



COLLEGE OF
Liberal Arts

ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS

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The names of graduate program advisors appear on the program degree sheets on the following pages. The College of Liberal Arts awards the following degrees at the graduate level:

Master of Arts (M.A.)

- Addictions Counseling
- Composition and Rhetoric
- Creative Writing
- Crime Intelligence Analysis
- Criminal Justice Management and Administration
- Gerontology
- History
 - History
 - Liberal Studies
 - Museum Studies
- Literature
- Political Science
 - General
 - International Affairs
- Strategic Communications
 - Leadership in Communications
- TESL

Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)

- Public & Nonprofit Management - *Available Online*
- Urban Management - *Available Online*

Graduate Certificate

- Disaster Management - *Available Online*

Program: Addictions Counseling **Dept:** Sociology, Gerontology and Substance Abuse Studies
Major: Addictions Counseling **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5641

Addictions Counseling, M.A.

The Oklahoma state legislature created a license for substance abuse counselors in 2004. Among the innovations contained in this law was the requirement that a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) not only have a master’s degree but that the degree shall be in “...alcohol and substance abuse counseling...” or a master’s degree in a behavioral science or counseling related field which is “content-equivalent” to a graduate degree in alcohol and substance abuse counseling. The law also specifies knowledge areas known as “the twelve core functions” as well as graduate hours (Title 59. Chapter 43B-Licensed Alcohol and Drug).

The graduate degree in substance abuse studies will assist students to develop their skills not only in the therapeutic areas, but also in the area of social advocacy for better treatment/facilities. Leadership/management skill development will be stressed in order to keep pace with the field’s quickly evolving standards of best practices and legal/political changes. Moreover, the graduate degree will promote sound research supporting proper advancements in the treatment of the debilitating diseases of substance abuse and dependency. Training students to be competent licensed professionals in their field supports both primary goals of the UCO Mission Statement: 1) to provide excellent education enabling students to achieve their intellectual, professional, personal, and creative potential; and 2) to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social advancement of the communities and individuals it serves.

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Admission Requirements

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- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions and show:
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours.
 - Completion of 18 hours in Substance Abuse studies or behavioral science with a GPA of 3.00.
- Application will be allowed for those candidates possessing a master’s degree from an appropriately accredited university/college in a behavioral science.
- Applicants shall submit a one (1) page paper at the time of application stating, “Why I will be successful as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor.”
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, one (1) must be from a Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor, or the equivalent licensure from another state, submitted at the time of application.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

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- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Thesis or equivalent option:
 - Thesis option: Complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it in public. Send two paper copies and one electronic copy of the thesis to the library through Proquest, and submit the thesis’ title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.

- Field/Independent study option: Complete field research in Substance Abuse Treatment outcome and Clinical Evaluation as guided by the SAS graduate program advisor, submitting the results in paper form to the graduate advisor. (Three to six hours credit). This research report will be presented in an appropriate setting as designated by the SAS graduate program advisor. (e.g., Graduate classroom, Symposium, Awareness event, etc.).
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher;
 - No more than six hours of “C” and,
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence course.
 - Thirty-six hours of the required curriculum
 - Three to six hours of practicum.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses..... 42-45 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
SAS	5113	Foundations of Addiction
SAS	5223	Advanced Individual Counseling
SAS	5313	Advanced Family Counseling
SAS	5323	Psychopharmacology and Neurobiology of Addiction
SAS	5353	Advanced Group Dynamics
SAS	5413	Psychopathology and Co-occurring Disorders
SAS	5433	Advanced Human Development for Substance Abuse Professionals
SAS	5443	Family Systems Theory
SAS	5513	Advanced Family Counseling for Co-occurring Disorders
SAS	5523	Cultural Sensitivity for Addiction Treatment
SAS	5613	Research in Substance Abuse Studies
SAS	5633	Counseling the Abused
SAS	5900	Practicum (3 - 6 hrs)
SAS	5893	Capstone in Substance Abuse Studies (3 hrs)

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED42-45 HOURS

Program:	Composition and Rhetoric	Dept:	English
Major:	Composition and Rhetoric	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5700

Composition and Rhetoric, M.A.

The master's degree in Composition and Rhetoric provides focused study in composition pedagogy, the history of rhetoric, and composition and rhetorical theory and prepares students for post-secondary teaching and doctoral-level research in these fields.

