**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.

**University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours)**

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**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: 3
- Core Area III: Natural Science
  - Choose 2 courses from different disciplines, including one laboratory component. 7
- Core Area II: Social Science
  - P SC 1113: American Federal Government 3
- Core Area III: Social Science
  - Choose one course 3
- Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities
  - Artistic Forms: 3
  - Western Culture: 3
  - HIST 1483: United States to 1865 3
  - or HIST 1493: United States, 1865 to the Present 3
- Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)
  - World Culture: 3
  - 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.

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**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. 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/).

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**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 at OU.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.

**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.