

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2019 through Spring 2020

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	36
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.00
Major - Combined and OU	2.00

Program
Environmental Studies
B406
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 graded P/NP will not apply

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and 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>.

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>Foreign 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: Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Civilization & Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)		3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Non-Western Culture list		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Humanities courses</i>		
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ^{1,3}		3
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ^{1,3}		3
Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one General Education Capstone 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.**

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 College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- A Grade of C or better must be earned in each course counted for major and major support credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core		
<i>Group I - Environmental Sciences</i>		
Choose 9 hours ¹		9
<i>Group II - Environmental Humanities</i>		
Choose 9 hours ¹		9
<i>Group III - Environmental Social Sciences</i>		
ENST 1013	Consumption and the Environment	3
Choose 6 hours ¹		6
<i>Group IV - Environmentally-related Skills</i>		
Choose 6 hrs including a minimum of 3 hrs of Math or Statistics ¹		6
<i>Capstone</i>		
ENST 4983	Environmental Studies Senior Capstone	3
Total Credit Hours		36

¹Chosen from an approved course list available from the department or as approved by faculty advisor.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biological & Physical Science Support		
Choose a minimum of 7 hours (can fulfill Gen Ed Core II Natural Science requirements) ¹		7
Total Credit Hours		7

¹Chosen from an approved course list available from the department or as approved by faculty advisor.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/archived-catalogs/2019-2020/arts-sciences/environmental-studies/environmental-studies-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.

Special Degrees: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

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 College of Arts and Sciences academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Planned Program 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
	ENST 1013	Consumption and the Environment	3		Gen Ed Physical Science (Core II) & Major Support Requirement ¹	4
		Math (Core I) & Major Requirement Group IV	3		Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
		Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5		Free Elective, lower-division	3
	CREDIT HOURS		14	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
		Intermediate Foreign Language	3		Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
		Gen Ed Biological Science (Core II) & Major Support Requirement ¹	4		Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
		Social Sciences (Core III)	3		Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		15
	JUNIOR		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV
		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
		Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15	
SENIOR		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3	ENST 4983	Environmental Studies Senior Capstone	3
		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3		Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15

¹ Courses must be chosen from the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Major Support lists maintained by the department, and one of these courses must include a laboratory.