

# LETTERS: CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LETTERS

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Major Hours: 36

Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48

Upper-Division Hours Within Major: 27

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Last 90 Hours GPA: 3.00

Program Code: B635 P136

- 48 Upper-Division Hours Required
- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

## Major Requirements

The major requires 36 hours in history (including history of science), literature (including classical culture and MLLL), and philosophy, at least 27 of which must be upper-division, and including at least 9 hours in each division.

Courses taken to fulfill the History, Literature & Philosophy requirements may also be used to fulfill Constitutional Studies requirements and vice versa.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>History</b>		
	Choose 9 hours	9
<b>Literature</b>		
	Choose 9 hours	9
<b>Philosophy</b>		
	Choose 9 hours	9
<b>Additional History, Literature &amp; Philosophy</b>		
	Choose 9 hours from History, Literature and/or Philosophy to bring total major hours to 36	9
<b>Constitutional Studies Requirements</b> <sup>1</sup>		
The 36 hours of major work listed above must include one course in each of the 4 categories below, and a 5th course chosen from I-IV:		
	I. Ancient Foundations of Law, Liberty, & Justice	
	II. The Philosophical Background of American Constitutionalism	
	III. The American Founding	
	IV. The Constitutional Legacy in Modern America	
Total Credit Hours		36

<sup>1</sup> 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 area I through IV. A list of approved courses is available in the Department of Classics and Letters.

## Major Support Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Supporting courses, secondary or collegiate, in one ancient and one modern language (3 courses in one and 4 in the other)	
	Choose one course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts	

## 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/gened/courses>.

## University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b>		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
	or EXPO 1213 Expository Writing	
<i>Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
	Beginning Course	0-5
	Beginning Course, continued	0-5
	Intermediate Course (2000 level) <sup>1,2</sup>	0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list	3
<b>Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)</b>		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO <sup>1</sup>	3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS <sup>1</sup>	3-4
<b>Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)</b>		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
	Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list	3
<b>Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours)</b>		
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list	3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>		

HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Civilization & Culture list <sup>3</sup>		3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Non-Western Culture list		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Humanities courses <sup>4</sup></i>		
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture <sup>1</sup>		3
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours)</b>		
Choose one General Education Capstone course		3
Total Credit Hours		56

<sup>1</sup> College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.  
<sup>2</sup> One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level  
<sup>3</sup> Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493  
<sup>4</sup> 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

## Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

## Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

**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.

**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.

**Grade Point Averages:** Students must earn a minimum over all 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.

## Suggested Semester Plan of Study

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 advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Letters major requirements.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
Natural Science without lab (Core II)		3
Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
Math (Core I)		3
Social Science (Core III)		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		3
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Credit Hours		17
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
Literature Major Elective, lower-division		3
Natural Science with lab (Core II)		4
Philosophy Major Elective, lower-division		3
Credit Hours		18
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Intermediate Foreign Language		3
History Major Elective, lower-division		3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Junior</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Intermediate Foreign Language continued		3
Ancient Foundations of Law, Liberty & Justice Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3

History Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15

**Second Semester**

Beginning Foreign Language (Core I) <sup>2</sup>	5
The Philosophical Background of American Constitutionalism Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
The American Founding Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	14

**Senior****First Semester**

Beginning Foreign Language, continued (Core I) <sup>2</sup>	5
The Constitutional Legacy in Modern America Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	14

**Second Semester**

LTRS 4503 Letters Capstone Course	3
Intermediate Foreign Language <sup>2</sup>	3
Constitutional Studies Elective, upper-division, (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	12
Total Credit Hours	120

<sup>1</sup> This course may also fulfill the major support requirement for a course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts.

<sup>2</sup> Students must complete one modern and one ancient foreign language.