

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

**Summer 2009 through Spring 2010**

#### Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required

Total Hours —	<b>147</b>	Upper-Division Within Total	<b>54</b>
Major Hours —	<b>42</b>		
<b>Grade Point Averages:</b>			
<b>Overall &amp; Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 3.25 OU - 3.25</b>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

English—Literary & Cultural Studies (Track 1)  
**Accelerated**

**F375**  
Bachelor & Master of Arts

**OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in five 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, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.
- ◆ 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.

**Computer Literacy Requirement** — Students must demonstrate computer proficiency which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications. This requirement may be satisfied by:

1. A high school computer science course that meets curricular requirement; **or**
2. Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; **or**
3. Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test.

**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.**

#### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

##### CORE COURSES:

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| 2313 Intro. to Critical Rdg. & Writing   | 3 |  |
| 3313 Intro. to Lit. & Cultural Studies   | 3 |  |
| 2 survey courses (one of the following pairs):   |   |  |
| 2433 & 2443, World Literature, <b>or</b> 2543 & 2653, English Literature, <b>or</b> 2773 & 2883, American Literature | 6 |  |

##### CAPSTONE COURSE:

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| 4853 English Capstone Course | 3 |  |
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##### LITERARY & CULTURAL STUDIES

**COURSES** — 9 courses, chosen from at least 4 of the following 6 groups. One may be from the Writing track. At least one of the 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, 4343, 4373, or 4383. At least two courses must be 4000-level.

**Group I: Medieval/Renaissance (1375–1700):** 3513, 3523, 3533, 4503, 4513, 4523, 4533, 4543, 4553, 4593, 4603.

**Group II: Early Modern & Contemporary British Literature (ca. 1700):** 3033, 3043, 3543, 3553, 3613, 3623, 4563, 4573, 4583, 4613, 4623, 4653.

**Group III: American Literatures:** 2713, 2733, 2743, 3253, 3283, 3353, 3463, 3473, 3483, 3713, 3833, 4323, 4343, 4713, 4723, 4733, 4813, 4823, 4833.

**Group IV: World Literatures:** 3343, 3433, 3453, 3573, 3643, 3653, 4003, 4033, 4383, 4403, 4423, 4433, 4443, 4453, 4950.

**Group V: Genres and Media:** 3023, 3213, 3233, 3243, 3263, 3273, 3363, 3403, 3423, 3813, 4133, 4203, 4283.

**Group VI: Theory, Criticism and Cultural Studies:** 3013, 3323, 3333, 3383, 3413, 4023, 4233, 4243, 4253, 4263, 4273, 4303, 4373, 4463

**WRITING TRACK:** 2113, 2123, 2133, 3103, 3123, 3133, 3143, 3163, 3173, 3183, 3223, 4923, 4933, 4943.

#### MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

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.

#### M.A. Component - 27 hours

Completion one of the following options:

**Literature/Cultural Studies Option** — 1 course in Methods or Literary Criticism

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1 course in Comp., Rhetoric, & Literacy 3

3 courses in area of concentration 9

3 courses in 2 areas outside concentration 9

ENGL 5960, Directed Readings 3

#### Composition/Rhetoric/Literacy Option —

Issues in C/R/L 3

Teaching College Composition & Lit. 3

Literary Criticism and Theory 3

History of Rhetoric/Comp. Theory, or History of Modern Comp. Studies 3

2 courses in Literary & Cultural Studies 6

2 electives 6

ENGL 5960, Directed Readings 3

#### Free Electives

A minimum of 26 hours of free electives must be chosen to bring total applicable hours to 151 including 48 upper-division hours.

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## 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. Application forms are available from the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Services office, Ellison Hall, Room 124. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

GRADUATION PLAN			
Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
			Total Hours _____ Upper-Division _____