

**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 2018 through  
Spring 2019**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	30	Upper-Division Within Major	21
<b>Grade Point Averages:</b>			
Overall: Combined OU/Transfer - <u>2.50</u> OU - <u>2.50</u>			
Major: Combined OU/Transfer - <u>2.50</u> OU - <u>2.50</u>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

Health, Medicine, & Society

**B502**

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.	Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements		
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 <a href="http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/">http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/</a>	A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in each course presented for major credit.		
	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements</b></p> <p><b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b> (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)</p> <p>a. <b>English Composition</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition</li> <li>2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing</li> </ol> <p>b. <b>Foreign Language</b> (0-13 hours in the same language) The College of Arts and Sciences requirement <i>cannot be met by high school coursework.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____</li> <li>2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____</li> <li>♦ 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____ One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.</li> </ol> <p>c. <b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours, 1 course). _____</p> <p><b>Core Area II: Natural Science</b> (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 1. <b>Biological Science</b> _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO.</li> <li>♦ 2. <b>Physical Science</b> _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.</li> </ul> <p><b>Core Area III: Social Science</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government</li> <li>2. _____</li> </ol> <p><b>Core Area IV: Humanities</b> (18 hours, 6 courses)</p> <p>a. <b>Understanding Artistic Forms</b> (3 hours, 1 course) _____</p> <p>b. <b>Western Civilization and Culture</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,</li> <li>2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)</li> </ol> <p>c. <b>Non-Western Culture</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>d. <b>Additional Core IV Humanities courses</b> (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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 1. _____</li> <li>♦ 2. _____</li> </ul> <p><b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.</li> </ul>	<p>Thirty hours of major coursework must be completed, and a grade of C or better must be earned in each course for major and major support credit. 21 of the 30 hours must be upper division courses.</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>HMS 1113, Intro. to Health, Medicine &amp; Society <i>(meets Core IV Western Civ. &amp; Culture)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>Ethical Issues in Health &amp; Medicine:</b></p> <p>PHIL 1263, Intro to Ethics in Health Care or HSCI 3413, Biomedical Ethics</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>Historical/Humanistic Perspectives:</b></p> <p>3 courses from an approved list of courses maintained in the department; other courses that meet program criteria may be counted towards the major with the written approval of the program adviser.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>Social Scientific Perspectives:</b></p> <p>3 courses from an approved list of courses maintained in the department; other courses that meet program criteria may be counted towards the major with the written approval of the program adviser.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>In-Major Electives:</b></p> <p>1 course from an approved list of courses maintained in the department; other courses that meet program criteria may be counted towards the major with the written approval of the program adviser.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>Capstone:</b></p> <p>HMS 4993, Health, Medicine &amp; Society Capstone</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>A grade of C or better must be earned in each course presented for major support credit.</p> <p>PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology, or SOC 1113, Introduction to Sociology <i>(meets Core III additional Social Science)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>A course in statistics, such as PSY 2113, BIOL 2913, ECON 2843, or MATH 4753</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>At least 9 hours of coursework (including labs) in life or natural sciences <i>in addition to Gen Ed requirements</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3-5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3-4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0-3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free Electives</b></p> <p>Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.</p>

## 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 — Health, Medicine, & Society - B502

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/or Health, Medicine & Society academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and HMS 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, <b>or</b>	3
	General Education Physical Science (Core II)	4	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3
	HIST 1483, United States, 1492 to 1865 <b>or</b>	3	HMS 1113, Introduction to Health, Medicine and Society	5
	1493, United States, 1865 to the Present (Core IV)	5	General Education Biological Science <b>with laboratory</b> (Core II)	5
	Beginning Foreign Language	5	Beginning Foreign Language, continued	5
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	Social Scientific Perspectives Course	3	Statistics Major Support course	3
	MATH 1743, Calculus I-Bus, Life, Soc Sci, <b>or</b>	3	Physical or Life Science Major Support course	4
	1823, Calculus and Analytic Geometry I (Core I)	3	Physical or Life Science Major Support course	4
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	Physical or Life Science Major Support course	1
	PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology <b>or</b>	3	General Education Non-Western Culture course (Core IV)	3
	SOC 1113, Introduction to Sociology (Major Support & Core III)	3		
	Intermediate Foreign Language (Core I)	3		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	Historical/Humanistic Perspectives course	3	PHIL 1263, Introduction to Ethics in Health Care, <b>or</b>	3
	Historical/Humanistic Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3	HSCI 3413, Biomedical Ethics (Core IV Western Civ.)	3
	Social Scientific Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3	Historical/Humanistic Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Core IV)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, Upper- or Lower-division	2	Free Elective, Upper-division	3
			Free Elective, Upper-division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	Social Scientific Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3	HMS 4993, Health, Medicine and Society Capstone (Core V)	3
	In-Major Elective (Upper Division)	3	General Education Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Free Elective, Upper Division	3	Free Elective, Upper Division	3
	Free Elective, Upper Division	3	Free Elective, Upper Division	3
	Free Elective, Upper Division	3	Free Elective, Upper Division	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</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/>.