

# AMERICAN STUDIES: PRE-LAW, BS

## 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     |
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| <b>General Education Requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                  |           |
| <i>English Composition</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |           |
| See Academic Regulation 3.5 ( <a href="https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition">https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition</a> )                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                  |           |
| 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                  |           |
| MATH or STAT course designated (Q)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  | 3         |
| <i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage &amp; 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 &amp; 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         |
| <b>Hours Subtotal</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                  | <b>40</b> |
| <b>College/Departmental Requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |           |
| UNIV 1111                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course) | 1         |

### Arts & Humanities

See note 2.a. 3

### Natural & Mathematical Sciences

PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q) 3

See note 2.b. 6

### Foreign Languages

See note 3.

0-6 hours

### Upper-Division General Education

Select 6 hours outside AMST, American History and American Literature

See note 2.c.

**Hours Subtotal 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 additional AMST courses other than AMST 3223 and AMST 4973 and courses listed in the following four categories. 9

### American History

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

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| 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 from the following (3 hours must be upper-division): 6

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| 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) from the following: 12

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| 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 3523 | Money, Media And Politics           |
| POLS 3963 | State Courts and the Bar            |
| POLS 3983 | Courts and Judicial Process (S)     |
| POLS 3993 | Legal Research And Analysis         |

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| 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 4313  | Sociology of Law                                    |
| SOC 4333  | Criminology (S)                                     |
| SOC 4743  | Criminalistics: Introduction to Forensic Sciences   |
| SOC 4103  | The Death Penalty in America (S)                    |
| SPCH 3733 | Elements of Persuasion (S)                          |
| SPCH 4793 | Nonverbal Communication (S)                         |

9 hours of 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.

**Hours Subtotal 19**

Recommend ECON 2103 and POLS 2023

**Total Hours 120**

## Other Requirements:

- See 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, BIOG, 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.

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.

## 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