

**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 2018 through  
Spring 2019**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	36		
Grade Point Averages:			
<b>Overall &amp; Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 2.00 OU - 2.00 Last 90 Hours: 3.00</b>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

Letters:

**Constitutional Studies**

**B635-P136**

Bachelor of Arts in Letters

**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	
<p>Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts &amp; 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></p> <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> </ol> <p>♦ 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____ One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.</p> <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> <p>♦ 1. <b>Biological Science</b> _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO.</p> <p>♦ 2. <b>Physical Science</b> _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.</p> <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 selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.</p> <p>♦ 1. _____</p> <p>♦ 2. _____</p> <p><b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>♦ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.</p>	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 0-3</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>LITERATURE</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 0-3</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>PHILOSOPHY</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 0-3</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Supporting courses, secondary or collegiate, in one ancient and one modern language (3 courses in one and 4 in the other).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>A course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts.</p> <p>_____</p>
	<b>Constitutional Studies</b>	<b>Free Electives</b>
	<p>Students must successfully complete at least 15 hours (five courses) chosen from a list of approved courses; 12 hours must be at the upper-division level. These courses must include one course from each of the areas listed below. A list of approved courses is available in the Department of Classics and Letters.</p> <p><b>1. Ancient Foundations of Law, Liberty, and Justice</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p><b>2. The Philosophical Background of American Constitutionalism</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p><b>3. The American Founding</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p><b>4. The Constitutional Legacy in Modern America</b></p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p><b>5. One additional course selected from #2. through 4 above.</b></p> <p>_____ 3</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 — Letters: Constitutional Studies - B635 P136

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
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	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 1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	MATH (Core I)	3
	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3	Social Science (Core III)	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)†	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
			Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Intermediate Foreign Language	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	History Major Elective, lower-division	3
	Literature Major Elective, lower-division	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (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
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	Intermediate Foreign Language continued	3	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)*	5
	Ancient Foundations of Law, Liberty & Justice Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	The Philosophical Background of American Constitutionalism Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	History Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	The American Founding Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I), continued*	5	LTRS 4503, Letters Capstone Course (Capstone)	3
	The Constitutional Legacy in Modern America Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Intermediate Foreign Language*	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Constitutional Studies Elective, upper-division, (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>

\* 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://iadvice.ou.edu/>.