

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	49
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.50
Major - Combined and OU	2.50

Program
Social Work
B840
Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The college requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2}		0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list		3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹		3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹		3-4
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list		3
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses</i>		
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		3
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Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one course		3
Total Credit Hours		56

- College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

FREE ELECTIVES

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- Social Work majors must earn at least a 2.50 overall grade average; at least a 2.50 grade average in required social work courses; an S in S WK 4315 and S WK 4325; and at least a C in all required social work courses and the major support requirements.
- Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.25 to be eligible for admission.

Prior to Junior Year: Students who have completed prerequisites and meet the minimum grade requirement must file an application to be admitted to the program. Because admission is competitive, not every applicant will be admitted.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
S WK 2113	Introduction to Social Work	3
S WK 2223	Statistics for Social Work	3
S WK 3003	Interviewing Skills for Generalist Practice	3
S WK 3103	Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families	3
S WK 3113	Generalist Practice with Families and Groups	3
S WK 3233	Human Behavior: Individuals and Families	3
S WK 3313	Social Welfare Policy: Analysis and Practice	3
S WK 3323	Social Determinants of Health	3
S WK 4083	Undergraduate Social Work Research Methods I ¹	3
S WK 4093	Undergraduate Social Work Research Methods II	3
S WK 4103	Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities	3
S WK 4313	Practicum Seminar I	3
S WK 4315	Practicum I	5
S WK 4323	Practicum Seminar II	3
S WK 4325	Practicum II	5
Total Credit Hours		49

- All majors must complete a statistics course before enrolling in S WK 4083.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose one of the following (with or without a laboratory):		3-5
BIOL 1005	Concepts in Biology	
BIOL 1013	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL 1114	Introductory Zoology	
BIOL 1124	Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys	
BIOL 1134	Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology and Diversity	
BIOL 2124	Human Physiology	
BIOL 2234	Introduction to Human Anatomy	
BIOL 2255	Human Anatomy	
HES 1823	Scientific Principles of Health and Disease	
PSY 1113	Elements of Psychology	3
SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Credit Hours		9-11

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/zarrow-social-work/social-work-bachelor-arts/>).

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Arts and Sciences Hours: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled “Independent Study”): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. Courses: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with Dodge College of Arts and Sciences and School of Social Work academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Social Work major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER			Hours	SECOND SEMESTER			Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)		3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Coe I) or Expository Writing		3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)		3	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present		3
		Beginning Language, Spanish is recommended (Core I)		5	SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology (Core III) ^{1,2}		3
		Artistic Forms (Core IV)		3		Beginning Language continued, Spanish is recommended (Core I)		5
		First Year Experience (Core V)		3		Free Elective, lower-division		3
		CREDIT HOURS		17		CREDIT HOURS		17
SOPHOMORE	PSY 1113	Elements of Psychology ^{1,2}		3	S WK 2113	Introduction to Social Work ²		3
		Intermediate Language		3		Biology Major Support Requirement (with lab, see Program Requirements tab) ^{1,2}		3-5
		World Culture (Core IV)		3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
		Physical Science without lab (Core II)		3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
		Western Culture (Core IV)		3		Free Elective, lower-division		3
		CREDIT HOURS		15		CREDIT HOURS		15-17
JUNIOR	S WK 2223	Statistics for Social Work ²		3	S WK 3003	Interviewing Skills for Generalist Practice ²		3
	S WK 3103	Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families ²		3	S WK 3313	Social Welfare Policy: Analysis and Practice ²		3
	S WK 3113	Generalist Practice with Families and Groups ²		3	S WK 4083	Undergraduate Social Work Research Methods I ²		3
	S WK 3233	Human Behavior: Individuals and Families ²		3	S WK 4103	Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities ²		3
	S WK 3323	Social Determinants of Health ²		3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division (Social Sciences is recommended)		3
		CREDIT HOURS		15		CREDIT HOURS		15
SENIOR	S WK 4093	Undergraduate Social Work Research Methods II ²		3	S WK 4325	Practicum II ²		5
	S WK 4313	Practicum Seminar I ²		3	S WK 4323	Practicum Seminar II ²		3
	S WK 4315	Practicum I ²		5		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division (Social Science is recommended)		3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		3		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		1
		CREDIT HOURS		14		CREDIT HOURS		12

¹ Program prerequisites (nine hours) are courses that must be completed before entering the social work major. Must be completed with a C or better.

² All Social Work Major Requirements and Major Support must be completed with a a grade of C or better and the combined retention GPA to graduate must be 2.50 or higher. **This major is highly structured and courses must be taken in the proper sequence according to prerequisites and corequisites.**