

**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 <b>Summer 2024 through Spring 2025</b>	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	<b>Sociology: Criminology Option</b>  <b>B260</b>  Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 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:** B260

## 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>		

#### 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 <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.

## 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</b>		
SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 3123	Social Statistics	3
SOC 3133	Methods of Social Research	3
SOC 3523	Criminology	3
SOC 4843	Capstone in Criminology	3
<b>Criminology Substantive Courses</b>		
Choose four courses from the Criminology Substantive list (p. 2)		12
<b>Major Elective Courses</b>		
Choose two additional Sociology courses not listed in Criminology Substantive Courses		6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

## NOTES

- PHIL 1113 Intro. to Logic will not satisfy the prerequisite to enroll in SOC 3123 Social Statistics or SOC 3133 Methods of Social Research.
- Both SOC 3123 and SOC 3133 must be completed with a grade of C or higher BEFORE the capstone.
- The capstone course should be taken the FINAL SEMESTER in residence at the university. It is only offered in Spring and Fall semesters.
- We suggest using free elective hours to help students utilize their academic skills after graduation by completing a minor or any service-learning designated class. Service-learning designated classes can be found by searching for SERV when enrolling. These classes are also very beneficial: CAS 3091 Career Planning for Arts & Sciences and CAS 4113 Life After OU-Survival Course

## Criminology Substantive Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOC 3363	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 3533	The System of Criminal Justice	3
SOC 3543	Sociology of Deviance	3
SOC 3553	Sociology of Law	3
SOC 3623	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC 3683	Wealth, Power, and Prestige	3
SOC 3900	Special Topics in Sociology	3
SOC 3903	The Sociology of Urban Street Gangs	3
SOC 3913	The Death Penalty in the United States	3
SOC 3923	Alcohol, Drugs and Society	3
SOC 3953	Juvenile Justice	3
SOC 3963		3
SOC 3973	Sociology of Violence	3
SOC 3983	Women, Girls and Crime	3
SOC 4603	Internship in Sociology	3

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-criminology-option-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 checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with Dodge College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Sociology academic advisors 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
		Math (Core I)	3	SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		First Year Experience (Core V)	3
		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>
SOPHOMORE	P SC 1113	American Federal Government ( Core III )	3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) 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 3523	Criminology	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	
JUNIOR		SOC Criminology Substantive Major Requirement	3		SOC Criminology Substantive Major Requirement	3
		SOC Criminology Substantive Major Requirement	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	
SENIOR		SOC Sociology/Criminology Elective Major Requirement	3	SOC 4843	Capstone in Criminology	3
		SOC Criminology Substantive Major Requirement	3		SOC Sociology/Criminology Elective Major Requirement	3
		Free Elective, lower-division	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	1		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3			
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	

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