**GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and college requirements must be from the approved General Education course lists at [http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/](http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/).

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

At least three hours of Upper-Division General Education coursework must be completed outside the major.

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**Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication**

- English Composition (6 hours)
- Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses)
- Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)
- Core Area IV: Humanities
- Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience

**Additional College B.A. Requirements**

- Humanities and Social Science Electives (3 hours must be Upper-Division)
- Natural Science Elective
- Foreign Language

**Free Electives**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree.

**OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.**

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

- Courses required for the major may also fulfill University-Wide General Education Requirements.

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**Culture & Society**

Choose a minimum of 12 hours

Total Credit Hours 12

**MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**

- Courses required for major support may not also fulfill University-Wide General Education Requirements.

**ADDITIONAL COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

**Advisor-Approved Electives**

Choose 24 hours of advisor-approved coursework relevant to the student’s field(s) of study. These 24 hours are to be outside the student’s major School or Department, and must include six hours at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level).

Total Credit Hours 24

**CULTURE & SOCIETY COURSE LIST**

A minimum of 12 hours of Culture & Society coursework is required in the major, to be chosen from the following courses or other advisor-approved courses, with no more than two courses from one department.

**Humanities and Social Science Electives (3 hours must be Upper-Division)**

- Choose one course from the Humanities Gen Ed list
- Choose one course from the Social Science Gen Ed list

**Natural Science Elective**

- Choose one Gen Ed-approved course with or without a laboratory component

**Foreign Language**

- Choose one course at the intermediate level 2

Total Credit Hours 12-13

1 If the student successfully places beyond the second intermediate course, the 13 hours of required foreign language will become free electives.

### 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 Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and/or Department of Geography academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, and Environmental Sustainability major requirements.

#### Year | FIRST SEMESTER | Hours | SECOND SEMESTER | Hours
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**FRESHMAN** |  |  |  |  
ENGL 1113 | Principles of English Composition (Core I) | 3 | ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213 | Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing | 3 
GEOG 1203 | Global Environmental Issues (Core III) | 3 | P SC 1113 | American Federal Government (Core III) | 3 
GEOG 1203 | General Education Math (Core I) | 3 | General Education Non-Western Culture (Core IV) | 3 
| **CREDIT HOURS** | **14** | **CREDIT HOURS** | **14** 
**SOPHOMORE** |  |  |  |  
GIS 2023 | General Education Natural Science with lab (Core II) | 4-5 | General Education Natural Science (Core II) | 3-4 
GEOG 3233 | Introduction to Spatial Thinking and Computer Mapping | 3 | General Education Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV) | 3 
GEOG 3233 | General Education Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV) | 3 | General Education Social Science Elective | 3 
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 | Intermediate Foreign Language (College elective) | 3 | GEOG 3924 | Quantitative Methods | 4 
| **CREDIT HOURS** | **16-17** | **CREDIT HOURS** | **16-17** 
**JUNIOR** |  |  |  |  
GEOG 3233 | Principles of Sustainability | 3 | GEOG 3443 | Environment and Society | 3 
GEOG 3773 | College Elective | 3 | GEOG 4523 | Life Cycle Analysis | 3 
GEOG 4893 | College Elective | 3 | College Elective | 3 
GEOG 3563 | Concentration Elective | 3 | College Elective | 3 
GEOG 3253 | General Education Humanities Elective | 3 | Natural Science Elective | 3-4 
| **CREDIT HOURS** | **15** | **CREDIT HOURS** | **15-16** 
**SENIOR** |  |  |  |  
GEOG 3773 | Geography of the United States | 3 | GEOG 4953 | Capstone (Capstone) | 3 
GEOG 4893 | Research Methods and Professional Development | 3 | College Elective | 3 
GEOG 4893 | College Elective | 3 | College Elective | 3 
GEOG 3843 | Concentration Elective | 3 | College Elective | 3 
Free Elective | 3 | Concentration Elective | 3 
| **CREDIT HOURS** | **15** | **CREDIT HOURS** | **15** 

1. To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three hours of general education must be upper-division outside the major.
2. Twenty-four hours of advisor-approved coursework relevant to the student’s field(s) of study. These 24 hours are to be outside the student’s major School or Department, and must include six hours at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level).
3. A minimum of 12 hours, to be chosen from the following concentration, with no more than two courses from one department:
   - **Culture and Society**: ANTH 4363; ARCH 4363; NPNG 3033; GEOG 3253; GEOG 3563; GEOG 3843; GEOG 4200; GEOG 4573; GEOG 4583; HSCI 3483; IAS 3323; SOC 3643.

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**Grade Point Averages:**

- **Individual Studies:** No more than six hours of independent study or directed readings may be applied toward degree requirements.
- **Senior Institution Hours:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.
- **Residency:**
  - A minimum of two semesters must be spent in residence in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences.
  - At least 36 of the last 48 hours must be completed in residence at OU.

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**Total Hours:** A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**Upper-Division Hours:** A minimum of 40 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 and 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.