

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
DODGE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

| Academic Year |
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| For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2023 through Spring 2024 |

| General Requirements | |
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| Minimum Total Credit Hours | 120 |
| Minimum Upper-Division Hours | 48 |
| Major Hours | 33 |
| Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages: | |
| Overall - Combined and OU | 2.00 |
| Major - Combined and OU | 2.00 |

| Program |
|--------------------------|
| Political Science |
| B790 P617 |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |

¹College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

²One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level

³6 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 |
|---|--|--------------|
| 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 15 hours of P SC electives, which must include at least 12 hours of upper-division courses | | 15 |
| Capstone | | |
| P SC 4093 | Capstone Seminar in Political Science ² | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 33 |

¹A list of the courses approved for each group may be obtained in the Political Science Department or on the departmental website.

²This course should be taken during the senior year. (The capstone course must be completed with a grade of C or better.)

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-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 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 |
| | | Social Science (Core III) | 3 | P SC 1113 | American Federal Government (Core III) | 3 |
| | | First Year Experience (Core V) | 3 | | Natural Science without lab (Core II) | 3 |
| | | Artistic Forms (Core IV) | 3 | | Western Culture (Core IV) | 3 |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 |
| SOPHOMORE | P SC 2013 | Introduction to Political Analysis | 3 | | P SC Distribution Requirement | 3 |
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| | | Beginning Language (Core I) | 5 | | Beginning Language continued (Core I) | 5 |
| | | World Culture (Core IV) | 3 | | Natural Science with lab (Core II) | 4 |
| | | Free Elective, lower- or upper-division | 1 | | | |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 |
| JUNIOR | | P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 | | P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 |
| | | P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 | | P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 |
| | | Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.) | 3 | | Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.) | 3 |
| | | Intermediate Language | 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 |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 |
| SENIOR | | P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 | P SC 4093 | Capstone Seminar in Political Science | 3 |
| | | Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 | | P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 |
| | | Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 | | Free Elective, lower- or upper-division | 3 |
| | | Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level) | 3 | | Free Elective, lower- or upper-division | 3 |
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| | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 |