

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	124
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	40
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.75
Major - Combined and OU	2.75

Program
Social Studies Education
B837
Bachelor of Science

OU encourages students to complete at least 31 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses taken to fulfill the University General Education Requirements must be chosen from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>. The following courses meet minimum University, College, and State General Education Requirements.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>Communication Skills (9 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I-EN1)	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I-EN2)	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
COMM 1113	Principles of Communication (Core I)	3
or COMM 2613	Public Speaking	
<i>Language (0-10 hours)</i>		0-10
University-Wide General Education Requirement: Choose two college-level courses in a single language; may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single language in high school (Core I)		
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English OR demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to address the needs of Emergent Bilingual (English Learner) students in the P-12 classroom and are proficient in the strategies required for successful delivery of P-12 instruction in that area ¹		
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one MATH course (Core I-MATH)		3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory course)		
Choose one course in the biological sciences: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO (Core II-NS)		3-5
One course in the physical sciences is required (AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS), which is satisfied by GEOG 1114 (Core II-NSL) in the Specialized Education section		
Core Area III: Social Science (9 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III-PSC)	3
SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology (Core III-SS)	3
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro (Core III-SS)	3
or ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865 (Core IV-HIST)	3
HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	3
GEOG 1103	Human Geography (Core IV-WC)	3
Artistic Forms: Choose one course from the General Education Approved List (Core IV-AF)		3
World Culture: Choose one course from the General Education Approved List (3000-level or above, and advisor approved (Core IV-WDC)		3
Choose a World Civilization Elective (advisor approved)		3
Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one course (Core V-FYE)		3
Total Credit Hours		45-55

¹ The novice-high level language requirement may be satisfied by classical, modern, Native or American Sign Language. Courses that demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to address the needs of Emergent Bilingual students are determined by the College of Education.

The 45 hours above, along with HIST 1623, GEOG 1114, GEOG 2603 (10 hours) in the Professional and Specialized Education requirements, comprise the 55 required Liberal Arts hours.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Professional Education and the Specialized Education courses for graduation.

Certification: To be fully certified, students must pass Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators and apply for a license.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Professional Education (34 hours)		
EIPT 3473	Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers ¹	3
EDSP 3053	Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners	3
EIPT 3043	Learning with Educational Technologies	3
EDS 4003	Schools in American Cultures ¹	3
EIPT 3483	Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers	3
EDSS 4553	Foundations and Mentoring in Social Studies	3
EDSS 4563	Teaching Secondary School Social Studies ¹	3
ILAC 4243	Student Teaching Seminar ²	3
EDUC 4060	Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School ^{1,2}	10
Specialized Education (45 hours)		
HIST 3393	History of Oklahoma	3
HIST 1613	Western Civilization I	3
HIST 1623	Western Civilization II ³	3
Choose 3 hours of World History Electives ⁴		3
GEOG 1114	Physical Geography (II-Lab) ³	4
GEOG 2603	World Regional Geography ³	3
Choose two courses from the Political Science Electives list ⁴		6
Choose 9 hours in American History Electives ⁴		9
Choose 6 hours of Social Science Perspectives from one of the following areas: ⁴		6
Economics		
Sociology		
Psychology		
Choose advisor-approved electives, if needed, to meet the minimum of 124 total hours		5
Total Credit Hours		79

¹ These courses require field experience.
² These courses are taken together in the final semester.
³ These 10 hours along with the 45 hours listed in General Education comprise the 55 hours required for General Education.
⁴ A minimum of 12 hours taken from electives in World History, Political Science, American History, or Social Science Perspectives must be completed at the upper-division level.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/rainbolt-education/instructional-leadership-academic-curriculum/social-studies-education-bachelor-science/>).

CERTIFICATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Field Experiences: Transfer students without appropriate field experiences may be required to enroll in EDUC 2400.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: Only general education electives may be taken under the pass/no pass option.

Residence Requirements: Students must complete either the last 30 hours or 45 of the last 60 hours after being fully admitted to a teacher education program to satisfy this requirement.