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- Transcripts must show:
 - A minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA (overall) or 3.0 undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours completed); and 18 hours of English (3000- or above) with a 3.0 GPA.
 - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

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- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
 - At least 21 of the 33 total hours must be in Graduate English courses.
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
 - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
 - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
 - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a

minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.

- Thesis or Portfolio Requirement. Complete an acceptable thesis, including an oral defense, or portfolio, including an oral examination.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements**Theory and Research Core9 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5013	Approaches to Graduate Studies
ENG	5643	Theories and Methods of Cultural Study
ENG	5743	Theoretical Approaches to Literature

Required Courses12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5553	History of Rhetoric to 1700
ENG	5653	History of Rhetoric Since 1700
ENG	5723	Composition Pedagogies
ENG	5783	Composition Theory and Research

Approved Electives9 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5023	Technical Writing
ENG	5143	Blogs: New Independent Media
ENG	5283	English Grammar and Usage
ENG	5303	Technical Editing
ENG	5343	Linguistics
ENG	5413	TESL Grammar
ENG	5473	Advanced Composition
ENG	5493	Document Design
ENG	5533	Teaching Methods for Teaching Asisstants
ENG	5910	Seminar / Special Topics

Capstone Experience3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5793	Graduate Studies Portfolio, OR
ENG	5990	Thesis

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 33 HOURS

Program:	Creative Writing	Dept:	English
Major:	Creative Writing	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5710

Creative Writing, M.A.

Students seeking the master's degree in Creative Writing pursue a program of study that includes both writing workshops and historically focused literature seminars. Students in the program are required to complete a thesis consisting of an original, sustained creative work.

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 - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Writing Sample: A 20-page (double-spaced) writing sample in a single approved creative writing genre (section of novel, short story, poems, screenplay, or creative nonfiction essay)
- A two-page (double-spaced) essay detailing the applicant's reading habits.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

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 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
 - At least 21 of 33 total hours must be in Graduate English courses
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
 - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
 - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in

a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.

- Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
- Thesis Requirement. Complete an acceptable thesis, including an oral defense.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements**Theory & Research Core.....9 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5013	Approaches to Graduate Studies
ENG	5643	Theories and Methods of Cultural Study
ENG	5743	Theoretical Approaches to Literature

Required Literature Seminars9 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5910	Seminar / Special Topics <i>with advisor approval</i>

Applied Writing Courses9 Hours

Nine hours of Creative Studies (CSDY) coursework, 6 Hours of which focuses on the genre on the Thesis

Approved Electives3 Hours

Three hours of Creative Studies (CSDY) or English (ENG) Coursework, with Advisor Approval

Capstone Experience3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CSDY	5990	Thesis

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED33 Hours

Program: Crime and Intelligence Analysis **Dept:** School of Criminal Justice
Major: Crime and Intelligence Analysis **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5660

Crime and Intelligence Analysis, M.A.

The master's degree in Crime and Intelligence Analysis is designed to offer students a foundation of comparative studies, statistical analysis and technological courses that have an emphasis on information/intelligence evaluation and reporting. The classes present both a theoretical and practical approach to develop general tools of research, writing and analysis. A selection of elective courses allow students to investigate particular areas of interest and the interdisciplinary nature of the electives provide additional skill sets necessary for developing a global perspective.

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- Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum of six undergraduate hours with an earned grade of "C" or higher as follows: CJ 4113 Research Methods in Criminal Justice or CJ 4043 Intro to Criminal Justice Statistics and SOC 3633 Criminology **OR** CJ 3633 Criminology.
- To be admitted, students must meet at least one of the following criteria.
 - A 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - A GRE minimum score of 150 Verbal and 145 Quantitative and a 5 or better on the writing exam of the GRE.
 - Possess a master's degree from an accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- A two-page statement of purpose for obtaining this degree and a writing sample as directed by the graduate program advisor.
- One letter of recommendation from an academic professional.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

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Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

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- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and

3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

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Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....21 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CJ	5223	Design and Analysis in Crime Justice Research
CJ	5253	Crime and Intelligence Analysis
CJ	5333	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CJ	5353	Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis
CJ	5553	Crime Analysis Field Work
CJ	5543	Technologies in Crime and Intelligence Analysis
CJ	5833	Pro-seminar in Criminal Justice

