

**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 ..... 30 <b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b> Overall - Combined and OU ..... 2.00 Major - Combined and OU ..... 2.00	<b>Environmental Studies</b>  <b>B406</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:** 30  
**Minimum Upper-Division Hours:** 48  
**Overall GPA - Combined and OU:** 2.00  
**Major GPA - Combined and OU:** 2.00

**Program Code:** B406

## 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

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- A Grade of C or better must be earned in each course counted for major credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core</b>		
ENST 2813	Environmental Studies Cornerstone	3
ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community (three semesters) <sup>1</sup>	3
ENST 3893	Environmental Studies Research Project	3
ENST 4883	Environmental Studies Seminar	3
ENST 4893	Environmental Studies Capstone	3
<b>Major Electives</b>		
Group I - Interdisciplinary		
	Choose two courses that span two or more disciplines <sup>2</sup>	6
Group II - Single Discipline		
	Choose three courses, one each from three of these four categories: <sup>2</sup>	9
	Natural Sciences	
	Social Sciences	
	Humanities	
	Applied Disciplines	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup>ENST 3891 is taken as a corequisite with ENST 2813 and ENST 3893, and one additional semester, for a total of three semesters.

<sup>2</sup>Chosen from an approved course list posted by the department or as approved by faculty advisor.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/environmental-studies/environmental-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 academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Environmental 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
		Gen Ed Biological Science (Core II)	4		Gen Ed Physical Science (Core II)	4
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Gen Ed Math (Core I)	3
		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
SOPHOMORE	ENST 2813	Environmental Studies Cornerstone	3	ENST 3893	Environmental Studies Research Project	3
	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1
		Major Elective, Group I <sup>1</sup>	3		Social Sciences (Core III)	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government ( Core III )	3		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
JUNIOR		Major Elective, Group II <sup>2</sup>	3	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1
		Major Elective, Group II <sup>2</sup>	3		Major Elective, Group II <sup>2</sup>	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		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>16</b>	
SENIOR	ENST 4883	Environmental Studies Seminar	3	ENST 4893	Environmental Studies Capstone	3
		Major Elective, Group I <sup>1</sup>	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		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>12</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Choose two courses that span two or more disciplines from an approved course list posted by the department, or as approved by the departmental faculty advisor.

<sup>2</sup> Choose three courses, one each from three out of four categories (Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Applied Disciplines) from an approved list of courses posted by the department, or as approved by the departmental faculty advisor.