AMERICAN STUDIES, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2020-2021. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00
Total Hours: 120

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General Education Requirements

**English Composition**

See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)

ENGL 1113 Composition I 3
or ENGL 1313 Critical Analysis and Writing I

ENGL 1213 Composition II 3
or ENGL 1413 Critical Analysis and Writing II
or ENGL 3323 Technical Writing

American History & Government

HIST 1103 Survey of American History 3
or HIST 1483 American History to 1865 (H)
or HIST 1493 American History Since 1865 (DH)

POLS 1113 American Government 3

Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)

MATH or STAT course designated (A) 3

Humanities (H)

Courses designated (H) 6
Natural Sciences (N)

Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course
Courses designated (N) 6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)

Courses designated (S) 3

Additional General Education

Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S) 10

Subtotal Hours 40

Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I)

May be completed in any part of the degree plan
Select at least one Diversity (D) course
Select at least one International Dimension (I) course

College/Departmental Requirements

*First Year Seminar*

(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt) 1

*Arts & Humanities*

See note 2.a. 3

*Natural & Mathematical Sciences*

See note 2.b. 9

*Foreign Language*

See note 3. 0-6 hours

Upper-division General Education

6 hours outside AMST, American History and American Literature
See note 2.c.

Subtotal Hours 13

Major Requirements

Minimum GPA 2.50. Minimum grade of 'C' in all AMST upper-division courses. No more than 9 hours in Major Requirements may be taken from 2000 level courses.

AMST 3223 Theories and Methods of American Studies 3
AMST 4973 Senior Seminar in American Studies 3

American Studies

Select 9 hours (6 hours must be upper division) of AMST courses other than AMST 3223 & AMST 4973; and courses listed in the following four categories.

American History

Select 6 hours of the following (3 hours must be upper-division): 6

HIST 2333 American Thought and Culture: Survey (H)
HIST 2343 Religion in America (DH)
HIST 3133 African Diaspora History (DH)
HIST 3613 American Colonial Period to 1750 (H)
HIST 3623 Era of the American Revolution (H)
HIST 3633 Early National Period, 1787-1828 (H)
HIST 3643 The Jacksonian Era, 1828-1850 (H)
HIST 3653 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIST 3663 U.S History 1877-1919 (H)
HIST 3673 United States History, 1919-45 (DH)
HIST 3683 United States History Since 1945 (DH)
HIST 3693 The Modern West (H)
HIST 3703 Oklahoma History (DH)
HIST 3713 Women in the American West (DH)
HIST 3753 Trans-Mississippi West (DH)
HIST 3763 American Southwest (DH)
HIST 3773 Old South (S)
HIST 3793 Native American History (DH)
HIST 3803 History of Food (H)
HIST 3853 History of the North American Borderlands (DH)
HIST 4063 Historic Preservation
HIST 4073 Digital Methods in History
HIST 4153 African American History, 1619-1865 (DH)
HIST 4163 African American History, 1865-Present (DH)
HIST 4173 Black Intellectual History (DH)
HIST 4253 U.S. Foreign Relations to 1945 (H)
HIST 4273 U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1945 (H)
HIST 4333 History of Sexuality in the United States (D)
HIST 4353 American Military History (H)
HIST 4363 US History through the Lenses of Popular and Unpopular Music (DH)
HIST 4453 History and Film (H)
HIST 4463 American Cultural History to 1865 (H)
HIST 4483 American Cultural History Since 1865 (H)
HIST 4493 Frontier in American Memory (DH)
HIST 4503 American Urban History (H)
Select 6 hours of the following (3 hours must be upper-division):

GWST 3613  Race and Reproduction in the U.S. (D)
GWST 3713  Gender and Representation (D)
GWST 4113  Feminist Theories
GWST 4503  Theorizing Men and Masculinities
MUSI 3573  America's Ethnic Music (DH)
MUSI 3741  Survey of Rock and Roll I
MUSI 3751  Survey of Rock and Roll II
PHIL 2043  Philosophy of Film (H)
PHIL 2053  Philosophy in Literature (H)
PHIL 2513  Philosophy and Culture (H)
PHIL 3413  Ethical Theory (H)
PHIL 3513  Social Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3613  Philosophy of Religion (H)
PHIL 3623  Philosophy of Race (DH)
PHIL 3633  MLK, Malcolm X, & Philosophy of Race (DH)
PHIL 3773  Social Media Today (H)
PHIL 3813  American Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3843  Philosophy of Law (H)
PHIL 3853  Pragmatism (H)
PHIL 4113  Philosophy and the Arts (H)
REL 4033  American Christianity through the Colonial Period (H)

Social Sciences
Select 6 hours of the following:

AMST 3333  Crime, Law and American Culture (S)
AMST 4103  The Death Penalty in America (S)
ECON 3823  American Economic History (S)
ECON 4913  Urban and Regional Economics
GEOG 3123  Urban Geography (S)
GEOG 3133  Political Geography (IS)
GEOG 3163  Economic Geography (S)
GEOG 3173  Cultural Geography (S)
GEOG 3243  Geography of Indian Country (DS)
GEOG 3703  Geography Of Oklahoma (S)
GEOG 3713  Exploring North America and Diversity (DS)
GEOG 4113  Environment and Development
GEOG 4143  Geography of Travel and Tourism
GEOG 4213  Sport, Place and Society (S)
GWST 2113  Transnational Women's Studies (S)
POLS 2023  The Individual And The Law
POLS 3353  Political Parties
POLS 3423  Voting and Elections
POLS 3443  Pol Campaigns And Candidacy
POLS 3453  U.S. Congress
POLS 3483  The American Presidency
POLS 3493  Public Policy
POLS 3513  Public Opinion and Polling
POLS 3523  Money, Media And Politics
POLS 3533  Lobbying: the Art of Influence and Manipulation
POLS 3613  State and Local Government
POLS 3663  Introduction to Political Thought
### Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.
- **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be applied to degree requirements.

### College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **General Education Requirements**

   No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department (http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/) may be used to meet General Education and College Departmental Requirements. The General Education required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**

   a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
   
   b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIOL, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
   
   c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student’s major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   
   d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One 3-hour course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   
   e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.

3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**

   a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
   
   b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

### Electives

- For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be applied to degree requirements.

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9 hours upper-division courses | 9
Subtotal Hours | 48
Electives | 19

May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language. See note 3.

May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside AMST, American History and American Literature (see note 2.c.) and 1 additional upper-division hour.

Subtotal Hours | 19
Total Hours | 120
c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

4. Exclusions
a. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum allowed from one department.

b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

5. Teacher Certification
Students can satisfy the requirements for secondary schools teaching certification while earning a B.A. or B.S. in the College of Arts & Sciences. Those interested should see their Arts and Sciences advisor and the OSU Professional Education Unit in room 325 Willard.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2026.