Guided Electives.....9 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CJ	5043	Modern Criminal Investigations
CJ	5133	Correctional Systems Mgmt and Admin
CJ	5243	Introduction to CJ Statistics
CJ	5323	Victimology
CJ	5523	Cyber Crime
CJ	5533	White Collar Crime
CJ	5633	Terrorism and Homeland Security
CJ	5643	Advanced Crime Theory

Complete six hours of any graduate level History/Geography/Political Science/Criminal Justice Electives6 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

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Program: Crime and Intelligence Analysis
Major: Crime and Intelligence Analysis

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BA to MA

Students wishing to apply for the Accelerated BA/MA program in Criminal Justice may enroll in three Criminal Justice graduate-level courses as seniors under the Graduate College's Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). Students may choose any cross-listed (4000/5000) course with permission of the Criminal Justice Graduate program Director. Admission requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and application to and approval of the CJ Accelerated BA/MA Committee. Students may enroll in three. 5000-level courses as part of the Accelerated Program.

Program: Criminal Justice Management and Administration
Major: Criminal Justice Management and Administration
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Dept: School of Criminal Justice
College: Liberal Arts
Major Code: 5631

Criminal Justice Management and Administration, M.A.

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Management and Administration degree program is designed to meet Oklahoma’s needs for graduate education in the area of criminal justice management and administration. The curriculum provides those individuals who have a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice or a related field, are presently employed in a criminal justice environment, or want to work in the field of criminal justice an opportunity to advance their skills and knowledge to qualify them for specialized job opportunities in the area of criminal justice. The curriculum also encourages the development of the student’s critical, analytical, and creative abilities related to the subject area. This is accomplished by the development of research skills, class work, and out-of-class projects and practicums.

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 - A 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - A GRE minimum score of 150 Verbal and 145 Quantitative and a 5 or better on the writing exam of the GRE
 - Possess a master’s degree from an accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Students falling below this standard may qualify for conditional admission. See Admission to Graduate Studies section.
- A two-page statement of purpose for obtaining this degree and a writing sample as directed by the graduate program advisor.
- One letter of recommendation from an academic professional.
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- The undergraduate student must be classified as “senior” standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year

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- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student’s undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

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- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of “C”.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....15 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CJ	5013	Juvenile Justice Systems Mgmt. & Admin.
CJ	5053	Principles of Mgmt. in CJ Organizations
CJ	5153	Research and Planning
CJ	5233	Writing and Evaluating Research
CJ	5643	Advanced Crime Theory

Electives21 Hours

All students must select either the Thesis or Comprehensive Examination Option.

Thesis Option

- Fifteen hours from the following areas: business, computer science, criminal justice, psychology, political science, sociology, substance abuse studies or other courses approved by advisor.
- Thesis option: Complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it in public. Send two paper copies and one electronic copy of the thesis to the library through Proquest, and submit the thesis’ title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.

Non-Thesis Option

- Twenty-one hours from the following areas: business, computer science, criminal justice, psychology, political science, sociology, substance abuse studies or other courses approved by advisor.

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Program: Criminal Justice Management and Administration
Major: Criminal Justice Management and Administration

- **Comprehensive Examination:** A minimum score of 75% overall is required on a comprehensive examination. The student may take the comprehensive exam twice without penalty. If the student fails the comprehensive exam the second time, additional coursework may be required by the advisor before the student is allowed to take the comprehensive examination again. Students have a maximum of two years after completion of all other degree requirements to satisfactorily score the minimum required on the comprehensive exam. Alteration of this time limitation is not guaranteed.

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Program:	Gerontology	Dept:	Sociology, Gerontology and Substance Abuse Studies
Major:	Gerontology	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5650

Gerontology, M.A.

