  - The College of Arts and Sciences requirements 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.

- 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.

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**Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements. A grade of C or better must be earned in each English course presented for major credit.**

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<td>Core Courses:</td>
<td>Proficiency in 1 foreign language is required as demonstrated by proficiency examination or successful completion of 2 semesters of intermediate coursework in a foreign language taught in Classics or Modern Languages departments. Successful completion = grade of C or better in the second semester of the intermediate year.</td>
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<td>2273 Literary &amp; Cultural Analysis, and 2283 Critical Methods, or 3843 Theory Now</td>
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<td>2 courses (one of the following pairs): 2433 World Lit. to 1700, and 2443 World Lit. 1700 to Present, or 2543 English Lit. 1375-1700, and 2653 English Lit. 1700 to Present, or 2773 American Literature, and 2883 American Literature</td>
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<td>CAPSTONE COURSE: 4853 English Capstone Course</td>
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<td>WRITING COURSES — 4 courses, 3 of which must be upper-division, chosen from the following: 2113, 2123, 2133, 3103, 3113, 3123, 3133, 3143, 3163, 3173, 3183, 3193, 3223, 4923, 4933, 4943.</td>
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<td>LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES COURSES — 5 courses chosen from 3 different groups from the following. At least one of the three courses taken from Groups I-VI must be a multicultural course from the following: 2713, 2733, 2743, 3253, 3283, 3343, 3353, 3433, 3453, 3483, 3643, 4033, 4283, 4323, 4333, 4343, 4373, or 4383.</td>
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<td>Group II: Early Modern &amp; Contemporary British Literature (ca. 1700): 3543, 3553, 3613, 3623, 4563, 4573, 4583, 4613, 4623, 4633.</td>
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<td>Group III: American Literatures: 2713, 2733, 2743, 3253, 3283, 3353, 3463, 3473, 3483, 3713, 3833, 4323, 4333, 4343, 4713, 4723, 4733, 4813, 4823, 4833.</td>
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<td>Group IV: World Literatures: 3343, 3433, 3453, 3573, 3643, 3653, 4033, 4033, 4383, 4403, 4423, 4433, 4443, 4453, 4950.</td>
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<td>Group V: Genres and Media: 3023, 3213, 3223, 3243, 3263, 3273, 3293, 3363, 3403, 4243, 3813, 4113, 4133, 4203, 4283.</td>
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<td>Group VI: Theory, Criticism and Cultural Studies: 3013, 3323, 3333, 3383, 3413, 4023, 4223, 4243, 4253, 4263, 4273, 4303, 4373, 4463.</td>
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**M.A. Component - 27 hours**

Completion one of the following options:

- Literature/Cultural Studies Option — 1 course in Methods or Literary Criticism
  1. ____________________________
  2. ____________________________
  3. ____________________________

- Composition/Rhetoric/Literacy Option — Issues in C/R/L
  1. ____________________________
  2. ____________________________
  3. ____________________________

- Teaching College Composition & Lit.
  1. ____________________________
  2. ____________________________

- History of Rhetoric/Comp. Theory
  1. ____________________________

- History of Modern Comp. Studies
  1. ____________________________

- 2 courses in Literary & Cultural Studies
  1. ____________________________

- 2 electives
  1. ____________________________

- Free Electives
  A minimum of 26 hours of free electives must be chosen to bring total applicable hours to 147 including 54 upper-division hours.

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

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