

**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 Summer 2025 through Spring 2026

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

Program
<b>Political Science: Law and Policy</b>
B790 P415
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)**

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**

- **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>Law and Policy Concentration</b>		
	Choose 15 hours of approved concentration coursework from the list maintained by the department. Students may choose 12-15 hours of approved P SC courses and 0-3 hours of approved courses from outside the department.	15
<b>Capstone</b>		
P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

- <sup>1</sup> 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-law-policy-bachelor-arts/>).

**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.

<b>Year</b>	<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>		<b>Hours</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>		<b>Hours</b>
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	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
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	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			
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>		Concentration coursework	3		Concentration coursework	3
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		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
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	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>		Concentration coursework	3	P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	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, lower- or upper-division	3
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