

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION IN FIELD OF STUDY

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION—THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education  
**Summer 2008 through Spring 2009**

**Credit Hours and Grade Average Requirements**

Minimum Hours for Graduation . . . . . **124**  
 Minimum Overall Grade Point Average . . . . . **2.75**  
 Minimum OU Residence Grade Point Average . . . . . **2.75**  
 Minimum Grade Point Average in Major . . . . . **2.75**

**Minimum Requirements for Certification:**  
**Undergraduate Degree PLUS Graduate Certification Component**

Social Studies  
  
**0840A**  
Bachelor of Science  
in Education

OU encourages students to complete at least 31 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.						
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS—55 Hours			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
These General Education courses meet minimum University, College and State General Education Requirements.			PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 22 Hours		SPECIALIZED EDUCATION 47 Hours	
Areas	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
<b>Communication Skills-9 hours</b>	ENGL 1113, Prin. of English Composition (Core I)	3	*EDS 3003, Schools in American Cultures	3	HIST 3393, History of Oklahoma	3
	ENGL 1213, Prin. of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities	4	HIST 1613, Western Civilization I	3
	COMM1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I)	3	SEIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	HIST 1623, Western Civilization II	3
<b>Mathematics-3 hours</b>	MATH 1473, Math for Critical Thinking (Core I)	3	EIPT 3473, Educational Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence	3	†World History Electives	6
			*EIPT 3483, Cognition, Motivation, & Classroom Management for Teachers	3	GEOG 1114, Physical Geography	4
<b>U.S. History &amp; Government-9 hours</b>	\$HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865 (Core IV)	3	EDSS 4553, Foundations & Mentoring in Social Studies	3	GEOG 2603, World Geog. by Regions	3
	\$HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	*EDSS 4563, Teaching Secondary School Social Studies	3	GEOG 3633, Historical Geog. of U.S.	3
	\$P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3			P SC 2503, Relations Among Nations	3
<b>Science-8-9 hours</b>	Must take one course in the biological sciences: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO	4-5			†P SC Electives	3
	Must take one course in the physical sciences: (Core II) AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS	4	\$This course fulfills the Computer Literacy Requirement for graduation as required by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.		†American History Electives	9
	One course must include a laboratory component.				†A minimum of 12 hours taken from electives in World History, Political Science, American History, or Social Science Perspectives must be completed at the upper-division level.	
<b>Behavioral Science-3 hours</b>	\$SOC 1113, Intro. to Sociology (Core III)	3	*These courses require field experience.		†Social Science Perspectives—electives chosen from one of the following areas: Economics Sociology Psychology	6
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities-9 hours</b>	<b>3 of the following 4:</b> A HI 1113, Understanding of Art (Core IV) ENGL 2413, Intro. to Literature (Core IV) MUNM1113, Understanding of Music (Core IV) PHIL 1013, Intro. to Philosophy (Core IV)	9			Additional elective hours to meet the 124 hour undergraduate minimum for graduation may be taken from areas listed above to deepen preparation.	1
<b>Contemporary World Culture-9 hours</b>	ECON 1113, Princ. of Economics—Macro (Core III)	3	<b>GRADUATE CERTIFICATION COMPONENT</b>			
	GEOG 1103, Human Geography (Core IV)	3	1. Receive the Bachelor's degree before beginning the graduate certification component.			
	World Civilization Elective (must be adviser approved)	3	2. Meet Graduate College admission requirements and be admitted. (The academic forgiveness policy is not applicable for admission to the Graduate College.)			
<b>Foreign Language-0-10 hours</b>	Students must meet both requirements outlined below: University-Wide General Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required; may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single foreign language in high school. (Core I) <b>and</b> , Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English.	0-10	3. Complete the graduate certification component in order to fulfill requirements for teacher certification.			
			<b>12 Hours</b>			
			*EDUC 5920, Internship in Education	6		
<b>Non-Western Culture-3 hours</b>	To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List (3000-level or above, and adviser approved.. (Core IV)	3	Cultural Diversity Elective (may be taken during the senior year)	3		
			EDSS 5043, Analysis of Teaching and Learning	3		
<b>Senior Capstone</b>	*EDSS 4563—Satisfied under Professional Education requirements. (Capstone)					
<b>Electives-1-2 hours</b>		1-2				
\$ = These 12 hours, along with the 49 hours listed in Specialized Education, comprise the 61-hour minimum required for Specialized Education.			<b>CERTIFICATION: To be fully certified, students must pass Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators, apply for a license, and successfully complete the residency program.</b>			

## Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Social Studies Education

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), <b>or</b>	3
	MATH 1473, Math for Critical Thinking	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865	3	HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3
	Biological Sciences, one course in BOT/MBIO/ZOO	4-5	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Free Electives	1-2	SOC 1113, Intro. to Sociology	3
			A HI 1113, Understanding Art, <b>or</b> MUNM 1113, Understanding Music, <b>or</b>	3
			ENGL 2413, Intro. to Literature, or PHIL 1013, Intro. to Philosophy	
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	EIPT 3473, Educational Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence	3	EIPT 3483, Cognition, Motivation, & Classroom Management for Teachers	3
	COMM 1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I)	3	A HI 1113, Understanding Art, <b>or</b> MUNM 1113, Understanding Music, <b>or</b>	3
	HIST 1613, Western Civilization I	3	ENGL 2413, Intro. to Literature, or PHIL 1013, Intro. to Philosophy	3
	Physical Sciences, one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR	4	ECON 1113, Prin. of Economics-Macro	3
	or PHYS		GEOG 1103, Human Geography	3
	A HI 1113, Understanding Art, <b>or</b> MUNM 1113, Understanding Music, <b>or</b>	3	HIST 1623, Western Civilization II	3
	ENGL 2413, Intro. to Literature, or PHIL 1013, Intro. to Philosophy			
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with	4	EDS 3003, Schools in American Cultures	3
	Exceptionalities		EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3
	P SC 2503, Relations Among Nations	3	GEOG 3633, Historical Geog. of U.S.	3
	GEOG 2603, World Geography by Regions	3	P SC Elective	3
	World Civilization Elective	3	American History Elective	3
	Social Science Perspectives Elective—ECON/SOC/PSY	3	World History Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	GEOG 1114, Physical Geography	4	EDSS 4553, Foundations & Mentoring in Social Studies	3
	HIST 3393, History of Oklahoma	3	EDSS 4563, Teaching Secondary School Social Studies (Capstone)	3
	American History Elective	3	American History Elective	3
	World History Elective	3	Social Science Perspectives Elective—ECON/SOC/PSY	3
	Free Elective	1	Non-Western Culture—Upper-Division (Core IV)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSEWORK COMPLETED — 124 HOURS</b>				
<b>GRADUATE</b>	EDSS 5043, Analysis of Teaching and Learning	3	<b>Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.</b> Additional credit hours may be required in the same college-level foreign language. Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English.	
	EDUC 5920, Internship in Education	6		
	Cultural Diversity Elective	3	This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.	
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>		

### CERTIFICATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Students are eligible for admission to the College of Education with:

- a minimum of 24 semester hours earned from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- a minimum of **2.75** combined retention grade point average on all coursework attempted;
- a declared major in education.

#### FULL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

Students are eligible for admission to Teacher Education with:

- a minimum of 30 semester hours from an accredited institution of higher learning to include the following 24 hours as defined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with a grade of C or better: English (Composition and Literature)-6 hours; College Algebra-3 hours; American History-3 hours; American Government-3 hours; Humanities-3 hours; Social and Behavioral Sciences-3 hours; Natural Sciences-3 hours.
- a minimum of **2.75** grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) on all coursework attempted;
- successful completion of the PPST (Pre-Professional Skills Test) or OGET (Oklahoma General Education Test) unless otherwise exempted by a 3.00 combined retention grade point average on all liberal arts and sciences coursework. All three portions of the PPST must be passed with minimum cut scores of MATH 171, WRITING 172, READING 173, or the OGET with a minimum score of 240.

Admission to a teaching program requires submission of an application, essay and an interview with the admission committee prior to enrollment in the first education course.

#### RETENTION REQUIREMENTS—COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Students must maintain a minimum **2.75** grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) in all **undergraduate** coursework and a minimum 3.00 grade point average in all **graduate** coursework attempted.
- Students must maintain a minimum of **2.75 undergraduate** grade point average in both professional education courses and in specialized education courses with no grade less than a **C** and must maintain a minimum of 3.00 grade point average in **graduate** professional and specialized education courses, with no grade less than a **B**.
- Students must earn a C or better in Communication 1113 or its equivalent.
- Students whose OU retention or combined retention grade point average at the **undergraduate** level falls below **2.75** will be subject to dismissal from the college. At the **graduate** level, students must meet Graduate College requirements.
- Students who have not earned an OU retention and combined retention grade point average of **2.75** after the completion of 60 semester hours will be dismissed from the College.
- Coursework more than 10 years old in the teaching specialization and professional education may not be credited toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program. However, coursework over 10 years old may be reviewed by the appropriate certificate committee for possible credit toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program.
- A student has 6 years to complete a teacher education degree and/or certificate program after full admission. After the 6-year period, a student must seek readmission to that program and meet the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- Students **will be** withdrawn from courses for failing to observe prerequisites and corequisites. Continued disregard of prerequisites and corequisites is grounds for dismissal from the College.
- To be eligible for the Graduate Certification Component, students must have been admitted to the Graduate College in good standing (3.0 on last 60 hours) or conditionally (2.75-2.99 on last 60 hours). **The academic forgiveness policy is not applicable for admission to the Graduate College.**

**FIELD EXPERIENCES:** Transfer students without appropriate field experiences may be required to enroll in EDUC 2400.

**PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT:** Only general education electives may be taken under the pass/no pass option.

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS:** Students must complete either the last 30 hours or 45 of the last 60 hours after being fully admitted to a teacher education program to satisfy this requirement.

**REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP:** Students must have been admitted to the Graduate College in good standing (3.0 on last 60 hours) or conditionally (2.75-2.99 on last 60 hours) and have satisfied **all** baccalaureate degree requirements.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Students transferring from a junior college may use the transferred credit to meet certain lower-division course requirements only; that is, freshman and sophomore-level courses.

**DEGREE COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITY:** Although the Dean's Office checks each student's records, **the responsibility for meeting degree requirements lies with the student** and not with the adviser or the Dean. Each student should obtain a copy of his or her requirements for graduation and check it regularly as he or she completes his or her degree program.

**GRADUATION APPLICATION:** The final step to be completed by the student before graduation is the filing of an official Application for Graduation. Forms may be obtained from the Student Services Center and should be filed at the Office of Academic Records by October 1 for fall graduation, March 1 for spring graduation, and July 1 for summer graduation. **The student's degree will not be conferred, nor any completion statement entered on his or her transcript, until the required application is filed.**