

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Advisement and Enrollment—Helpful Tips for Students and Faculty**

### **FAQ: What classes do true freshmen need to take when first enrolling at NWOSU if they plan to major in a social sciences department degree program?**

Answer: Generally, during the first 35 hours of college, incoming new freshmen should enroll in English Comp I and II, College Algebra, American Federal Government, American History survey 1483 or 1493, Wellness Concepts, Introduction to Sociology, Speech, General Humanities I or II, General Biology, Micro-Computer Applications, and Ranger Connection. All of these courses will help prepare the student for upper division courses later on.

### **FAQ: As a sophomore, can I enroll in upper division courses in my major program?**

Answer: Generally, once the student has earned 30+ hours toward the bachelor's degree, he or she is ready to enroll in an upper division course in his or her major program area. History or Global Studies students would be encouraged to have taken both American History surveys, and Modern Western Civilizations and Nonwestern Civilizations before enrolling in upper division history courses. Students are strongly encouraged to have completed all of the general education courses before taking upper division classes. Additional general education courses include: physical science, additional humanities courses, and a foreign language.

### **FAQ: Since I am a transfer student, do I have to take general education classes?**

Answer: Transfer students coming to NWOSU with an Associate's Degree from another Oklahoma junior college will have completed all of the general education requirements. However, if the student plans to pursue a degree in Social Science Education, the student should have completed both- geography courses, both American History courses, Early and Modern Western Civilizations, Non-Western Civilizations, and Introduction to Sociology and Social Problems as well as a foreign language. If a transfer student does not have an Associate's degree in hand, then he or she will be required to complete the general education coursework for NWOSU.

### **FAQ: Do I need to have four hours of foreign language as part of the General Education requirements?**

Answer: Yes the student must have completed four hours of foreign language?

### **FAQ: Do activity credits transfer to NWOSU?**

Answer: Yes they transfer, but do not count as credit toward the degree.

### **FAQ: What if both the major and the minor program require the same class, does the student need to take it twice?**

Answer: If both the major and the minor require the same course, then the course should be counted toward the major program of study. The student will need to fill that gap in the minor with elective upper division credits.

**FAQ: What is a course rotation?**

Answer: A rotation refers to the frequency with which a specific course is made available to students to take. For example, some courses are on a three semester rotation meaning they are offered every third semester. Social Sciences degree program course rotations are found on the department's website. Rarely will students find the same upper division class being offered every semester.

**FAQ: Who is an advisor and how can I contact one?**

Answer: An advisor is someone in an academic department from which the student is seeking to earn a degree. Faculty members within the department make the best advisors. Contact Information for faculty members within the Social Sciences are found on the departmental website under faculty contacts.

**FAQ: Are there scholarships available for new students or just for continuing students?**

Answer: The Social Sciences department offers a wide variety of scholarships and these are for both continuing students and transfer students.

**FAQ: What is the Bridge Program?**

Answer: This program is for NOC and NWOSU students in Enid. NOC students who have enrolled in the Bridge Program are eligible for scholarships from NWOSU once they have completed the coursework for NOC and have transferred to NWOSU.

**FAQ: What if I need to take a zero level English or Math class?**

Answer: If a student making application for admission to NWOSU does not score at least a 19 or 20 on the ACT sub-scores in English and Math, he or she will need to enroll in a zero level English or Math class during the first semester at NWOSU. These are remedial classes and do not count for credit toward a degree.

**FAQ: When can I enroll for fall or spring semesters?**

Answer: Usually the fall enrollment begins the third week of March and the spring enrollment begins in November each year. Freshmen should enroll very early so as to reduce the likelihood of needing a class which is closed.

**FAQ: Freshmen Connection—what does that mean and what is Ranger Preview?**

Answer: Freshmen Connection is held each April to assist area high school students get enrolled at NWOSU. The day is filled with campus tours, enrollment advisement, housing discussions etc...Ranger Preview is day set aside for high school seniors to tour NWOSU, talk with faculty and learn about all that is offered to NWOSU students. It is usually held in November on the same day as the last home football game.

**FAQ: Can I CLEP out of some classes?**

CLEP exams are administered by the Academic Success Center located in the Industrial Education Bldg. (IE). Students are encouraged to speak with the Director of the Center about the exams he or she wishes to take. Once a student takes and passes a CLEP exam, then the student will receive credit on his or her transcript. Generally speaking, a student should plan to take CLEP exams during the first 30 hours of his or her program.

**FAQ: What are recommended general education electives for Social Sciences Department majors?**

Answer: Depending on the student's degree program, students are encouraged to take both introduction to sociology, social problems, art in life, music in life, both of the American history survey courses, macro- economics and micro-economics, fundamentals of geography, and other history or humanities courses which support a broad, generalized liberal education.

**FAQ: What if my major is Criminal Justice and my minor is Social Work (or vice versa)—will this make it difficult to accumulate enough liberal arts credits?**

Answer: Yes, all elective credits for students majoring and then seeking a minor in the aforementioned programs should be generated from sociology or history, or political science so that the student does have enough liberal arts credits on his or her transcript. NWOSU is a liberal arts college.

**FAQ: How many hours will it take to get a Bachelor's degree?**

Answer: On average, NWOSU requires 124 minimum hours for a bachelor's degree, but other programs may require more or less. At least 64 hours of the 124 should be upper division hours (3000 or 4000). This is somewhat problematic for junior college transfer students and they are strongly encouraged to only enroll in upper division hours insofar as possible as juniors and seniors. Of course, all students, regardless of previous course credit earned, must complete the required coursework for the degree program. It is the student's responsibility to insure that all course credits are from the required degree program's courses or the minor area of study and should see advisement from a qualified faculty member.