

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS**  
**DODGE 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 2023 through Spring 2024	Minimum Total Credit Hours ..... 135-142 Minimum Upper-Division Hours ..... 48 Major Hours ..... 33 <b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b> Overall - Combined and OU ..... 3.00 Major - Combined and OU ..... 3.00	<b>Sociology</b> <b>A845/F845</b> Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 27 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 years.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 135-142

**Major Hours:** 33

**Minimum Upper-Division Hours:** 48

**Overall GPA - Combined and OU:** 3.00

**Major GPA - Combined and OU:** 3.00

**Program Code:** A845/F845

## 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

#### *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 <sup>1,3</sup> 3

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#### **Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)**

Choose one course 3

**Total Credit Hours** 56

<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.

## Undergraduate Major Requirements

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Sociology Core (15 hours)</b>		
SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3123	Social Statistics	3
SOC 3133	Methods of Social Research	3
SOC 3363	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 4943	Capstone in General Sociology	3
<b>Substantive Area Courses (15 hours)</b>		
Choose 5 courses from the Substantive Area course list. (p. )		15
<b>Elective Courses (3 hours)</b>		
Choose one additional Sociology course. May be selected from the Substantive Area course list.		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

- **NOTE:** Students will need to take free electives to meet the minimum required total and upper-division hours for the Bachelor's Degree. Using some of these hours to complete a minor is suggested. Minors cannot be completed after the Bachelor's Degree is awarded.

## M.A. Component Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Graduate Core (19 hours)</b>		
SOC 5283	Fundamentals of Sociological Statistics (shared with undergraduate degree) <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 5293	Advanced Methods of Social Research (shared with undergraduate degree) <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 5483	Advanced Regression Analysis (shared with undergraduate degree) <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 5683	Categorical, Panel, and Advanced Statistical Analyses (shared with undergraduate degree) <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 5821	Professionalization Seminar <sup>1</sup>	1
SOC 5933	Sociological Theory <sup>1</sup>	3
SOC 5980	Research for Master's Thesis (3 hours)	3
<b>Graduate Electives (15 hours)</b>		
Choose 15 hours of graduate-level elective coursework. <sup>2,3</sup>		15
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup>Shared courses (12-19 hours) will count in both the Undergraduate and Graduate GPAs.

<sup>2</sup>12 or more hours must be housed in the Department of Sociology at the 5000-level or above. The remaining 3 hours of graduate electives may be SOC 5960 Directed Readings, a cross-listed course housed outside the department, or another course outside the department.

<sup>3</sup>One elective course (3 hours) may be shared with the undergraduate degree.

## 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 checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with Dodge College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Sociology academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Sociology 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
		General Education Math (Core I)	3	SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Gen Ed Natural Science with Lab (Core II)	4		First Year Experience (Core V)	
		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>11</b>
SOPHOMORE	P SC 1113	American Federal Government ( Core III )	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV- US History ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
	SOC 3123	Social Statistics <sup>1</sup>	3	SOC 3133	Methods of Social Research <sup>1</sup>	3
	SOC 3363	Sociological Theory	3		SOC Substantive Area Major Requirement <sup>2</sup>	3
		Intermediate Language	3		World Culture (Core IV)	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>	
JUNIOR		SOC Substantive Area Major Requirement <sup>2</sup>	3		SOC Substantive Area Major Requirement <sup>1</sup>	3
		SOC Substantive Area Major Requirement <sup>2</sup>	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		SOC Substantive Area Major Requirement <sup>2</sup>	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen Ed)	3
		SOC Elective Major requirement <sup>3</sup>	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen Ed)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	
SENIOR	SOC 4943	Capstone in General Sociology	3	SOC 5293	Advanced Methods of Social Research <sup>4</sup>	3
	SOC 5283	Fundamentals of Sociological Statistics <sup>4</sup>	3	SOC 5821	Professionalization Seminar <sup>4</sup>	1
	SOC 5933	Sociological Theory <sup>4</sup>	3	SOC 5483	Advanced Regression Analysis <sup>4</sup>	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper- or lower-division	0-4		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12-16</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13-16</b>	
FIFTH YEAR	SOC 5683	Categorical, Panel, and Advanced Statistical Analyses <sup>4</sup>	3	SOC 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	3
		SOC Graduate Elective <sup>4</sup>	3		SOC Graduate Elective	3
		SOC Graduate Elective	3		Graduate Elective course	3
		SOC Graduate Elective	3			
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>9</b>	

<sup>1</sup> A grade of C or better must be earned in SOC 3123 and SOC 3133.

<sup>2</sup> Must be chosen from the Substantive Area Course List in the Program Requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Includes courses not used to fulfill Substantive Area requirements.

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<sup>4</sup> Up to 19 shared hours between BA and MA degrees possible if SOC 5683 and SOC Grad Elective are taken in the Senior year instead of Free Electives.

## Substantive Area Course List

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOC 2523		3
SOC 3523	Criminology	3
SOC 3533	The System of Criminal Justice	3
SOC 3623	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC 3643	Population and Society	3
SOC 3683	Wealth, Power, and Prestige	3
SOC 3713		3
SOC 3723	Sociology of Family	3
SOC 3733	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 3773	Sociology of Religion	3
SOC 3783		3
SOC 3803	Inequality in A Global Perspective	3
SOC 3813	Individual and Society	3
SOC 3843	Sociology of Aging	3
SOC 3853		3
SOC 3873		3
SOC 4603	Internship in Sociology	3