

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**DODGE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2021 through Spring 2022

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours .....	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours .....	48
Major Hours .....	36
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Overall - Combined and OU .....	2.00
Major - Combined and OU .....	2.00

Program
<b>Native American Studies</b>
<b>B740</b>
Bachelor of Arts

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 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 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>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The college 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 P BIO <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: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)</b>		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list	3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
	or HIST 1493 United States, 1865 to the Present	
	Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)	3
<i>World Culture</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list	3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts &amp; Humanities courses</i>		
	Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture <sup>1,3</sup>	3
	Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture <sup>1,3</sup>	3
<b>Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)</b>		
	Choose one 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>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.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- Programs of study must be approved by the program Director and coordinating committee.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>NAS Core Requirements</b>		
NAS 2013	Foundations in Native American Sovereignty	3
NAS 3013	Native American Studies Internship	3
NAS 4033	Indigenous Research Methods	3
NAS 4053	Senior Capstone (should be taken in the senior year)	3
NAS 4063	Critical Indigenous Theory	3
<b>Thematic Areas of Emphasis</b>		
Choose seven courses in one or more of the following areas: <sup>1</sup>		21
Cultural Knowledge, Language, & History		
Tribal Governance & Policy		
Indigenous Media & Arts		
Total Credit Hours		36

<sup>1</sup>Students may declare one or more areas of emphasis. A list of appropriate courses may be obtained from the NAS program. Appropriate courses should be selected with the guidance of the NAS advisor.

**MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Native Language Requirement</b>		
Choose two introductory courses (1000-level) or the equivalent in a Native language <sup>1</sup>		6-10
Total Credit Hours		6-10

<sup>1</sup>May be used to fulfill General Education and College requirements. May *not* be used to satisfy NAS Core or Area of Emphasis coursework.

**RECOMMENDED FREE ELECTIVES <sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NAS 1013	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
CHER 2733	Intermediate Cherokee	3
CREK 2733	Intermediate Creek/Seminole	3
CHOC 2733	Intermediate Choctaw	3
KIOW 2733	Intermediate Kiowa	3

<sup>1</sup>These courses are not major or major support work, nor are they required.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/arts-sciences/native-american-studies/native-american-studies-bachelor-arts/>).

## 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 Native American Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Native American Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
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
		Math (Core I)	3		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	3
	NAS 1013	Introduction to Native American Studies ( Core IV-World Culture )	3		First Year Experience (Core V)	3
		Beginning Native American Language course	5		Beginning Native American Language course, continued	5
					Free Elective, lower-division	2
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>
SOPHOMORE	NAS 2013	Foundations in Native American Sovereignty	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government ( Core III )	3		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
		Social Science (Core III)	3		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, lower-division	3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Intermediate Native American Language course	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
JUNIOR		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	NAS 3013	Native American Studies Internship	3
		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
SENIOR	NAS 4033	Indigenous Research Methods	3	NAS 4053	Senior Capstone	3
	NAS 4063	Critical Indigenous Theory	3		NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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