

**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<br>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          |
|------------------|
| History          |
| B505             |
| 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**

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

| Code  | Title  | Credit Hours |
|---|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Surveys</b>   |  |              |
| HIST 1483   | United States to 1865                              | 3            |
| or HIST 1493  | United States, 1865 to the Present                 |              |
| HIST 2573   | The History Sleuth                                 | 3            |
| <b>Lower-Division Survey Requirements</b>   |  |              |
| Choose one course each from three of the following categories:  |  |              |
|   | Premodern Western Civilization                     | 9            |
|   | Modern Western Civilization                        |              |
|   | Premodern Non-Western Civilization                 |              |
|   | Modern Non-Western Civilization                    |              |
| <b>Additional History Requirements</b>  |  |              |
| Choose 21 elective hours, which must include at least one Colloquium course and one Capstone course: <sup>1,2</sup> |  |              |
| HIST 3573   | Special Topics Colloquium                          | 21           |
| HIST 4973   | Undergraduate Seminar in History (Senior Capstone) |              |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>36</b>    |

- <sup>1</sup> 21 major elective hours of HIST courses at the 2000-level or above. At least 15 of these hours must be taken at OU at the 3000-level or above. *Fifteen (15) of these hours must be taught by History Department faculty. Six (6) of these hours may be taught by affiliated faculty in other departments.* Fifteen (15) of these hours must fall within a departmentally approved geographic or thematic field. Lists of fields and of the courses approved for each field may be obtained in the History Department or on the departmental website.
- <sup>2</sup> A 2000-level course that has been used to fulfill a survey requirement can not be used toward the 21 additional history requirements hours.

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

| Year             | FIRST SEMESTER         |   | Hours     | SECOND SEMESTER        |   | Hours     |
|------------------|------------------------|---|-----------|------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>FRESHMAN</b>  | ENGL 1113              | Principles of English Composition ( Core I )                            | 3         | ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213 | Principles of English Composition ( Core I ) or Expository Writing    | 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 ( Core III )                              | 3         |
|                  |                        | First Year Experience (Core V)  | 3         |                        | Beginning Language continued (Core I)                                 | 5         |
|                  |                        | Math (Core I)   | 3         |                        | Natural Science with lab (Core II)                                    | 4         |
|                  |                        | Beginning Language (Core I)   | 5         |                        |   |           |
|                  | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>17</b> | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>SOPHOMORE</b> | HIST 2573              | The History Sleuth  | 3         |                        | HIST II. Additional Survey Requirement <sup>1</sup>                   | 3         |
|                  |                        | HIST II. Additional Survey Requirement <sup>1</sup>                     | 3         |                        | Natural Science without lab (Core II)                                 | 3         |
|                  |                        | HIST II. Additional Survey Requirement <sup>1</sup>                     | 3         |                        | Social Science (Core III)   | 3         |
|                  |                        | Intermediate Language   | 3         |                        | Artistic Forms (Core IV)  | 3         |
|                  |                        | Free Elective, lower-division   | 1         |                        | Free Elective, lower- or upper-division                               | 3         |
|                  | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>13</b> | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>JUNIOR</b>    |                        | HIST III. Additional History Requirement <sup>2</sup>                   | 3         | HIST 3573              | Special Topics Colloquium <sup>2</sup>                                | 3         |
|                  |                        | HIST III. Additional History Requirement <sup>2</sup>                   | 3         |                        | HIST III. Additional History Requirement, upper-division <sup>2</sup> | 3         |
|                  |                        | HIST III. Additional History Requirement <sup>2</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         |
|                  | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>15</b> | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>SENIOR</b>    |                        | HIST III. Additional History Requirement, upper-division <sup>2</sup>   | 3         | HIST 4973              | Undergraduate Seminar in History                                      | 3         |
|                  |                        | Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)             | 3         |                        | Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)           | 3         |
|                  |                        | Free Elective, lower- or upper-division                                 | 3         |                        | Free Elective, lower- or upper-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         |                        | Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)                       | 3         |
|                  | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>15</b> | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |   | <b>15</b> |

<sup>1</sup> At least one of these courses must be an approved World Culture General Education course and selected from the survey requirement course lists.

<sup>2</sup> Twenty-one major elective hours of HIST courses at the 2000-level or above. At least 15 of these hours must be taken at OU at the 3000-level or above. **These hours must include at least one Colloquium (HIST 3573) and a Senior Capstone Seminar (HIST 4973).** Fifteen (15) of these hours must fall within a departmentally approved geographic or thematic field. Lists of fields and of the courses approved for each field may be obtained in the History Department or on the departmental website

**LOWER-DIVISION SURVEY REQUIREMENT COURSE LISTS****PREMODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>               | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| HIST 1113   | History of Medieval Europe | 3                   |
| HIST 1613   | Western Civilization I     | 3                   |

**MODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                      | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| HIST 1223   | Europe, 1500 to 1815              | 3                   |
| HIST 1233   | Europe since 1815                 | 3                   |
| HIST 1563   | The Jews: From Abraham to Zionism | 3                   |
| HIST 1623   | Western Civilization II           | 3                   |

**PREMODERN NON-WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| HIST 1723   | East Asia to 1600                             | 3                   |
| HIST 2013   | Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations            | 3                   |
| HIST 2613   | Colonial Hispanic American History, 1492-1810 | 3                   |

**MODERN NON-WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                            | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| HIST 1543   | Introduction to American Indian History | 3                   |
| HIST 1733   | East Asia Since 1600                    | 3                   |
| HIST 1923   | World Civilization 1600-Present         | 3                   |
| HIST 2623   | Modern Latin America 1810-Present       | 3                   |
| HIST 2703   | African Societies and Cultures          | 3                   |
| HIST 2713   | Survey of African Civilization          | 3                   |