

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE
GALLOGLY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	138
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	40
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	3.00
Major - Combined and OU	3.00

Program
Cybersecurity
A264/F261
Bachelor of Science/Master of Science

OU encourages students to complete at least 28 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses designated as Core I, II, III, IV, or V are part of the General Education curriculum. Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of General Education courses, chosen from the approved list, including at least one upper-division Gen. Ed. course outside of the student's major. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

A grade of C or better is required in each course in the curriculum, including all prerequisite courses.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language (0-10 hours in the same language)</i>		
This requirement can be met by two years of the same language in high school:		0-10
Beginning Course (0-5 hours)		
Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours)		
<i>Mathematics (minimum 3 hours)</i>		
MATH 1503	College Algebra ¹	3
Core Area II: Natural Science (minimum 7 hours, including one laboratory)		
Choose two courses from different disciplines, one must include a laboratory		7
Core Area III: Social Science		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
Core Area IV: Arts & Humanities		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course (excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493)		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course		3
Core Area V: First-Year Experience		
Choose one course		3
Total Credit Hours		37-47

¹ Major support requirements that also satisfy University General Education requirements.

OPEN ELECTIVES

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including a minimum of 40 upper-division hours.

A grade of C or better is required in each course in the curriculum, including all prerequisite courses.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
CYBS 3113	Operating Systems Fundamentals	3
CYBS 3123	Introduction to Unix Systems	3
CYBS 3213	Foundations of Cybersecurity	3
CYBS 3313	Introduction to Cyber Ethics and Law	3
CYBS 3323	Hardware Security	3
CYBS 3743	Cyberforensics Fundamentals	3
SDI 3203	Computer Networks	3
SDI 3213	Cloud Computing	3
CYBS 3913	Database Fundamentals	3
CYBS 4123/5123	System Administration ¹	3
CYBS 4203/5203	Cybersecurity Risk Management and Assessment ¹	3
CYBS 4293/5293	Introduction to Cloud Computing and Security ¹	3
CYBS 4333/5333	Incidence Response Management ¹	3
CYBS 4473/5473	Network Security ¹	3
CYBS 4963	Cybersecurity Capstone	3
Major Electives		
Choose 4 approved CYBS electives from a list maintained by the department		12
Total Credit Hours		57

¹ Shared coursework: choose up to 12 hours of 5000 level courses to be shared with the MS degree for the accelerated BS/MS program.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Math and Science		
POLY 1203	Foundations of Programming for Emerging Technologies	3
POLY 2203	Applied Statistics for Modern Computing	3
POLY 2513	Applied Discrete Mathematics for Computing	3
Total Credit Hours		9

GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

THESIS OPTION

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
Choose a minimum of 12 credits hours of core CYBS courses from the following:		12-24
CYBS 5103	Developing Secure Software	
CYBS 5123	System Administration ¹	
CYBS 5133	Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing	
CYBS 5203	Cybersecurity Risk Management and Assessment ¹	
CYBS 5293	Introduction to Cloud Computing and Security ¹	
CYBS 5323	IoT Security and Privacy	
CYBS 5333	Incidence Response Management ¹	
CYBS 5473	Network Security ¹	
Electives		
Choose 0-15 hours of electives from a list of courses (maximum of 6 hours may be chosen from Open Electives list) maintained by the department and approved by the Graduate College.		0-15
Thesis		
CYBS 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	3-6
Total Credit Hours		30

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NON-THESIS OPTION

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
Choose a minimum 12 credits hours of core CYBS courses from the following:		12-24
CYBS 5103	Developing Secure Software	
CYBS 5123	System Administration ¹	
CYBS 5133	Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing	
CYBS 5203	Cybersecurity Risk Management and Assessment ¹	
CYBS 5293	Introduction to Cloud Computing and Security ¹	
CYBS 5323	IoT Security and Privacy	
CYBS 5333	Incidence Response Management ¹	
CYBS 5473	Network Security ¹	
Electives		
Choose 3-15 hours of electives from a list of courses (maximum of 6 hours may be chosen from Open Electives list) maintained by the department and approved by the Graduate College, or additional hours from the Core Courses.		3-15
Practicum		
CYBS 5903	Master's Practicum	3
Total Credit Hours		30

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More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/gallogly-engineering/polytechnic-institute/cybersecurity-bachelor-science-master-science/>).

SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with OU Polytechnic Institute academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, Polytechnic Institute, and major requirements.

Courses designated as Core I, II, III, IV or V are part of the General Education curriculum. Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of General Education courses, chosen from the approved list. Two college-level courses in a single world language are required; this may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single world language in high school. Students who must take language at the University will have an additional 6-10 hours of coursework.

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 1503	College Algebra	3		Approved Elective, Natural Science (Core II) ³	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3	POLY 1203	Foundations of Programming for Emerging Technologies	3
	POLY 1003	Frontiers in Emerging Technologies, First-year Experience (Core V)	3		Approved Elective, Social Science (Core III) ²	3
		Open Elective, lower-division ²	3		Open Elective, lower-division ²	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		Approved Elective, World Culture (Core IV) ¹	3
		Approved Elective, Western Culture (Core IV) ¹	3		Open Elective, lower-division ²	3
	POLY 2203	Applied Statistics for Modern Computing	3		Open Elective, lower-division ²	3
		Open Elective, lower-division ²	2		Open Elective, lower-division ²	3
		Approved Elective, Natural Science with Lab (Core II-Lab) ³	4	POLY 2513	Applied Discrete Mathematics for Computing	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
JUNIOR	CYBS 3123	Introduction to Unix Systems	3	CYBS 3313	Introduction to Cyber Ethics and Law	3
	CYBS 3213	Foundations of Cybersecurity	3	CYBS 3743	Cyberforensics Fundamentals	3
	CYBS 3913	Database Fundamentals	3	CYBS 3113	Operating Systems Fundamentals	3
	SDI 3203	Computer Networks	3	CYBS 3323	Hardware Security	3
		Upper-Division Elective (3000-4000), Artistic Forms (Core IV) ¹	3	SDI 3213	Cloud Computing	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
SENIOR	CYBS 4123 or CYBS 5123	System Administration 4 or System Administration ⁴	3	CYBS 4333 or CYBS 5333	Incidence Response Management 4 or Incidence Response Management ⁴	3
	CYBS 4473 or CYBS 5473	Network Security 4 or Network Security ⁴	3	CYBS 4203 or CYBS 5203	Cybersecurity Risk Management and Assessment 4 or Cybersecurity Risk Management and Assessment ⁴	3
	CYBS 4293 or CYBS 5293	Introduction to Cloud Computing and Security 4 or Introduction to Cloud Computing and Security ⁴	3		CYBS Major Elective	3
		CYBS Major Elective	3		CYBS Major Elective	3
		CYBS Major Elective	3	CYBS 4963	Cybersecurity Capstone	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
FIFTH YEAR		5000 Level MS Core Course or Approved Elective ⁵	3		5000 Level MS Core Course or Approved Elective ⁵	3
		5000 Level MS Core Course or Approved Elective ⁵	3		5000 Level MS Core Course or Approved Elective ⁵	3
		Choose one of the following:	3		Choose one of the following:	3
	SDI 5980	Research for Master's Thesis		CYBS 5903	Master's Practicum	
		5000 Level Approved Elective		CYBS 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	
	CREDIT HOURS		9	CREDIT HOURS		9

¹ To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three of these hours must be upper-division (3000-4000). See list in the Class Schedule.

² Open electives are not required to be General Education approved.

³ Courses taken to fulfill the Natural Science requirement must be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List (Core II). At least one of the natural science courses must have a laboratory component.

⁴ Choose up to 12 hours of 5000 level MS courses to be shared between the BS and MS degrees.

⁵ Minimum 6 hours of MS Core Courses; maximum of 9 hours of MS approved electives (max 6 hours of MS approved open electives)