

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 or ENGL 1313	Composition I Critical Analysis and Writing I	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213 ENGL 1413	Composition II Critical Analysis and Writing II	
<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 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
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		

See note 2.a.		9
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (Q)	3
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
See note 3		9
<i>Non-Western Studies</i>		
Select at least one course		
See note 2.d.		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
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 2103	Introduction to American Studies (DH)	3
AMST 4973	Senior Seminar in American Studies	3
<i>American Studies</i>		
Select 12 hours (9 hours must be upper division) of the following options:		12
AMST 2423	American Popular Culture (H)	
AMST 2473	American Imperial Culture (or HIST 2473)	
AMST 2513	Plantation to Plate: Sugar, Bananas, and Coffee in America (H) (or HIST 2513)	
AMST 2523	Dust Bowl (H) (or HIST 2523)	
AMST 2683	Introduction to Digital Humanities (H)	
AMST 3103	The History and Future of Work (H)	
AMST 3113	Science, Literature, and Culture (H) (or ENGL 3133)	
AMST 3223	Theories and Methods of American Studies	
AMST 3253	Globalization and American Culture (H) (or HIST 4113)	
AMST 3303	Nations on the Move: Latin American Migration and Latinx Communities in the US (DH) (or HIST 3303)	
AMST 3313	Science, Technology and American Culture (H)	
AMST 3373	Comparative Truth and Reconciliation in the Americas (D)	
AMST 3413	Science Fiction (H) (or ENGL 3413)	
AMST 3473	Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Film (D) (or ENGL 3473)	
AMST 3503	Television and American Society (DH) (or ENGL 3503)	
AMST 3513	Film And American Society (H)	
AMST 3550	The Arts and American Society	
AMST 3653	The Body in American Culture (DH) (or HIST 4193)	
AMST 3723	Cultural History of American Sports (DH)	
AMST 3803	War In American Culture (H)	
AMST 3813	Readings in the American Experience (DH) (or ENGL 3813)	

AMST 3823	U.S. as Business Culture (DH)
AMST 3843	War and Memory in America (H) (or HIST 3843)
AMST 3863	Disability in America (DH)
AMST 3950	Special Topics in American Studies (DH)
AMST 3980	Inquiry in American Studies
AMST 4553	Gender in America (DH)
AMST 4910	American Period Seminar
Major electives	
Select 15 hours of major electives from the following courses: 15	
AFAM 2223	Movements of the Black Diaspora (G)
AFAM 2423	Black Popular Culture (DH)
AFAM 2523	Black Political Thought (DH)
AFAM 3753	African American Arts and Culture (DH) (or AMST 3753)
AFAM 4453	Black Geographies & Memorialization in the Landscape (DH) (or GEOG 4453 or AMST 4453)
AFAM 4543	Race Theory
AMIS 2013	Introduction to American Indian Studies (D)
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)
ART 3663	History of American Art (DH)
ART 4763	Native American Art and Material Culture
ENGL 3133	Readings in Multi-Ethnic American Literature
ENGL 3153	Readings in Literature by Women (DH)
ENGL 3183	Native American Literature (DH)
ENGL 3193	African-American Literature (DH)
ENGL 3453	History of American Film (H)
ENGL 4093	Language in America (DS)
ENGL 4230	Literature of Diversity
GEOG 3703	Geography Of Oklahoma (S)
GEOG 3713	Exploring North America and Diversity (DS)
GEOG 4223	Geography of Music (H)
GWST 2123	Introduction to Gender Studies (DH)
GWST 3513	Theorizing Sexualities (D)
GWST 3553	LGBTQ Lives in the United States (D)
GWST 3613	Race and Reproduction in the U.S. (D)
GWST 3713	Gender and Representation (D)
GWST 3813	Mothering
GWST 3913	Gender, Violence & Justice (D)
GWST 4113	Feminist Theories
GWST 4333	History of Sexuality in the United States (D) (or HIST 4333)
GWST 4503	Theorizing Men and Masculinities
HIST 2043	Ghosts and Graveyards: History of Dark Tourism (H)
HIST 2133	African Diaspora History(DH)
HIST 2153	African American History, 1619-1865 (DH)
HIST 2163	African American History, 1865-Present (DH)
HIST 2343	Religion in America (DH)

HIST 2413	From Assassin's Creed to Witcher: Medievalism in the 21st Century World (H)
HIST 2713	Sympathy, Curiosity, and Rivalry: The U.S. and China Since 1900 (H)
HIST 3453	Colonial Latin America (H)
HIST 3463	Modern Latin America (GH)
HIST 3593	Introduction to Museum and Cultural Studies (H)
HIST 3610	Topics in United States History
HIST 3703	Oklahoma History (DH)
HIST 3713	Women in the American West (DH)
HIST 3793	Native American History (DH)
HIST 3803	History of Food (H)
HIST 3853	History of the North American Borderlands (DH)
HIST 3873	History of Health and Social Movements in the United States (H)
HIST 4173	Black Intellectual History (DH)
HIST 4363	US History through Popular and Unpopular Music (DH)
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 4563	Cold War (GH)
HIST 4593	America in International Perspective (H)
POLS 2313	Social Justice Politics (D)
POLS 3973	Race, Politics and Sports (D)
POLS 4223	Social Movements
POLS 4333	Improving Democracy (S)
POLS 4573	Democratic Theory
REL 2113	Religion in Film (H)
REL 2413	Religion and the Body: Sports, Medicine and Sexuality (H)
REL 3413	The Bible and Contemporary Social Issues (H)
REL 3543	Religion, Race and Social Justice (DH)
REL 3573	The Religions of Native Americans (DH)
REL 3643	Cults, Conspiracies, and Contemporary Religious Movements (H)
REL 4033	Religion in Early America (H)
SOC 3323	Collective Behavior and Social Movements
SOC 3713	Religion, Culture and Society (same as REL 3713)
SOC 4043	Gender and Work (DS)
SOC 4213	Sociology of Sexualities (S)
SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)
SOC 4643	Sociology of Gender (S)

Legal Emphasis

Select 12 hours of electives from legal emphasis courses: 12	
AGEC 3713	Agricultural Law
AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D)

AMST 3333	Crime, Law and American Culture (S)
AMST 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S) (or SOC 4103 of HIST 4203)
GEOG 3133	Political Geography (GS)
HIST 3883	History of Drugs, Policy, and Culture in the United States (H)
PHIL 3003	Symbolic Logic (Q)
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)
PHIL 3513	Social & Political Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)
POLS 3033	International Law
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis
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 4143	Psychology and 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
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)
SPCH 4793	Nonverbal Communication (S)
Major Hours Subtotal	45
General Electives	13
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	13
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.