The Adult Education – Gerontology major provides the student with a base of information and experiences, in and out of the classroom, for dealing with the many aspects of aging. Many of today's concerns with a more mature population are explored. The emphasis in the Gerontology major is on the "humanistic" approach, recognizing that aging is a developmental state. Anticipated interest groups for Gerontology major:

- Students interested in working with the elderly
- Nursing home personnel, including administrators, activity directors, and nurses
- People in health occupations
- Directors, outreach workers, etc., Involved with senior citizen centers, retirement homes, mobile meals programs, agencies currently working with the elderly, (e.g., Area Wide Agency on Aging)

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 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Writing Assessment. Complete a writing assessment with passing score.
- Thesis. If applicable, complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it publicly, submit two paper copies of the thesis to the library and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and submit the thesis' title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

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Required Courses.....13 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GERO	5023	Orientation to Gerontology
GERO	5743	Gerontology Colloquium
GERO	5823	Gerontology Research
GERO	5900	Practicum in Gerontology, OR
GERO	5900	Thesis

Guided Electives..... 14-15 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GERO	5213	Health & Social Services for Seniors
GERO	5342	Politics of Aging
GERO	5363	Psychology of Aging
GERO	5443	Biology of Human Aging
GERO	5463	Bereavement Counseling
GERO	5523	Qualitative Gerontology
GERO	5731	Drug Issues for Older Adults
SOC	5053	Sociology of Aging
ADED	5313	Techniques of Teaching Adults
ADED	5453	Psychology of Adult Development

Electives (Advisor Approval Required) 4-5 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 32 HOURS

Program: History **Dept:** History & Geography
Major: History **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5610

History, M.A.

The master's degree in History is designed to promote professional development, critical thinking, civic skills and awareness and understanding of diverse cultures.

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Admission Requirements

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- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- One-page cover letter (statement of interest) explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue the M.A. in history.
- Writing sample (research paper or seminar paper) demonstrating adequate research ability as determined by the graduate program director and the Chair of the Department of History and Geography. If paper does not demonstrate adequate research ability, student may be required to enroll in Historical Research 3113.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Complete 18 undergraduate hours in History with a GPA of 3.0.
 - Complete HIST 3113 Historical Research with a minimum grade of "B" or be able to demonstrate research ability as determined by the graduate program director and the Chair of the Department of History and Geography. HIST 3113 may count as part of the 18 undergraduate hours in History (in part b.)
- The Graduate Records Examination (GRE) may be used for admission if the undergraduate GPA does not meet the minimum required. A score of 150 on the verbal portion and 4.0 on the writing assessment is required. See graduate program director for further information on the GRE score changes.
- Complete other prerequisites (if any) as determined by the graduate program director.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

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Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with graduate program director and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program director before it can be considered official.
- Create an Advisory Committee before the second semester of enrollment.
 - Advisory Committee consists of three faculty members.
 - One member of the Advisory Committee will serve as chairperson and will assume the major responsibility for advising the student.

- The graduate program director will maintain all student records and will serve as an advisor in supervising the student's progress toward a degree.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than 6 hours of "C".
 - No more than six director-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of a second language in one of the following ways:
 - Pass a language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
 - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in two sequenced courses in the one language (6 to 10 credit hours) at an accredited college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
- Thesis or Comprehensive Examination Option.
 - Thesis Option: Prepare a prospectus and meet with the advisory committee during the early stages of thesis work for review and feedback. Complete an acceptable thesis (six credit hours) and successfully defend it in public, provide two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest and the title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
 - Comprehensive Examination Option: Upon satisfactory completion of the written examination, the student will take a one-hour oral examination administered by the advisory committee.
 - Achieve a minimum score of "pass" on the thesis defense or comprehensive examination. With the approval of the graduate program director, a student who fails the thesis defense or comprehensive examination may petition to be reexamined in the graduate examination period the following semester.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses..... 12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HIST	5013	Historiography
HIST	5023	Graduate Colloquium
HIST	5033	Graduate Readings
HIST	5043	Graduate Research

Guided Electives in History..... 12 Hours

5000-level history courses with advisor's approval.

General Electives or Thesis..... 9 Hours

Three 5000-level courses or six thesis hours with advisor's approval and one 5000-level course. All students must select either the thesis or comprehensive examination option.

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 33 HOURS

Program: History **Dept:** History & Geography
Major: Museum Studies **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5740

Museum Studies, M.A.

The degree program is designed to promote professional development and advancement in museum studies, public history, archives, and tribal museums and cultural centers.

Graduate Advisor: **Dr. Andrew Magnusson**
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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:
 Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show: *
- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all institutions attended that record a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 and a minimum of 3.00 in the last 60 hours.

