

# 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 <b>Summer 2025 through Spring 2026</b>

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours .....	<b>144</b>
Minimum Upper-Division Hours .....	<b>48</b>
Major Hours .....	<b>33</b>
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Overall - Combined and OU .....	<b>3.5</b>
Major - Combined and OU .....	<b>3.5</b>

Program
<b>Public &amp; Nonprofit Administration</b>
<b>A806/F805 Q559</b>
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
<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>

- College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- 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 33 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
<b>Introductory Courses</b>		
P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
P SC 3173	Administration & Society	3
P SC 3223	Making Public Policy	3
<b>Public Administration and Public Policy Core Courses</b>		
Choose 6 hours from the Public Administration & Public Policy Core course list		6
<b>American Political Institutions</b>		
Choose one of the following:		3
P SC 3113	Bureaucracy and Citizenship	
P SC 3143	U.S. Congress	
P SC 3163	The American Presidency	
P SC 4283	American Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
<b>Capstone</b>		
P SC 4203	Capstone Seminar in Public Affairs and Administration <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

- P SC 4203 must be completed with a grade of C or better.

- A minimum of 30 undergraduate upper-division free elective hours is needed to bring the total applicable hours to 144, including 48 upper-division hours.

## M.P.A. COMPONENT

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Graduate Core Requirements</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	3
or P SC 5950	Research Problems	
<b>General Concentration Requirements</b>		
Choose 9 hours of 5000-6000-level P SC coursework		9
<b>P SC Graduate Electives (shared)</b>		
Choose a minimum of 12 hours of free electives to bring total applicable hours to 144, including 48 upper-division hours		12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

- P SC 5950 by petition only.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/political-science/public-nonprofit-administration-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		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
		Social Science (Core III)	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE	P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3	P SC 3223	Making Public Policy	3
	P SC 3173	Administration & Society	3		PAA Major Elective	3
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		PAA Major Elective	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
					Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		17
JUNIOR		American Political Institutions	3	P SC 4203	Capstone Seminar in Public Affairs and Administration	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
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		Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3			
	CREDIT HOURS		18	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
		Free Elective (Lower- or Upper-Division)	1			
	CREDIT HOURS		13	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		Graduate General Concentration (5000-6000-level)	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

# **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY CORE COURSE LIST**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
P SC 3043	Gender, Power and Leadership in Politics and Public Administration	3
P SC 3113	Bureaucracy and Citizenship	3
P SC 3123	Social Statistics	3
or SOC 3123	Social Statistics	
P SC 3133	Politics and Public Administration	3
P SC 3170	Problems in Public Administration	1-3
P SC 3183	Politics of Government Budgeting	3
P SC 3193	Nonprofits and Public Policy	3
P SC 3220	Topics in Public Policy	1-3
P SC 3233	Environmental Policy and Administration	3
P SC 3263	Social Welfare	3
P SC 3313	Urban Government and Politics	3
P SC 3323	State Government	3
P SC 3910	Government Internship	2-3
P SC 3960	Honors Reading <sup>1</sup>	1-3
P SC 3970	Honors Seminar	1-3
P SC 3980	Honors Research <sup>1</sup>	1-3
P SC 3990	Independent Study <sup>1</sup>	1-3
P SC 4023	Community Scholars	3
P SC 4033	Capitol Scholars: A Service Learning Course	3
P SC 4043	Public Policy Implementation	3
P SC 4143	Policy/Program Evaluation	3
P SC 4193	The Profession of Public Management	3
P SC 4213		3
P SC 4220	Problems in Public Policy	1-3
P SC 4990	Independent Study <sup>1</sup>	1-3

<sup>1</sup> Each course may be taken only once. **Course content must be PAA related.**