ZOOLOGY, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2022-2023. 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

Code Title Hours

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
Select one of the following: 3
ENGL 1213 Composition II
ENGL 1413 Critical Analysis and Writing II
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 1813 Preparation for Calculus (A) (or higher) 1 3
or MATH 1613 Trigonometry (A)
STAT 4013 Statistical Methods I (A) 1 3
or STAT 2013 Elementary Statistics (A)

Humanities (H)
Courses designated (H) 6
Natural Sciences (N)
Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course
PHYS 1114 College Physics I (LN) 1 4
or PHYS 2014 University Physics I (LN)
PHYS 1214 College Physics II (LN) 1 4
or PHYS 2114 University Physics II (LN)

Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)
Course designated (S) 3

Additional General Education
Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S) 6

Hours Subtotal 41

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.

Natural & Mathematical Sciences
CHEM 1314 Chemistry I (LN) 4
CHEM 1515 Chemistry II (LN) 5

Foreign Language
See note 3
0-6 hours

Upper-Division General Education
Select 6 hours outside major department
See note 2.c.

Hours Subtotal 13

Major Requirements 2
Minimum grade of “C” in each course.

Core Courses
BIOL 1113 & BIOL 1111 Introductory Biology (N) and Introductory Biology Laboratory (LN) 4
or BIOL 1114 Introductory Biology (LN)
BIOL 1604 Animal Biology 4
BIOL 3023 General Genetics 2 3
BIOL 3034 General Ecology 4
BIOL 3104 Invertebrate Zoology 4
BIOL 3114 Vertebrate Zoology 4
BIOL 3204 Physiology 4
BIOL 4133 Evolution 2 3
BIOL 4700 Undergraduate Research Problems (1 hour) 1
or BIOL 4710 Internships in Integrative Biology
MICR 2123 Introduction to Microbiology 3
or MICR 3033 Cell and Molecular Biology

Select one of the following: 5
CHEM 3013 & CHEM 3012 Survey of Organic Chemistry and Survey of Organic Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 3053 Organic Chemistry I & CHEM 3112 Organic Chemistry Laboratory & CHEM 3153 Organic Chemistry II
Select 10 hours upper-division BIOL courses with a laboratory in at least one course (excluding general education courses) 10

Supplemental Courses
Select 2 of the following from different prefixes: 6
BIOC 3653 Survey of Biochemistry
ENGL 3323 Technical Writing
ENVR 3113 Sampling and Analyses for Solving Environmental Problems
GEOG 3023 Climatology (N)
GEOG 4053 Biogeography
GEOG 4073 Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future
GEOG 4203 Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems
GEOL 3043 Geology of the National Parks (N)
GEOL 3503 Environmental Geology (N)
GEOL 4503 Introduction to Oceanography (N)
Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in all BIOL courses.
- Upper-Division Credit: Total hours must include at least 48 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
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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, BIO, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, 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
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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.

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 2028.