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Note: Students must meet with faculty mentor/advisor in group or individual advisement session before enrolling.

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than 6 hours of "C."
 - No more than six director-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Language Requirements. Demonstrate reading knowledge of a

second language in one of the following ways:

- Pass a language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies.
- Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in two sequenced courses in the one language (6 to 10 credit hours) at an accredited college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
- Museum Studies Project or Thesis or Comprehensive Examination Options.
 - Museum Studies Project Option: Students will be required to research, design, implement and synthesize a project focusing on an important aspect of museum practice and its practical application. Projects will include both production of physical examples or prototypes, as well as an explanatory synthesis covering the research and design rationale and process.
 - Thesis Option: Students will prepare a prospectus and meet with the advisory committee during the early stages of thesis work for review and feedback. Students will complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it in public, provide two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest and the title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the Graduate College.
 - Comprehensive Examination Option: Upon satisfactory completion of the written examination, students will take a one-hour oral examination administered by the advisory committee.
 - All Options: Students must achieve a minimum score of "pass" on the museum studies project, thesis defense or comprehensive examination. With approval of the graduate program director, a student who fails the museum studies project, thesis defense, or comprehensive examination may petition to be reexamined in the graduate examination period the following semester.
- Final Requirement: Apply for graduation through the Graduate College by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Core Courses12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HIST	5013	Historiography
HIST	5023	Graduate Colloquium
HIST	5033	Graduate Readings
HIST	5043	Graduate Research

All graduate only courses to be approved by the graduate program director in conjunction with plans of study.

Museum Studies Required Courses12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
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Program: History
Major: Museum Studies continued

HIST	5523	Museum Management
HIST	5623	Museum Theory & Practice
HIST	5950	Internship in Museum Studies (6 hours) OR
HIST	5950	Internship in Museum Studies (3 hours) and
HIST	5940	Applied Research (3 hours)

Must be under supervision of Director of Museum Studies.

Guided Electives3 Hours

All history electives or other electives must be approved by the student's advisory committee.

Capstone Experience6 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HIST	5980	Graduate Project OR
HIST	5990	Thesis

Total Hours Required33 Hours

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BA to MA

Students who are accepted to the undergraduate degree in Art History program may apply to take 5000-level History courses up to a maximum of six hours during their senior year of the bachelor's degree. These courses will count toward both the Bachelor of Art History and Master of Arts in Museum Studies. The approved graduate courses are: HIST 5523 Museum Management (fall only) and HIST 5623 Museum Theory and Practice (spring only). These courses are specified on the degree sheet. During the last semester of their junior year or within 30 hours of graduation, an undergraduate student with a 3.0 overall GPA may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program.

Program:	Liberal Studies	Dept:	Humanities and Philosophy
Major:	Liberal Studies	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5690

Liberal Studies, M.A.

Students who have completed a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies will be expected to exhibit enhanced capacities for both “analytic” and “synthetic” thought, particularly in the areas of critical inquiry and aesthetic analysis. In addition to the “who, what, where, and when” or the content of their educational experience, students will focus on the more important issues of “why and how”. These cognitive skills will be particularly evidenced in the analysis of diverse civilizations and their creative and philosophic contributions to the global community.

The objectives of the Liberal Studies program are:

- Students will think and write critically about the major traditions of civilizations around the globe;
- Students will comprehend the fundamental systems of analysis for a multitude of cultural disciplines, such as architecture, art, history, literature, music philosophy, and religion, while understanding the interrelatedness of these subsets of the humanities;
- Students will apply these critical skills toward analysis of global cultures and cultural products;
- Students will learn to identify the core creative processes used in the construction of products of human cultures, such as architecture, art, history, literature, music, philosophy, and religion;
- Students will synthesize the fundamental components of citizenship by engaging the various civilizations and creative traditions of the globe, with an emphasis on the Western tradition.

