

GENERAL EDUCATION

Mission Statement

The general education program at Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides a foundation for all degree programs and offers opportunities for students to develop competencies in critical thinking, leadership, and literacy.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The General Education requirements at Northwestern are required of all students for graduation. Some degree programs require specific general education courses. **Students should consult the department sections in this catalog for specific courses in General Education required for majors.**

- I. RANGER CONNECTION..... 1 hour**
(All beginning freshman are required to enroll in freshman orientation; waived for students with 24 or more transfer, non-concurrent, hours.)
- II. COMMUNICATION AND SYMBOLS.....12 hours**
 - i. ENGL 1113 or 1114
 - ii. ENGL 1213
 - iii. SCOM 1113
 - iv. MATH 1403 or 1513 or 1514
- III. SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS..... 12 hours**
 - i. FIN 1113
 - ii. HIST 1483 or 1493
 - iii. LEAD 1013, 2023 or GBUS 2033
 - iv. POLS 1113
- IV. NATURAL SCIENCE.....11-12 hours**
 - i. BIOL 1114, 1124, or 1224
 - ii. CHEM 1105, 1115
PHSC 1044, 1014, 1314, 3114 or
PHYS 1114
 - iii. H ED 2303
- V. HUMAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE3-4 hours**
 - i. PSYC 1113
 - ii. HIST 1213, 1223, 1233, 1483, 1493
SOC 1113, 2123
CJUS 1113
GEOG 1113
ART 2013
 - iii. Foreign Language or SCOM 1014
- VI. VALUES AND BELIEFS.....6 hours**
Any course with a HUM or REL prefix (at least three hours must be a HUM or equivalent course)

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED.....45

Northwestern Oklahoma State University requires all students must meet the computer proficiency and English proficiency requirements. Students should consult the department sections in this catalog for specific courses in General Education required for majors.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREES (Non-Teaching)

Note: Transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from an accredited Oklahoma institution are exempt from general education requirements (except one course of American History and one course of American Government are required).

Some general education course requirements may be met via CLEP, DSST, APP, and other advanced standing tests.

Any substitution of alternative general education courses must be approved by the appropriate school dean and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Any course substitution in a major or minor course area must be approved by the major or minor area department/division chair, the school dean and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE IN EDUCATION (With Certificate)

GENERAL EDUCATION. 45 semester hours to be completed during the freshman and sophomore years insofar as possible.

MAJORS. In the Education curriculum, one major is required in addition to the professional teacher education requirements.

In any major at least one-half of the work must be courses of upper division (3000 - 4000) level.

ELECTIVE CREDIT. In addition to the courses taken in general education and major curricula, sufficient elective credit should be earned to complete the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.

Note: A student transferring to Northwestern with an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree from an Oklahoma accredited institution will be considered as having completed the general education requirements of the baccalaureate degree. Exceptions to this policy are degree programs that require specific general education courses. Students enrolling in these programs must complete all required program specific general education courses. In addition, six hours of credit in American history and government will be required of each bachelor's degree candidate.