

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/ MASTER 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 <b>Summer 2024 through Spring 2025</b>

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours .....	144
Minimum Upper-Division Hours .....	48
Major Hours .....	33
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Overall - Combined .....	3.50
Overall OU .....	3.00
Major - Combined .....	3.50
Major - OU .....	3.00

Program
<b>Political Science</b>
A789/F790 Q528
Bachelor of Arts/ Master of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 29 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 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>

- College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- 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**

- The Department of Political Science does **not** permit major coursework to also fulfill General Education or Dodge College of Arts and Sciences requirements.
- P SC 1113 does not count for major credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Research Methods</b>		
P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
<b>Distribution Requirements</b>		
	Choose four courses, one course each from 4 of the following 6 groups: <sup>1</sup>	12
	Group I: American Politics	
	Group II: Comparative Politics	
	Group III: International Relations	
	Group IV: Public Administration	
	Group V: Public Policy	
	Group VI: Political Theory	
<b>Electives</b>		
	Choose 3 hours of upper-division Political Science electives	3
<b>Capstone</b>		
P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

- A list of the courses approved for each group may be obtained in the Political Science Department or on the departmental website.
- This course should be taken during the senior year. (The capstone course must be completed with a grade of C or better.)

- A minimum of 30 undergraduate upper-division free elective hours is needed to bring the total applicable hours to 144, including 48 upper-division hours.

**M.A. COMPONENT**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Graduate Core <sup>1</sup></b>		
P SC 5923	Introduction to Analysis of Political Data	3
P SC 5933	Intermediate Analysis of Political Data	3
P SC 6003	Political Science: Survey of a Discipline	3
	Choose one of the following:	3-6
P SC 5950	Research Problems (Non-Thesis option, 3 hours)	
P SC 5980	Research for Master's Thesis (Thesis option, 6 hours)	
<b>Major Emphasis</b>		
	Choose at least 9 hours in the emphasis, selected from a list maintained by the academic unit and approved by the Graduate College <sup>2</sup>	9
<b>Secondary Emphasis</b>		
	Choose at least 9 hours in the emphasis, selected from a list maintained by the academic unit and approved by the Graduate College <sup>3</sup>	9
<b>P SC Graduate Electives</b>		
	Choose Graduate-level electives to bring total applicable hours to 144, selected from a list maintained by the academic unit and approved by the Graduate College	3-6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

- These 12 hours are shared with undergraduate degree.
- Major Emphasis Areas: American Government and Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, Public Administration, Public Policy.
- Secondary Emphasis Areas: American Government and Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology, Public Administration, Public Law, Public Policy.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bachelor-arts-master-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 Department of Political Science academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Political Science 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
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government ( Core III )	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		Social Science (Core III)	3		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
SOPHOMORE	P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3		Distribution Requirement	3
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		Distribution Requirement	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
				Free Elective	1	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>18</b>
JUNIOR		P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
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	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
SENIOR	P SC 5923	Introduction to Analysis of Political Data ( shared )	3		Graduate Major Emphasis	3
	P SC 5933	Intermediate Analysis of Political Data ( shared )	3		Graduate Secondary Emphasis	3
	P SC 6003	Political Science: Survey of a Discipline ( shared )	3		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3		Graduate-level Elective	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>12</b>
FIFTH YEAR		Graduate Major Emphasis	3		Choose one of the following:	3-6
		Graduate Secondary Emphasis	3	P SC 5950	Research Problems	
		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	P SC 5980	Research for Master's Thesis ( 3 hrs shared )	
		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level) <sup>3</sup>			Graduate Major Emphasis	3
					Graduate Secondary Emphasis	3
				Graduate-level Elective	3-6	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>