Graduate Advisor: Dr. Margaret Musgrove
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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from an accredited institution. Transcripts must show a minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
- Completion of 18 hours in one or more disciplines of the Liberal Arts with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- The Graduate Records Examination (GRE) may be used for admission if the undergraduate GPA does not meet the minimum requirement. A score of 153 (500 on the unrevised score scale) on the verbal portion and a 4.0 on the writing assessment is required.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a Plan of Study with his/her graduate program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of his/her first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher;
 - No more than six (6) hours of “C”; and
 - No more than six (6) advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses (i.e., S.P.O.C. courses).
- Thesis or Comprehensive Examination Options:

- Thesis Option:
 - Complete a thesis (with a minimum of three hours and a maximum of six);
 - Successfully defend it in a public and preannounced oral defense;
 - Provide two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and the title page, original signature page, and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Comprehensive Examination Option
 - Write a four- to six-hour examination on the designated examination day. The examination may be done either by hand or on a laptop provided by the department.
 - Upon satisfactory completion of the written exam, the student will take a one-hour oral examination administered by his or her advisory committee.
 - In the event of unsatisfactory performance on either the defense of the thesis or the comprehensive examination, the student may petition to be re-examined at later date determined by the Graduate Advisor. Re-examination or re-defending a thesis will be allowed only twice.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....13 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HUM	5113	Ancient Traditions
HUM	5133	Medieval Traditions
HUM	5203	Early Modern Traditions
HUM	5213	Modern and Contemporary Traditions
HUM	5521	Methods for Liberal Studies

Guided Electives.....21 Hours

All students must select either the thesis or comprehensive examination option.

Up to six hours taken in other UCO programs, with approval from Graduate Advisor.

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Program:**Liberal Studies****Major:****Liberal Studies continued**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HUM	5083	Advanced Film Criticism
HUM	5103	World Religions
HUM	5123	Pagan Europe
HUM	5143	Women, Witches, and Religion
HUM	5153	Enlightenment Traditions
HUM	5163	The Heroic Tradition
HUM	5173	Eastern Traditions
HUM	5183	Romantic Traditions
HUM	5233	Anthropology of Religion
HUM	5243	Women in the Humanities
HUM	5303	National Cinemas
HUM	5433	The Origins of the Bible
HUM	5513	Dante's Inferno
HUM	5603	Medieval Folklore
PHIL	5163	Philosophy of Science
PHIL	5183	Philosophical Issues in Social Science
PHIL	5233	Philosophy of Language
PHIL	5323	Philosophy of Religion
PHIL	5343	Philosophy of Morality
PHIL	5363	Philosophy of History
PHIL	5433	On Human Nature

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 34 HOURS

Program:	Literature	Dept:	English
Major:	Literature	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5720 or 5721

Literature, M.A.

Students seeking the master's degree in Literature pursue a program of studies in literature, culture, and media, focusing on an extensive range of authors, genres, and historical periods.

Graduate Advisor

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Transcripts must show:
 - A minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA (overall) or 3.0 undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours completed); and 18 hours of English (3000- or above) with a 3.0 GPA.
 - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
 - At least 21 of 33 total hours must be in Graduate English courses.
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
 - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
 - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
 - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a

minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.

- Thesis or Portfolio Requirement. Complete an acceptable thesis, including an oral defense, or portfolio, including an oral examination.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements**Theory and Research Core9 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5013	Approaches to Graduate Studies
ENG	5643	Theories and Methods of Cultural Study
ENG	5743	Theoretical Approaches to Literature

Required Literature Seminars9 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5910	Seminar / Special Topics <i>with advisor approval</i>

Approved Electives12 Hours

12 hours of English (ENG) coursework, with advisor approval

Capstone Experience3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5793	Graduate Studies Portfolio, OR
ENG	5990	Thesis

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 33 HOURS

Program: Political Science **Dept:** Political Science
Major: Political Science **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5620

Political Science, M.A.

The master’s degree in Political Science is designed to enable students to achieve competence in political science – teaching, research, government-related work, and related activities – through a program of study in which they acquire appropriate analytical skills, a general knowledge of the discipline, and more specific knowledge of selected sub-fields.

Graduate Advisor: Dr. Jan Hardt
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Admission Requirements

- Submit the following items to:
 Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034
- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
 - Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
 - A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Achieve GRE scores of 150 Verbal and 140 Math, and 4.0 or higher in writing.
 - Possess a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
 - Complete eighteen (18) undergraduate hours in Political Science and other prerequisites (if any), as determined by the graduate program advisor.
 - Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).
**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a Plan of Study with his/her graduate program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of his/her first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six (6) hours of “C”.
 - No more than six (6) hours of advisor-approved of independent study courses; and,
 - No more than three (3) hours of advisor approved internship credit.
- Competency Examination. Achieve a minimum score of “pass”

on the M.A. Comprehensive Examination in one of the following subject areas: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Public Administration, or Public Law. With the approval of the graduate program advisor, a student may retake this examination one time. A second failure will result in dismissal from the program.

