ENGLISH: PROFESSIONAL WRITING, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (https://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 (https://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
Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)		
Courses designated (H)		6
Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Course designated (N)		6
Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)		
Course designated (S)		3
Diversity (D)		
Courses designated (D)		3
Global Cultural Competency (G)		
Courses designated (G)		3
Additional General Education		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Hours Subtotal		**40**
College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course)	1
Arts & Humanities		
ENGL 2243	Language, Text and Culture (GH)	3
Select 6 additional hours		6
See note 2.a.		
Natural & Mathematical Sciences		
See note 2.b.		3
Foreign Language		
See note 3		9
Non-Western Studies		
See note 2.d.		
Upper-Division General Education		
Select 6 hours outside major department		
See note 2.c.		
Hours Subtotal		**22**
Major Requirements		
Core Courses		
ENGL 2233	Writing as a Profession (H)	3
ENGL 3203	Advanced Composition	3
ENGL 3223	Professional Writing Theory	3
ENGL 4523	Professional Writing Internship	3
ENGL 4530	Studies in Professional Writing	3
ENGL 4543	Style and Editing	3
ENGL 4553	Visual Rhetoric and Design	3
ENGL 4583	Writing for the Public	3
Professional Writing/Linguistics		
Select 9 hours of the following:		9
ENGL 2253	Theory and Practice of Digital Studies	
ENGL 4003	History of the English Language	
ENGL 4013	English Grammar	
ENGL 4033	Discourse Analysis	
ENGL 4043	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	
ENGL 4073	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	
ENGL 4093	Language in America (DS)	
ENGL 4573	Games and Writing	
ENGL 4593	Writing Across the Disciplines	
English electives		
Select 9 hours additional ENGL Electives (6 hours must be upper-division)		9
Select 12 hours of non-ENGL upper-division courses		12
Hours Subtotal		**54**
Electives		
Select 4 hours		4
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.)		
Hours Subtotal		**4**
Total Hours		**120**

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- Minimum GPA 3.00 in all ENGL courses and a minimum grade of "C' in each ENGL course (excluding English Composition and free electives).

- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. 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 required from one department.
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 (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) 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, BIOC, 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. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (https://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/). 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 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.
   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**. 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 2032.