REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education **Summer 2026 through Spring 2027**	Minimum Total Credit Hours ..... **120** Minimum Upper-Division Hours ..... **48** Major Hours ..... **30** **Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:** Overall - Combined and OU ..... **2.00** Major - Combined and OU **2.00**	**Multidisciplinary Studies** **B701** Bachelor of Science

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

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

MINIMUM OF 40 HOURS REQUIRED FOR UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
English Composition		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
Language		
(0-10 hours, 2 courses in the same language) May be met by successful completion of 2 years of the same language in high school		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Mathematics		
Choose one course		3
Core Area II: Natural Science		
Choose 2 courses from different disciplines, including one laboratory component		7
Core Area III: Social Science		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities		
Artistic Forms		
Choose one course		3
Western Culture		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course [1]		3
World Culture		
Choose one course		3
Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one course		3
Total Credit Hours		**47**

1 Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.

One of the courses (minimum 3 credit hours) used to satisfy General Education Requirements must be at the upper-division level and outside of the student's major.

FREE ELECTIVES

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- **Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education Requirements.**

Every candidate for this degree must select a major theme, which is a set of courses that meets the student's professional and personal goals. These courses must total a minimum of 30 credit hours, with a minimum of 18 hours completed at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level).

Courses should be selected in consultation with an MDS advisor to submit a Proposed Plan of Study and MDS Questionnaire to the Senior Vice Provost. MDS Plan of Study should include at minimum the courses required by two minors or concentrations.

More information in the catalog: (http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/academic-affairs/multidisciplinary-studies-bachelor-science/).

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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.
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science 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 credit hours, with a minimum of 18 hours completed at the upper-division level (3000-4000 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 in the major field must be satisfactorily completed a t O U .
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- 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.