

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

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education <b>Summer 2023 through Spring 2024</b>	Minimum Total Credit Hours ..... 120 Minimum Upper-Division Hours ..... 48 Major Hours ..... 36 Upper-Division Hours within Major ..... 27 <b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b> Overall - Combined and OU ..... 2.00 Major - Combined and OU ..... 2.00 Last 90 hours ..... 3.00	<b>Letters: Constitutional Studies</b>  <b>B635 P136</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.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 120  
**Major Hours:** 36  
**Minimum Upper-Division Hours:** 48  
**Upper-Division Hours Within Major:** 27  
**Overall GPA - Combined and OU:** 2.00  
**Major GPA - Combined and OU:** 2.00  
**Last 90 Hours GPA:** 3.00

**Program Code:** B635 P136

## 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
<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 PBIO <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

### Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)

#### *Artistic Forms*

Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list 3

#### *Western Culture*

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

#### *World Culture*

Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list 3

#### *Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses*

Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture <sup>1,3</sup> 3

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### Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)

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 Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements
- The major requires 36 hours in **history** (including history of science), **literature** (including classical culture and MLL), 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
<b>History</b>		
Choose 9 hours		9
<b>Literature</b>		
Choose 9 hours		9
<b>Philosophy</b>		
Choose 9 hours		9
<b>Additional History, Literature &amp; Philosophy</b>		
Choose 9 hours from History, Literature and/or Philosophy to bring total major hours to 36		9
<b>Constitutional Studies Requirements <sup>1</sup></b>		
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		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup>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: ( <a href="http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/classics-letters/letters-constitutional-studies-bachelor-arts/">http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/classics-letters/letters-constitutional-studies-bachelor-arts/</a> ).		

## 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 checklist 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) <sup>1</sup>	3	First Year Experience (Core V)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>
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
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
JUNIOR	Intermediate Language continued	3	Beginning Language (Core I) <sup>2</sup>	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		
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>
SENIOR	Beginning Language, continued (Core I) <sup>2</sup>	5	Intermediate Language <sup>2</sup>	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
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>

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

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<sup>2</sup> 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.