

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 2009 through Spring 2010

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	42	Upper-Division Within Major	21
Grade Point Averages:			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 2.00 OU - 2.00			
48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED			

Planned Program
 (Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment)
B785 P333
 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 http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/		MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS cont.
University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements		Forty-two hours are required for the major, 21 must be upper-division.	
<p>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)</p> <p>a. English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> English 1113, Principles of English Composition English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing <p>b. Foreign Language (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"> Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____ Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____ Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____ One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level. <p>c. Mathematics (3 hours, 1 course). _____</p> <p>Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.</p> <p>◆ 1. Biological Science _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.</p> <p>◆ 2. Physical Science _____ Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.</p> <p>Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Political Science 1113, American Federal Government _____ <p>Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)</p> <p>a. Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hours, 1 course) _____</p> <p>b. Western Civilization and Culture (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present, _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493) <p>c. Non-Western Culture (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>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.</p> <p>◆ 1. _____</p> <p>◆ 2. _____</p> <p>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>◆ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A high school computer science course that meets curricular requirement; or Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; or Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test. 	<p>CORE – 15-20 hours</p> <p>IPE 1013, Consumption & Environ. _____ 3</p> <p>Biological Science – 3-5 hours chosen from the following or as approved by faculty adviser.</p> <p>BIOL 1003, Contemp. Issues in Biology _____ 3</p> <p>BIOL 1005, Concepts in Biology _____ 3</p> <p>BOT 1114, General Botany _____ 3</p> <p>BOT 2404, Ecology & Envir. Quality _____ 3</p> <p>MBIO 2815, Intro. to Microbiology _____ 3</p> <p>ZOO 1114, Introductory Zoology _____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3-5</p> <p>Physical Science – 3-5 hours chosen from the following or as approved by faculty adviser.</p> <p>AGSC 2004, Evolution of the Earth System _____ 3</p> <p>AGSC 2014, The Earth System _____ 3</p> <p>CHEM 1315, General Chemistry _____ 3</p> <p>GEOG 1114, Physical Geography _____ 3</p> <p>GEOL 1024, History of the Earth & Life _____ 3</p> <p>GEOL 1104, The Dynamic Earth _____ 3</p> <p>GEOL 1114, Phys. Geology for Sci. & Engr. _____ 3</p> <p>METR 1014, Intro. to Weather & Climate _____ 3</p> <p>PHYS 1114, General Physics _____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3-5</p> <p>Research Methods – 3-4 hours chosen from the following or as approved by faculty adviser. May require prerequisites.</p> <p>COMM 2513, Intro. to Statistics _____ 3</p> <p>COMM 3023, Comm. Research Methods _____ 3</p> <p>ECON 2843, Elements of Statistics _____ 3</p> <p>GEOG 3924, Analytical Methods in Geog. _____ 3</p> <p>NAS 3863, Research Methods in NAS _____ 3</p> <p>P SC 2013, Intro. to Political Analysis _____ 3</p> <p>PSY 2003, Understanding Statistics _____ 3</p> <p>PSY 2113, Res. Methods I: Statistics _____ 3</p> <p>SOC 3123, Social Statistics _____ 3</p> <p>SOC 3133, Methods of Social Research _____ 3</p> <p>W S 4003, Method & Theory in W S _____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3-4</p> <p>Capstone – 3 hours. May choose from any A&S capstone for which prerequisites have been met, or Independent Study as approved by PACGEO.</p> <p>_____ 3</p>	<p>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – 27 hours Nine hours from <i>each</i> of the three categories below or as approved by faculty adviser.</p> <p>Group I – 9 hours HIST 3493; HSCI 2433, 3013, 3023, 3473; NAS 3113; PHIL 3273, 3283, 3613, 3633, 4613.</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Group II – 9 hours. May use courses from Biological or Physical Sciences core groups if not used to fulfill core.</p> <p>BOT 3163, 3452 & 3453, 3534, 4553; GEOG 3023, 4133, 4203, 4273, 4283, 4293, 4314, 4343, 4443; GEOL 3154; ZOO 3403.</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Group III – 9 hours ANTH 1913, 2613, 4103, 4143, 4533; ECON 3213; GEOG 1213, 2603, 3203, 3243, 3253, 3563, 4003, 4563; P SC 3233, 4233.</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>_____ 3</p> <p>Free Electives</p> <p>Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.</p>	<p>_____ 3</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.

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.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Planned Program: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment - B785 P333

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 Department academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment Planned Program 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
	IPE 1013, Consumption & the Environment	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	MATH (Core I)	3	Physical Science Major Core Requirement (Core II)*	4
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Free Elective, lower-division	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or	3	Group III Major Elective	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	Biological Science Major Core Requirement (Core II)*	4	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
Free Elective, lower-division	3			
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR	Group I Major Elective	3	Group I Major Elective	3
	Group II Major Elective	3	Group II Major Elective	3
	Group III Major Elective	3	Group III Major Elective	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	Group I Major Elective	3	Capstone Major Core Requirement (Capstone)	3
	Group II Major Elective	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Research Methods Major Core Requirement	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free 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	15

• If deficient in computer literacy, contact your college academic counselor in the Hobson Academic Services Center, ELLH 124, 325-4411, for approved courses.

*Courses must be chosen from those listed on the reverse side; one of these courses must include a laboratory.

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/>.