- Completion of 36 hours: 24 hours of Required Courses plus Guided Electives, and 12 hours of General Electives.
- Thesis/Capstone Paper. Complete a Capstone Paper or Thesis. Thesis option requires a successful public defense, submission of two paper copies and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and the thesis’ original title page, original signature page, and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses **15 or 18 Hours**
 *(15 hours - Capstone option; 18 hours - Thesis option)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5023	Scope of the Discipline
POL	5033	Research Methods
POL	5153	American Politics
POL	5813	Political Philosophy
POL	5990	Thesis (6 hours), OR
POL	5983	Capstone Paper (3 hours)

Guided Electives **6 or 9 Hours**
 *(9 hours - Capstone option; 6 hours - Thesis option)

From the following list:

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5223	Presidency & Executive Branch
POL	5253	The Congress
POL	5263	Judicial Process
POL	5603	Theories of International Relations
POL	5703	Theories of Comparative Politics
POL	5910	Seminar in Political Science

General Electives **12 Hours**

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED **36 HOURS**

Program:	Political Science	Dept:	Political Science
Major:	Political Science - International Affairs	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5621

Political Science – International Affairs, M.A.

The master's degree in Political Science – International Affairs is designed to enable students to achieve competence in political science – teaching, research, government-related work, and related activities – through a program of study in which they acquire appropriate analytical skills, a general knowledge of the discipline, and more specific knowledge of selected subfields.

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Admission Requirements

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Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Achieve GRE scores of 150 Verbal and 140 Math, and 4.0 or higher in writing.
 - Possess a master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Complete eighteen (18) undergraduate hours in Political Science and other prerequisites (if any), as determined by the graduate program advisor.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a Plan of Study with his/her graduate program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of his/her first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six (6) hours of "C".
 - No more than six (6) hours of advisor-approved of independent study courses; and,
 - No more than three (3) hours of advisor approved internship credit.
- Competency Examination. Achieve a minimum score of "pass"

on the M.A. Comprehensive Examination in one of the following subject areas: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Public Administration, or Public Law. With the approval of the graduate program advisor, a student may retake this examination one time. A second failure will result in dismissal from the program.

- Completion of 36 hours: 24 hours of Required Courses plus Guided Electives, and 12 hours of General Electives.
- Thesis/Capstone Paper. Complete a Capstone Paper or Thesis. Thesis option requires a successful public defense, submission of two paper copies and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and the thesis' original title page, original signature page, and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses..... 15 or 18 Hours
*(15 hours - Capstone option; 18 hours - Thesis option)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5023	Scope of the Discipline
POL	5033	Research Methods
POL	5153	American Politics
POL	5813	Political Philosophy
POL	5990	Thesis (6 hours), OR
POL	5983	Capstone Paper (3 hours)

Guided Electives..... 6 or 9 Hours
*(9 hours - Capstone option; 6 hours - Thesis option)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5603	Theories of International Relations
POL	5703	Theories of Comparative Politics

General Electives.....12 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

Program: Public Administration **Dept:** Political Science
Major: Public & Nonprofit Management **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) **Major Code:** 5682

Public Administration–Public & Nonprofit Management, M.P.A. - Available Online

As the flagship public service program for Oklahoma’s metropolitan university, the University of Central Oklahoma MPA serves diverse communities by preparing ethical, transformational leaders who creatively and analytically inform public dialogue and manage policy through collaborative action by preparing graduates for careers in government, nonprofit organizations, and other public service fields. The program’s public service values are professionalism, ethical leadership, diverse and global perspectives, and social and environmental justice.

