

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	39
Upper-Division Hours within Major	18
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.00
Major - Combined and OU	2.50

Program
Film & Media Studies
B429
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.

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 higher must be earned in each course presented for major credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
FMS 1013	Introduction to Film and Media Studies	3
FMS 2013	Film and Media History to 1960	3
FMS 2023	Film and Media History: 1960 to Present	3
FMS 2033	Writing About Film	3
FMS 3213	Media Theories & Methodologies	3
FMS 4013	Capstone in Film and Media	3
Creative Skills Requirement		
Choose one of the following: ¹		
		3
FMS 1313	Narrative Production Basics	
FMS 3313	Digital Cinema Production	
FMS 3323	Editing: History, Theory, Practice	
FMS 3703	Topics in Film and Media Production	
FMS 3713	Topics in Writing for the Screen	
FMS 3853	Feature Screenwriting	
Electives		
Choose six courses from any FMS course not used to satisfy Core or Creative Skill Requirements ²		
		18
Total Credit Hours		39

¹ Appropriate ART, DRAM, or JMC courses may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval of the FMS Academic Advisor.
² Additionally, FMS maintains a list of Guided Electives, courses offered in other departments that have been approved for FMS Major credit. The list may be accessed online at <http://www.ou.edu/cas/fms.html> or in the FMS office.

NOTES

- At least 12 hours of courses in Creative Skills and Electives for FMS Major must be taken at the Upper Division level.
- No more than 15 JMC credit hours may be counted toward the Film and Media Studies major.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/film-media-studies/film-media-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 Film and Media Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Film and Media 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
	FMS 1013	Introduction to Film and Media Studies (Core IV - Artistic Forms)	3	FMS 2023	Film and Media History: 1960 to Present	3
		Math (Core I)	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3		First Year Experience (Core V)	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5			
	CREDIT HOURS		17	CREDIT HOURS		14
SOPHOMORE	FMS 2013	Film and Media History to 1960	3	FMS 2033	Writing About Film	3
		Intermediate Language	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		World Culture (Core IV)	3		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	1		Social Science (Core III)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		14	CREDIT HOURS		15
JUNIOR	FMS 3213	Media Theories & Methodologies	3		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Creative Skills ¹	3
		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Elective ¹	3		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Elective ¹	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	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
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
SENIOR		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Elective, upper-division ¹	3	FMS 4013	Capstone in Film and Media	3
		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Elective, upper-division ¹	3		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Elective, upper-division ¹	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Elective, upper-division ¹	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
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15

¹ **Film & Media Studies Major Requirement: Guided Electives** — 18 hours chosen from the list of Guided Electives maintained by the department. At least 12 hours of the Creative Skills and Guided Electives courses must be Upper Division. No more than 15 credit hours of JMC coursework may be used in the FMS major.