UNIVERSITY STUDIES, BUS

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2017-2018. 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

Purpose
Individualization and flexibility are features of the program leading to the degree of Bachelor of University Studies. The program is designed for goal-directed, motivated, and mature students who find that the present degree programs (majors) at the University will not enable them to attain their educational objectives. The Bachelor of University Studies degree program allows a student to use the total resources of the University available to accomplish unique educational objectives. The program may or may not prepare a student for a particular occupation or for entry into a professional school.

Degree Requirements
1. All students who intend to present a program for the University Studies degree should be enrolled in one of the colleges of the University or the Office of University Academic Services.
2. The study plan must include no fewer than 50 upper-division semester credit hours which are selected from two or more disciplines and which in their aggregate comprise a rational combination of concepts and skills.
3. The study plan must fulfill all general education requirements of the University (English composition, American history, American government, analytical & quantitative thought, humanities, natural sciences, social & behavioral sciences, international dimension, scientific investigation, and diversity courses). Additional general education courses may be required by the college in which the degree is granted.
4. A minimum of 120 semester credit hours shall be required for granting the degree.

Procedure
Students who believe their educational objectives can best be fulfilled through a Bachelor of University Studies degree program will be responsible for complying with the following procedures:
1. Obtain the declaration of major form for the Bachelor of University Studies from the Office of Director of Student Academic Services in the college that will grant the degree, the Office of University Academic Services, or Advising Center at OSU-Tulsa.
2. Complete the form with help of an adviser and submit it along with copies of the student’s transcript(s) to the office of the dean of the college from which the degree is to be awarded.
3. The dean or a designated administrative officer of the college will schedule an interview with the student to determine whether the student’s educational objectives can best be met through a Bachelor of University Studies degree program or through one of the departmental degree programs.
4. If it is determined that the student’s education objectives can be met best by the Bachelor of University Studies degree program, the student will work with an adviser to identify an advisory body of at least two departmental representatives (faculty members or advisers).
5. The student will obtain signatures from the departmental representatives showing approval of the major.
6. The student will submit the completed application to the office of the dean. The dean or designated college official will review the application and determine if the request complies with requirements of the Bachelor of University Studies degree. If the application is approved by the dean, it will be forwarded to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
7. Copies of applications approved or denied by the Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs will be sent to the student and the dean. Approved applications will also be sent to the Office of the Registrar, where they will be used for checking graduation requirements.
8. Any necessary changes in the approved program should be requested by the student through the student’s adviser and dean.
9. The student will be responsible for fulfilling the approved graduation requirements for the degree and should submit a diploma application at the time of enrollment for final semester of course work.

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 2023.