

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 2025 through Spring 2026

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

Program
Planned Program
B785 P511
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
	Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}	3
Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
	Choose one course	3
Total Credit Hours		56

- ¹ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- ² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- ³ 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.

- **48 Upper-Division Hours Required.**
- **Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Every candidate for this degree must select an area of concentration, which is a set of courses with a coherent theme that meets the student's professional and personal goals. These courses must total a minimum of 36 credit hours, with a minimum of 50 percent of those hours completed at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level). Courses selected as fulfilling the major requirements must be reviewed by an academic counselor in the College of Arts and Sciences and approved by the Dean.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/college-arts-sciences-administrated-programs/planned-program-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 academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Planned Program 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
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
		Math (Core I)	3		Major Requirement, lower-division	3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		Social Science (Core III)	3
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15
SOPHOMORE		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		Major Requirement, lower-division	3
		Major Requirement, lower-division	3		Major Requirement, lower-division	3
		Western Culture (Core IV)	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
					Free Elective, lower-division	1
		CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR		Intermediate Language	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Major Requirement, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Major Requirement, 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
		CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15