

**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: Law and Policy 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.

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 P415

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
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		
Law and Policy Concentration		
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
Capstone		
P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science ¹	3
Total Credit Hours		33

¹ 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 checklist 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		Concentration coursework	3		Concentration coursework	3
		Concentration coursework	3		Concentration coursework	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		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
		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