

**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 .....   | 31   |
| Upper-Division Hours within Major .....                   | 25   |
| <b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b> |      |
| Overall - Combined and OU .....                           | 2.00 |
| Major - Combined and OU .....                             | 2.00 |

| Program          |
|------------------|
| Philosophy       |
| B775             |
| Bachelor of Arts |

OU encourages students to complete at least hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 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.
- A maximum of six hours of lower- division coursework may be used toward the 31 hours required by the major. A grade of C or better is required in PHIL 4893.
- Philosophy majors must take at least two 38XX ("for Majors") classes, chosen from Core or Distribution Requirements; and must take at least one 4000-level class beyond PHIL 4133 and PHIL 4893.

| Code   | Title   | Credit Hours |
|--|---|--------------|
| <b>Philosophy Core Courses</b>   |   |              |
| PHIL 3313  | History of Ancient Philosophy   | 3            |
| or PHIL 3813   | History of Ancient Philosophy for Majors  |              |
| PHIL 3333  | History of Modern Philosophy  | 3            |
| or PHIL 3833   | History of Modern Philosophy for Majors   |              |
| PHIL 3343  | Chinese Philosophy  | 3            |
| or PHIL 3843   | Chinese Philosophy for Majors   |              |
| PHIL 3811  | Philosophy Writing Workshop (taken concurrently with a 38XX 'for majors' class) | 1            |
| PHIL 4133  | Symbolic Logic I  | 3            |
| PHIL 4893  | Senior Capstone in Philosophy (A grade of C or better is required)              | 3            |
| <b>Distribution Requirements</b>   |   |              |
| Choose one course in each category (classes in each category are listed on the Philosophy Department website): |   |              |
|  | Ethics and Values   |              |
|  | Knowledge and Reality   |              |
|  | Philosophy in Society   |              |
| <b>Philosophy Electives</b>  |   |              |
| Choose 2 courses <sup>1</sup>  |   |              |
|  |   | 6            |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>  |   | <b>31</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> May not include PHIL 1113.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/patwardhan-philosophy/philosophy-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 Philosophy academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Philosophy 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         |
|           | HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 | United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present                  | 3         |                                       | Math (Core I)  | 3         |
|           |                        | Beginning Language (Core I)  | 5         |                                       | Choose one of the following:   | 3         |
|           |                        | First Year Experience (Core V)   | 3         | PHIL 1013                             | Introduction to Philosophy   |           |
|           |                        |  |           | PHIL 1103                             | Critical Reasoning   |           |
|           |                        |  |           | PHIL 1213                             | Introduction to Ethics   |           |
|           |                        |  |           |                                       | Artistic Forms (Core IV)   | 3         |
|           |                        |  |           | Beginning Language continued (Core I) | 5  |           |
|           | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |  | <b>14</b> | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>                   |  | <b>17</b> |
| SOPHOMORE |                        | PHIL Elective, lower-division  | 3         | PHIL 3333 or PHIL 3833                | History of Modern Philosophy 1 or History of Modern Philosophy for Majors <sup>1</sup> | 3         |
|           | P SC 1113              | American Federal Government ( Core III )   | 3         | PHIL 3811                             | Philosophy Writing Workshop <sup>2</sup>   | 1         |
|           |                        | Intermediate Language  | 3         |                                       | PHIL Distribution Requirement  | 3         |
|           |                        | Natural Science with lab (Core II)   | 4         |                                       | Natural Science without lab (Core II)  | 3         |
|           |                        | World Culture (Core IV)  | 3         |                                       | Social Science (Core III)  | 3         |
|           |                        |  |           |                                       | Free Elective, lower-division  | 3         |
|           | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>    |  | <b>16</b> | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b>                   |  | <b>16</b> |
| JUNIOR    | PHIL 3313 or PHIL 3813 | History of Ancient Philosophy 1 or History of Ancient Philosophy for Majors <sup>1</sup> | 3         |                                       | PHIL Distribution Requirement  | 3         |
|           | PHIL 3343 or PHIL 3843 | Chinese Philosophy 1,3 or Chinese Philosophy for Majors <sup>1,3</sup>                   | 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, lower- or upper-division  | 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> |
| SENIOR    | PHIL 4133              | Symbolic Logic I   | 3         | PHIL 4893                             | Senior Capstone in Philosophy  | 3         |
|           |                        | PHIL Distribution Requirement, upper-division (4000-level)                               | 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         |
|           |                        | 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> Students must take at least two majors only (38XX) classes.

<sup>2</sup> PHIL 3811 must be taken concurrently with a majors only (38XX) class.

<sup>3</sup> Should be taken the semester after the major is declared.