### General Requirements

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<td>For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2019 through Spring 2020</td>
<td>Minimum Total Credit Hours 120&lt;br&gt;Minimum Upper-Division Hours 40&lt;br&gt;Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages: Overall - Combined and OU 2.25&lt;br&gt;Major - Combined and OU 2.25</td>
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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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- 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.

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### Additional College B.A. Requirements

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

Choose one course from Humanities Gen Ed lists 3
Choose one course from the Social Science Gen Ed list 3

- Natural Science Elective

Choose one Gen Ed-approved course with or without a laboratory component 3-4

- Foreign Language

Choose one course at the intermediate level \(^2\) 3

Total Credit Hours 12-13

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

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### FREE ELECTIVES

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree.
## INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

**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 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.

**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.

**Individual Studies:** No more than six hours of independent study or directed readings may be applied toward degree requirements.

**Grade Point Averages:**
- Individual Studies: No more than 52 hours of Geography coursework may be taken to fulfill the 120 minimum total credit hours required.
- Residency:
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**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 sheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and/or Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, and Geography major requirements.

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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. At least one General Education approved math course must be completed.
2. Twenty-seven hours of advisor-approved coursework relevant to the student’s field(s) of study. These 27 hours are to be outside the student’s major School or Department, and must include an intermediate-level foreign language course, or the student must demonstrate competency at the intermediate level.

**Note:** No more than 52 hours of Geography coursework may be taken to fulfill the 120 minimum total credit hours required.