

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
DODGE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2023 through Spring 2024

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	33
Upper-Division Hours within Major	21
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.00
Major - Combined and OU	2.00

Program
Women's & Gender Studies
B875
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) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

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)		
<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 & Humanities courses</i>		
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

¹College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

²One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level

³6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- Thirty-three hours are required, 21 must be upper-division.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foundation Sequence		
WGS 1003	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
LGBT 1003	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
Choose one of the following:		
WGS 3123	Social Justice and Social Change	3
WGS 3233	Women Creating Social Change	3
WGS/LGBT 3263	LGBTQ Movements	3
WGS Core Electives		
Choose 12 hours with WGS or LGBT designation - 6 hours must be upper division		12
Interdisciplinary Elective		
Choose 3 upper division hours outside the department with WGS focus from approved course list maintained by Department of WGS		3
Theory and Research Sequence		
WGS 4233	Feminist Research Methods	3
WGS 4003	Women's and Gender Studies Senior Capstone	3
WGS/LGBT 3273	Queer Theory	3
or WGS 4123	Contemporary Feminist Thought	
Total Credit Hours		33

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-bachelor-arts/>).

FREE ELECTIVES

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

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 Women's and Gender Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Women's and Gender Studies 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	LGBT 1003	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
	WGS 1003	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (Core IV- Western Culture)	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3			
	CREDIT HOURS		17	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	WGS 3123 or WGS 3233 or WGS 3263	Social Justice and Social Change or Women Creating Social Change or LGBTQ Movements	3		WGS Core Elective	3
		WGS Core Elective	3		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
		Social Science (Core III)	3		Free Elective, lower-division	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
JUNIOR		WGS Core Elective	3	WGS 4123 or WGS 3273	Contemporary Feminist Thought or Queer Theory	3
		WGS Core Elective	3		Interdisciplinary Elective, upper-division	3
		World Culture (Core IV)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
SENIOR	WGS 4233	Feminist Research Methods	3	WGS 4003	Women's and Gender Studies Senior Capstone	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	1
		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, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		13