

# Vision, Goals, and Objectives

## The Vision of General Education

At Oklahoma City University, we believe that the liberal arts form the basis for learning and thinking in undergraduate students. We believe that general education should not only provide knowledge and skills, but also promote personal values and communal development. We believe that general education should be multidimensional, cumulative, and integrated throughout the university through all disciplines and at all levels.

## Principles and Objectives of General Education

Each student must:

- 1 Develop fundamental thinking skills, including the ability to critique, analyze, solve problems creatively, and both discover and effectively use information;
- 2 Acquire a broad base of knowledge, including the arts, history, languages, literature, mathematics, philosophy, religion, and both the natural and social sciences;
- 3 Acquire the capacity to communicate well, orally and in writing, both personally and publicly;
- 4 Cultivate the capacity to recognize and reflect upon ethical issues;
- 5 Use their knowledge and skills to assist others in our wider communities;
- 6 Be exposed to cultural perspectives other than the student's own.

## General Education Requirements for All Undergraduate Majors\*

The basic general education curriculum is a requirement for all undergraduate degrees at Oklahoma City University. Particular programs and majors may add additional courses as a part of their liberal arts core. Students should check with their advisors for additional courses.

Updated lists of courses approved by the General Education Committee are available on the university website.

\* All undergraduate students who matriculate fall 2012 or later will complete this general education

curriculum. Undergraduate students who matriculated before fall 2012 may choose the fall 2012 general education curriculum, but must do so by September 30, 2012. This is a one-time decision.

Required Courses	Credit Hours
Introduction to Biblical Literature (REL 1003) <b>or</b> World Religions (REL 2513)	3
World Literature (ENGL 2603) <b>or</b> Western Literature (ENGL 2103) <b>or</b> Classics of Western Culture I <b>or</b> II (ENGL/PHIL 2004H or 2114H)	3 (4)
Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS 1063) All incoming freshmen and transfer students with fewer than 29 transferable hours (excluding subject examination credit such as, but not limited to, AP, CLEP, and IB credit) are required to take the liberal arts seminar. Transfer students may petition to allow previous course work to count toward this requirement. Transfer students with at least 29 transferable hours may substitute a single course of 3 or more credit hours for the LAS requirement. This course may be from the Oklahoma City University curriculum or transferred from another university. This course may not be used to meet any other requirement.	3
American/U.S. History (HIST 1003 or 1103) <b>or</b> HIST 1113 Survey of United States History for international students	3
Governance in America (POLS 1113) <b>or</b> POLS 1013 Comparative Politics required for international students	3
Methods of Science Inquiry (SCI 1003 and SCI 1041) The 3-credit course SCI 1003 is required of all students. A student may satisfy the 1-credit lab requirement by passing a 2000 level or above lab science course.	3 +1
Composition I (ENGL 1113)	3
Composition II (ENGL 1213)	3
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>3</b>
Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2113)	
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 2013)	
Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 1113)	
<b>Philosophy/Ethics</b>	<b>3 (4)</b>
Business Ethics and Leadership (MGMT 2223 or PHIL 2203)	
Christian Ethics (PHIL or REL 2703)	
Classics of Western Culture I or II (ENGL/PHIL 2004H or 2114H)	
Ethics of Communication (PHIL or PHRH 2513)	
Moral Issues in Contemporary Culture (PHIL or REL 2163)	
Moral and Social Philosophy (PHIL or REL 2213)	



<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>
College Algebra (MATH 1503) <b>or</b> a higher level 3- or 4-credit math course	
Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (PSYC 2303, POLS 2303 or SOC 2303)	
Business Statistics (ECON 2123)	
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>	<b>6</b>
Six hours (through beginner II level) in a single language; or four years (eight semesters) of a single language in high school; or equivalent competency as determined by the Department of Modern Languages; or, for international students whose first language is not English, a TOEFL score of 550 or above (equivalent score on the IBT is 80 or above). <b>NOTE:</b> Some schools have additional language requirements. Students should check with their advisors. The Department of Modern Languages does not accept online courses for General Education credit.	
<b>The Arts</b>	<b>3</b>
A course with prefix AMGT, ART, MIAP, MUS, THRE, or DANC; <b>or</b> PHRH 1013.	
<b>Total credit hours of required courses</b>	<b>43</b>

## University Requirements for All Undergraduate Majors

### Service-Learning

Students must complete at least one service learning course. Students may choose from a list of approved courses which include a service-learning component. The class schedule for each semester contains a section of approved service-learning courses. This requirement may be met by taking a service-learning course which satisfies another requirement, by selected approved internships, or through approved individual service-learning experiences that include an academic component.

### Cross-Cultural Study

Approved courses have a primary emphasis on a culture other than the student's own. This requirement may be met by taking a course which satisfies another requirement. Approved study abroad programs will fulfill the Cross-Cultural Study requirement. International students are not required to fulfill the Cross-Cultural requirement.

Cross-Cultural courses include:

ENGL 2603	World Literature
MUS 1123	Music and the Human Experience
POLS 1013	Comparative Politics (for domestic students)
REL 2513	Introduction to World Religions
ENGL 3963/ SOC 4603/ SPAN 3963	Crossing Borders

### Capstone Course

This requirement may be satisfied by all existing capstone courses provided there is evidence that the course requirements include writing a paper and giving an oral presentation.

