

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
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	144
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	33
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	3.50
Major - Combined and OU	3.50

Program
Political Science
A790/F805 Q528
Bachelor of Arts/Master of Public Administration

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
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
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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

- The Department of Political Science does *not* permit major coursework to also fulfill General Education or Dodge College of Arts and Sciences requirements.
- The undergraduate major requires 24 hours, 18 of which must be upper-division. The graduate major requires 36 hours, 12 of which must be shared with the undergraduate major.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Research Methods		
P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
Distribution Requirements		
Choose four courses, one course each from 4 of the following 6 groups: ¹		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		
Electives		
Choose 3 hours of upper-division Political Science electives		3
Capstone		
P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science ²	3
Total Credit Hours		21

- 1 A list of the courses approved for each group may be obtained in the Political Science Department or on the departmental website.
- 2 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 necessary to bring the total applicable hours to 144, including 48 upper-division hours.

M.P.A. COMPONENT

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Graduate Core Requirements		
P SC 5003	Introduction to Public Administration	3
P SC 5913	Introduction to Analysis of Political and Administrative Data	3
P SC 5143	Program Evaluation and Applied Policy Analysis	3
P SC 5363	Public Financial Management	3
P SC 5963	Capstone in Public Administration ¹	3
or P SC 5950	Research Problems	
General Concentration Requirements		
Choose 9 hours of 5000-6000-level P SC coursework		9
P SC Graduate Electives (shared)		
Choose a minimum of 12 hours of free electives to bring total applicable hours to 144, including 48 upper-division hours		12
Total Credit Hours		36

- 1 P SC 5950 by petition only.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bachelor-arts-master-public-administration/>).

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	Beginning Language (Core I)	5
	Social Science (Core III)	3	Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	First Year Experience (Core V)	3	World Culture (Core IV)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	15	CREDIT HOURS	17
SOPHOMORE	P SC 2013 Introduction to Political Analysis	3	Distribution Requirement	3
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	Distribution Requirement	3	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
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	Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	4
	CREDIT HOURS	18	CREDIT HOURS	16
JUNIOR	P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	P SC 4093 Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
	Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	15	CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	P SC 5913 Introduction to Analysis of Political and Administrative Data	3	P SC 5363 Public Financial Management	3
	Graduate General Concentration (5000-6000-level)	3	P SC 5003 Introduction to Public Administration	3
	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS	12	CREDIT HOURS	12
FIFTH YEAR	P SC 5143 Program Evaluation and Applied Policy Analysis	3	P SC 5963 or P SC 5950 Capstone in Public Administration or Research Problems	3
	Graduate General Concentration (5000-6000-level)	3	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3
	P SC Graduate-Level Elective (shared)	3	Graduate General Concentration (5000-6000-level)	3
	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
		CREDIT HOURS	12	CREDIT HOURS