

**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
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Overall - Combined and OU .....	2.00
Major - Combined and OU .....	2.00

Program
<b>Communication</b>
<b>B210</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 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
<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
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>56</b>

- <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**

- **The Department of Communication does not permit major coursework to also fulfill General Education or Dodge College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.**
- COMM 2513 may be used to satisfy General Education Mathematics requirement if not used for major credit.
- **COMM 2713, COMM 3023, and COMM 4713 must be completed with a grade of C or better, with a maximum of two attempts per course.** These courses are not available through correspondence or transfer credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
COMM 1113	Principles of Communication	3
COMM 2613	Public Speaking	3
Choose one of the following:		
COMM 2513	Introduction to Statistics	
ECON 2843	Elements of Statistics	
PSY 2003	Understanding Statistics	
SOC 3123	Social Statistics	
COMM 2713	Communication Theory	3
COMM 3023	Communication Research Methods	3
COMM 4713	Issues in Communication Study <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Communication Electives</b>		
Choose 18-21 hours, including 12-15 at the upper-division level		18-21
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Students must complete a minimum of nine hours of upper-division COMM electives before taking COMM 4713.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/communication/communication-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 Communication academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Communication major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	COMM 1113	Principles of Communication	3	COMM 2513	Introduction to Statistics <sup>1</sup>	3
	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition ( Core I )	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition ( Core I ) or Expository Writing	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3		First Year Experience (Core V)	3
		Social Science (Core III)	3			
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	COMM 2613	Public Speaking	3	COMM 2713	Communication Theory <sup>2</sup>	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3	P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4
		World Culture (Core IV) Social Science (Core III)	3		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
					Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	COMM 3023	Communication Research Methods <sup>2</sup>	3		COMM Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		COMM Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		COMM Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		COMM Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	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		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>		COMM Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	COMM 4713	Issues in Communication Study <sup>2</sup>	3
		COMM Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		COMM Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	2
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>14</b>

<sup>1</sup> COMM 2513 is included as fulfilling the General Education Math requirement. This course may not be double-counted as both General Education and major course hours.

<sup>2</sup> COMM 2713, COMM 3023, and COMM 4713 comprise the three core Communication courses; a grade of C or better is required with a maximum of two attempts per course. These courses may not be completed through transfer credit or correspondence.