

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

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	36
Upper-Division Hours within Major	27
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.00
Major - Combined and OU	2.00
Last 90 hours	3.00

Program
Letters: Constitutional Studies B635 P136 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 for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge 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>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<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) ^{1,2}	0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list	3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹	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 ¹	3-4
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
	Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list	3
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)		
<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 & Humanities courses</i>		
	Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}	3
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Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
	Choose one course	3
Total Credit Hours		56

- College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- 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 Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements
- The major requires 36 hours in **history** (including history of science), **literature** (including classical culture and MLLL), and **philosophy**, at least 27 of which must be upper-division, and including at least 9 hours in each division.
- Courses taken to fulfill the History, Literature & Philosophy requirements may also be used to fulfill Constitutional Studies requirements and vice versa.
- Graduation in Letters: Constitutional Studies requires a 3.00 GPA in the last 90 credit hours.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
History		
	Choose 9 hours	9
Literature		
	Choose 9 hours	9
Philosophy		
	Choose 9 hours	9
Additional History, Literature & Philosophy		
	Choose 9 hours from History, Literature and/or Philosophy to bring total major hours to 36	9
Constitutional Studies Requirements ¹		
The 36 hours of major work listed above must include one course in each of the 4 categories below, and a 5th course chosen from I-IV:		
	I. Ancient Foundations of Law, Liberty, & Justice	
	II. The Philosophical Background of American Constitutionalism	
	III. The American Founding	
	IV. The Constitutional Legacy in Modern America	
Total Credit Hours		36

- Students must successfully complete at least 15 hours (five courses) chosen from a list of approved courses; 12 hours must be at the upper-division level. These courses must include one course from each area I through IV. A list of approved courses is available in the Department of Classics and Letters.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Supporting courses, secondary or collegiate, in one ancient and one modern language (3 courses in one and 4 in the other)	
	Choose one course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts	
More information in the catalog: (http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/classics-letters/letters-constitutional-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.

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 Dodge College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of Classics academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Letters 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
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3	Math (Core I)	3
	P SC 1113 American Federal Government (Core III)	3	Social Science (Core III)	3
	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3	Beginning Language (Core I)	5
	Artistic Forms (Core IV) ¹	3	First Year Experience (Core V)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	15	CREDIT HOURS	17
SOPHOMORE	Beginning Language (Core I)	5	Intermediate Language	3
	Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	History Major Elective, lower-division	3
	Literature Major Elective, lower-division	3	Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Philosophy Major Elective, lower-division	3	World Culture (Core IV)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	18	CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR	Intermediate Language continued	3	Beginning Language (Core I) ²	5
	Ancient Foundations of Law, Liberty & Justice Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	The Philosophical Background of American Constitutionalism Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	History Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	The American Founding Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Literature Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		
	CREDIT HOURS	15	CREDIT HOURS	14
SENIOR	Beginning Language, continued (Core I) ²	5	Intermediate Language ²	3
	The Constitutional Legacy in Modern America Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Constitutional Studies Elective, upper-division, (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Constitutional Studies Elective, upper-division, (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		CREDIT HOURS	14	CREDIT HOURS

¹ This course may also fulfill the major support requirement for a course in the appreciation or history of one of the fine arts.

² Students must complete one modern and one ancient language.

This plan assumes one of the major courses, or one of the Upper-Division Free Electives, is an approved Western Culture Core IV general education course.