

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

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026	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	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.		

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120
Major Hours: 33
Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00
Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Program Code: B790 P617

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)		

Artistic Forms

Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list 3

Western Culture

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

World Culture

Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list 3

Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses

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.
- 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

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.)

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
		P SC Distribution Requirement	3		P SC Distribution Requirement	3
		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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