## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ASTROPHYSICS

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

Summer 2002 through Spring 2003

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required

Total Hours — 124 Upper-Division Within Total 48
Major Hours — 50 Upper-Division Within Major 32

Grade Point Averages:

Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 2.00 OU - 2.00

48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED

<u>Astrophysics</u>

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Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS  Courses graded P/NP will not apply.	Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements				
Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences require-	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS		
ments must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at http://www.ou.edu/admrec/gened.htm.  University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and	ASTRONOMY 3103 Intermediate Astronomy I 3113 Intermediate Astronomy II	3 3	CHEM 1315 General Chemistry MATH 2443 Calculus & Analytic	5 3	
College of Arts and Sciences Requirements  Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)  a. English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)  1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition	4303 Stellar Astrophysics 4512 Observatory Methods 4512 Observatory Methods	3 2 2	Geometry IV MATH 3413 Physical Math I	3	
b. Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language) The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.  1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours)  2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours)	PHYSICS 1205 Introductory Physics I for Physics Majors 1215 Introductory Physics II for Physics Majors 2064 Waves, Optics & Relativity 2302 Electronics Laboratory I 2312 Electronics Laboratory II 3054 Physical Mechanics 3113 Quantum Physics 3183 Electricity & Magnetism I	5 5 4 2 2 4 3 3			
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.	3302 Junior Laboratory I, <b>or</b> 3312 Junior Laboratory II				
1.Biological Science Chosen from the following approved General Education courses: BOT, HSS, MBIO, or ZOO.      2.Physical Science	3803 Introduction to Quantum Mechanics I 4300 Senior Laboratory Project (Senior Capstone Course)	2 3 2			
Chosen from the following approved General Education courses: ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.	4300 Senior Laboratory Project (2 enrollments required)	2	Free Electives Electives to bring total applicable hours to		
Care Area III. Social Science (6 hours 2 courses)			124 including 48 upper-division hours.		
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)  1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government  2	Recommended but not required: 4153 Stat. Physics & Thermodynamics 4183 Electricity and Magnetism 4213 Nuclear and Particle Physics 4803 Intro. to Quantum Mechanics II				
Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)	,				
a: Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hours, 1 course)	an astronomy course at the 5000-level.				
<ul> <li>b. Western Civilization and Culture (6 hours, 2 courses) <ol> <li>History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,</li> <li>(excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Non-Western Culture (3 hours, 1 course): <ol> <li>Additional Core IV Humanities courses (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.</li> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): <ol> <li>College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	A grade of C or better must be earned in each required astronomy and physics course and in the required mathematics courses.				
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#### INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 124 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**UPPER-DIVISION HOURS:** A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work will be counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where the work was taken. All two-year college work is considered to be lower-division.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS:** At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: At least 30 semester hours in the major must be completed.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation.

**MILITARY IN-SERVICE, AND P.E. COURSES:** A maximum of 16 semester hours total of basic skills courses; aerospace studies, military science, and naval science courses; advanced military in-service experience; and PE activity courses may be included in the minimum 124 semester hours required for graduation. No more than four of the 16 semester hours may be in PE activity courses.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

#### **RESIDENCY:**

- A minimum of 30 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be earned in residence at OU, including at least 15 of the last 30 hours applied toward the degree.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.
- · Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGES:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

**SPECIAL DEGREES:** Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION:** Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available from the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Services, Physical Sciences Center, Room 429. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

### Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

GRADUATION PLAN					
Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year		
			Total Upper- Hours Division		