

AMERICAN STUDIES: PRE-LAW, 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		
<i>English Composition</i>		
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	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
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
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Courses designated (N)		6
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
SPCH 2713	Introduction to Speech Communication (S)	3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
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

See note 2.a. 9

Natural & Mathematical Sciences

PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q) 3

Foreign Language

See note 3 9

Non-Western Studies

Select at least one course

See note 2.d.

Upper-Division General Education

Select 6 hours outside major department

See note 2.c.

Hours Subtotal 22

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 additional AMST courses other than AMST 3223 and AMST 4973; and courses listed in the following three categories. 9

American History

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

HIST 2133 African Diaspora History(DH)

HIST 2153 African American History, 1619-1865 (DH)

HIST 2163 African American History, 1865-Present (DH)

HIST 2333 American Thought and Culture: Survey (H)

HIST 2343 Religion in America (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 Antebellum America, 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 The American South to 1860

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 4173 Black Intellectual History (DH)

HIST 4253	U.S. Foreign Relations to 1945 (H)
HIST 4273	U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1945 (H)
HIST 4353	American Military History (H)
HIST 4363	US History through 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 (H)
HIST 4513	Economic History of the US (S)
HIST 4523	American Environmental History (H)
HIST 4543	Vietnam War (GH)
HIST 4553	Gender in America (DH)
HIST 4563	Cold War (GH)
HIST 4593	America in International Perspective (H)

American Literary and Cultural Studies

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

ENGL 2453	Introduction to Film and Television (H)
ENGL 2773	Survey of American Literature I (H)
ENGL 2883	Survey of American Literature II (DH)
ENGL 3153	Readings in Literature by Women (DH)
ENGL 3183	Native American Literature (DH)
ENGL 3190	Readings in Postcolonial and Multiethnic Literature
ENGL 3193	African-American Literature (DH)
ENGL 3410	Readings in Popular Fiction
ENGL 3453	History of American Film (H)
ENGL 3473	Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Film (D)
ENGL 3503	Television and American Society (DH)
ENGL 3813	Readings in the American Experience (DH)
ENGL 4093	Language in America (DS)
ENGL 4200	Studies in Early American Literature
ENGL 4210	Studies in 19th Century American Literature
ENGL 4220	Studies in 20th Century American Literature
ENGL 4230	Literature of Diversity
ENGL 4333	Studies in Native American Literature
ENGL 4400	Studies in Regional Literature

Legal Emphasis

Select 12 hours upper division of the following: 12

AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)
AMST 3333	Crime, Law and American Culture (S)
AMST 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S)
GEOG 3133	Political Geography (GS)
PHIL 3513	Social & Political Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis
POLS 3523	Money, Media And Politics
POLS 3963	State Courts and the Bar
POLS 4353	Administrative Law

POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy
POLS 4593	Natural Resources and Environmental Policy
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers
POLS 4980	Advanced Topics in Public Law
PSYC 4293	Forensic Psychology
SOC 3523	Juvenile Delinquency (DS)
SOC 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S)
SOC 4313	Sociology of Law
SOC 4333	Criminology (S)
SOC 4743	Criminalistics: Introduction to Forensic Sciences
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)
SPCH 4793	Nonverbal Communication (S)

Select 9 hours of upper-division courses 9

Hours Subtotal 48**Electives** 10

May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.) and 1 additional upper-division hour.

Recommend ECON 2103 and POLS 2023

Hours Subtotal 10**Total Hours** 120

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.

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 (Q) 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.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an **example** of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
AMST 2103	Introduction to American Studies (DH)	3
General Education courses		9
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
General Education Courses		12
Hours		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (Q)	3
1713 First Semester Foreign Language		3
Major, College, and Elective courses		9
Hours		15
Spring		
1813 Second Semester Foreign Language		3
Major, College, and Elective courses		12
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
AMST 3223	Theories and Methods of American Studies	3
2000-level Foreign Language		3
Major, College, and Elective courses		9
Hours		15
Spring		
American Indian Studies courses		6
College and Electives courses		9
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
Major, College, and Elective courses		15
Hours		15
Spring		
AMST 4973	Senior Seminar in American Studies	3
Major, College, and Elective courses		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		120