

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	30
Upper-Division Hours within Major	21
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.50
Major - Combined and OU	2.50

Program
Health, Medicine, and Society
B502
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}		
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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.
- Thirty hours of major coursework must be completed, and 21 of the 30 hours must be upper division courses.
- A grade of C or better must be earned in each course for major credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Introduction		
HMS 1113	Introduction to Health, Medicine and Society (meets Core IV Western Civ. & Culture)	3
Ethical Issues in Health & Medicine		
PHIL 1263	Introduction to Ethics in Health Care	3
or HSTM 3413	Biomedical Ethics	
Historical/Humanistic Perspectives		
Choose three courses ¹		
		9
Social Scientific Perspectives		
Choose three courses ¹		
		9
In-Major Electives		
Choose an additional course from Historical/Humanistic or Social Scientific Perspectives ¹		
		3
Capstone		
HMS 4993	Health, Medicine and Society Capstone	3
Total Credit Hours		30

- ¹ Choose courses from an approved list of courses maintained by the department. Other courses that meet program criteria may be counted towards the major with the written approval of the program advisor.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

A grade of C or better must be earned in each course for major support credit

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 1113	Elements of Psychology (meets Core III additional Social Science)	3
or SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	
Choose a course in statistics, such as the following:		
BIOL 2913	Intro to Quantitative Biology	3
ECON 2843	Elements of Statistics	
MATH 4753	Applied Statistical Methods	
Choose at least 9 hours of coursework (including labs) in life or natural sciences in addition to those taken to meet Gen Ed requirements		
		9
Total Credit Hours		15

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/history-science-technology-medicine/health-medicine-society-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 Health, Medicine & Society academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and HMS 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
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3	HMS 1113	Introduction to Health, Medicine and Society	3
		General Education Physical Science (Core II)	3		General Education Biological Science with laboratory (Core II)	4
		Beginning Language	5		Beginning Language, continued	5
	CREDIT HOURS		14	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE		Social Scientific Perspectives Course	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
	MATH 1743 or MATH 1823	Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences (Core I) or Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	3		Statistics Major Support course	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3		Physical or Life Science Major Support course	4
	PSY 1113 or SOC 1113	Elements of Psychology (Major Support & Core III) or Introduction to Sociology	3		Physical or Life Science Major Support course	4
		Intermediate Language (Core I)	3		Physical or Life Science Major Support course	1
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
JUNIOR		Historical/Humanistic Perspectives course	3	PHIL 1263 or HSTM 3413	Introduction to Ethics in Health Care (Core IV Western Culture) or Biomedical Ethics	3
		Historical/Humanistic Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3		Historical/Humanistic Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3
		Social Scientific Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Core IV)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Core IV)	3		Free Elective, Upper-division	3
		Free Elective, Upper- or Lower-division	1		Free Elective, Upper-division	3
		General Education World Culture (Core IV)	3			
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		15
SENIOR		Social Scientific Perspectives course (Upper Division)	3	HMS 4993	Health, Medicine and Society Capstone	3
		In-Major Elective (Upper Division)	3		General Education Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
		Free Elective, Upper Division	3		Free Elective, Upper Division	3
		Free Elective, Upper Division	3		Free Elective, Upper Division	3
		Free Elective, Upper Division	3		Free Elective, Upper Division	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15