

PHILOSOPHY: ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY, BA

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2025-2026. 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

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1313	Composition I Critical Analysis and Writing I	3
ENGL 1213 or ENGL 1413 or ENGL 3323	Composition II Critical Analysis and Writing II Technical Writing	3
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103 or HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	Survey of American History American History to 1865 (H) American History Since 1865 (DH)	3
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH 1483	Mathematical Functions and Their Uses (Q) (or higher excluding MATH 1493) ¹	3
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (Q)	3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
PHIL 2013 or PHIL 1113 or PHIL 1213	Philosophical Classics (H) Introduction To Philosophy (H) Philosophies of Life (H)	3
	and 3 hours designated (H)	3
<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>		
	Courses designated (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 1 hour) 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 1 hour of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
	Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).	1

Hours Subtotal	40	
College/Departmental Requirements		
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt.)	1	
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
(See Note 2.a.)	9	
<i>Natural & Mathematics Sciences</i>		
(See Note 2.b.)	3	
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
(See note 3.)	9	
<i>Non-Western Studies</i>		
At least one course. (See note 2.d.)		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
6 hours outside major department (See note 2.c.)		
Hours Subtotal	22	
Major Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.00. Minimum GPA in all Philosophy courses 2.50.		
<i>Core:</i>		
6 hours from:	6	
PHIL 3113	Ancient Greek Philosophy (H)	
PHIL 3213	Philosophy in the Age of Enlightenment (H)	
PHIL 3313	19th to 21st Century Philosophy (H)	
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)	3
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)	3
Select a minimum of 16 hours of additional hours of PHIL. Up to 6 hours may be 2000-level. 10 hours must be upper-division.	16	
<i>Ethics and Public Policy:</i>		
Select 15 hours upper-division courses from:	15	
POLS, GEOG, or GWST		
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)	
SOC 3423	Urban Sociology	
SOC 3523	Juvenile Delinquency (DS)	
SOC 3953	Applied Sociology	
SOC 4433	Environmental Sociology (S)	
SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)	
SOC 4533	World Population Problems	
or others with consent of advisor.		
Hours Subtotal	43	
Electives		
Select 15 hours.	15	
Hours Subtotal	15	
Total Hours	120	

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College and Departmental Requirements that may be used to meet General Education Requirements.

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 (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 (<http://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 2031.