Requirements to be Completed to be Eligible for Student Teaching Internship: Students must be in good standing and have completed all baccalaureate degree requirements with the exception of the appropriate internship course itself and the courses taken with it in the final semester per their major requirements.

Junior College Transfer Students: Students transferring from a junior college may use the transferred credit to meet certain lower-division course requirements only; that is, freshman and sophomore-level courses.

Degree Completion Responsibility: Although the Dean's Office checks each student's records, **the responsibility for meeting degree requirements lies with the student** and not with the advisor or the Dean. Each student should obtain a copy of his or her requirements for graduation and check it regularly as he or she completes his or her degree program.

Graduation Application: The final step to be completed by the student before graduation is the filing of an official Application for Graduation. The Application for Graduation should be filled out online by May 1 for fall graduation, December 1 for spring graduation, and March 1 for summer graduation. **The student's degree will not be conferred, nor any completion statement entered on their transcript, until the required application is filed.**

ADMISSION & RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the student to read and be familiar with the requirements for Admission to, and Retention in, the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education. The current Admission and Retention policies can be found in the college's overview page in the OU General Catalog, under the Undergraduate tab here: <http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/rainbolt-education/#undergraduatetext>.

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 College of Education academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Education, and major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I-EN1)	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I-EN2) or Expository Writing	3
		MATH (Core I-MATH)	3	HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present (Core IV-HIST)	3
	HIST 1483	United States to 1865 (Core IV-HIST)	3	SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology (Core III-SS)	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III-PSC)	3		Arts & Humanities (Core IV-Artistic Forms)	3
		First Year Experience (Core V-FYE)	3		Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO (Core II-NS)	3-5
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15-17
SOPHOMORE	ECON 1113 or ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Macro (Core III-SS) or Principles of Economics-Micro	3	EIPT 3473	Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers	3
	GEOG 1114	Physical Geography (Core II-NSL)	4	EDSP 3053	Understanding and Accommodating Exceptional Learners	3
	HIST 1613	Western Civilization I	3	EDSS 4553	Foundations and Mentoring in Social Studies	3
		P SC Chosen from list	3	HIST 1623	Western Civilization II	3
		P SC Chosen from list	3	GEOG 1103	Human Geography (Core IV-WC)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		15
JUNIOR	COMM 1113 or COMM 2613	Principles of Communication (Core I) or Public Speaking	3	EIPT 3043	Learning with Educational Technologies	3
	EDS 4003	Schools in American Cultures	3		American History Elective	3
	GEOG 2603	World Regional Geography (Core IV-WC)	3		Social Science Perspectives Elective-ECON/SOC/PSY	3
		History Elective	3		Advisor-approved Elective	5
		Social Science Perspectives Elective-ECON/SOC/PSY	3		World Culture—Upper-Division (Core IV-WDC, Advisor Approved)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		17
SENIOR	EDSS 4563	Teaching Secondary School Social Studies	3	EDUC 4060	Teaching Experiences in the Secondary School	10
	EIPT 3483	Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers	3	ILAC 4243	Student Teaching Seminar	3
	HIST 3393	History of Oklahoma	3			
		American History Elective	3			
		American History Elective	3			
	World Civilization/History Elective	3				
	CREDIT HOURS		18	CREDIT HOURS		13

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE COURSE LIST

Code	Title	Credit Hours
P SC 2103	Politics in America	3
P SC 2503	Global Politics	3
P SC 2603	Governments Around the World	3
P SC 3020	Problems in American Government and Politics	1-3
P SC 3033	Religion and Politics in America	3
P SC 3053	Global Religion and American Foreign Policy	3
P SC 3143	U.S. Congress	3
P SC 3163	The American Presidency	3
P SC 3213	Law, Politics, and Society	3
P SC 3323	State Government	3
P SC 3403	Interest Groups and Social Movements	3
P SC 3413	American Political Parties	3
P SC 3433	Voters and Campaigns	3
P SC 3443	Mass Media and American Politics	3
P SC 3723	Foundations of American Politics	3
P SC 3970	Honors Seminar	1-3
P SC 4020	Problems in American Government	1-3