Graduate Advisor: Dr. Jan Hardt
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 Phone: 405 - 974 - 5840

Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

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 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - GRE scores. The student must obtain a score of 150 on the Verbal portion of the GRE, 145 on the Quantitative portion of the GRE, and 4.5 on the Writing portion of the GRE.
 - Possess a master’s degree from an accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor’s and master’s degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as “senior” standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year.)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student’s undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of

Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a plan of study with his/her program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of “C”.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours of independent study courses.
- Course Completion. Completion of 36 hours: 21 hours of core courses including three hours of capstone paper, nine hours selected from guided electives and six hours of general electives.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....24 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5033	Research Methods
POL	5053	Public Administration Dynamics
POL	5193	Public Finance and Budgeting
POL	5203	Public Organizational Theory
POL	5413	Public Policy Analysis
POL	5423	Public Executive Leadership
POL	5473	Public Sector Human Resources
POL	5983	Capstone Paper

Guided Electives.....12 Hours

(Courses offered on a rotating basis)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GEO	5113	Geographic Information Systems
POL	5013	Urban History of Policy/Admin
POL	5043	Municipal Management
POL	5073	Animals in Public Policy and Law
POL	5123	Budgeting for Cities & States
POL	5133	Problems - State & Urban Government
POL	5153	American Politics

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Program: Master of Public Administration
Major: Public & Nonprofit Management

POL	5163	Intergovernmental Relations
POL	5173	Urban Planning and Politics
POL	5353	Ethics in the Public Service
POL	5363	Urban Sustainability
POL	5383	Fund of Emergency Management
POL	5433	Diversity and Social Justice
POL	5443	Environmental Politics
POL	5453	Cases in Public Administration
POL	5463	Managing Nonprofit Organizations
POL	5483	Administrative Law
POL	5513	Public Program Evaluation
POL	5523	Urban Housing Policy
POL	5533	Dispute Resolution/Negotiation
POL	5543	State Administration and Policy
POL	5563	Sustainable Economic Development
POL	5583	Comparative Public Administration
POL	5593	Gender in Public Administration
POL	5683	Populations at Risk
POL	5783	Health Policy & Administration
POL	5793	Managing Public Sector Crises
POL	5893	State Government Administration and Policy

The following may also be considered when fulfilling guided electives:

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5900	Practicum in Political Science
POL	5910	Seminar/Special Topics
POL	5920	Workshop
POL	5930	Individual Study in Government
POL	5940	Field Study
POL	5950	Internship
POL	5960	Institute in Political Science
POL	5970	Study Tour

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BA to MPA

Students wishing to apply for the Accelerated BA/MPA program in Public Administration may enroll in three Public Administration graduate-level courses as seniors under the Graduate College's Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). Students may choose any cross-listed (4000/5000) course with permission of the Criminal Public Administration program Director. Admission requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and application to and approval of the MPA Accelerated BA/MPA Committee. Students may enroll in three 5000-level courses as part of the Accelerated Program.

Program: Public Administration **Dept:** Political Science
Major: Urban Management **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) **Major Code:** 5681

Public Administration–Urban Management, M.P.A. - Available Online

As the flagship public service program for Oklahoma’s metropolitan university, the University of Central Oklahoma MPA serves diverse communities by preparing ethical, transformational leaders who creatively and analytically inform public dialogue and manage policy through collaborative action by preparing graduates for careers in government, nonprofit organizations, and other public service fields. The program’s public service values are professionalism, ethical leadership, diverse and global perspectives, and social and environmental justice.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
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 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - GRE scores. The student must obtain a score of 150 on the Verbal portion of the GRE, 145 on the Quantitative portion of the GRE, and 4.
 - 5 on the Writing portion of the GRE.
 - Possess a master’s degree from an accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor’s and master’s degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as “senior” standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year.)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student’s undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a plan of study with his/her program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of “C”.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours of independent study courses.
- Course Completion. Completion of 36 hours: 21 hours of core courses including three hours of capstone paper, nine hours selected from guided electives and nine hours of general electives.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....24 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5033	Research Methods
POL	5053	Public Administration Dynamics
POL	5193	Public Finance and Budgeting
POL	5203	Public Organizational Theory
POL	5413	Public Policy Analysis
POL	5423	Public Executive Leadership
POL	5473	Public Sector Human Resources
POL	5983	Capstone Paper

Guided Electives.....12 Hours

(Courses offered on a rotating basis)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GEO	5113	Geographic Information Systems
POL	5013	Urban History of Policy/Admin
POL	5043	Municipal Management
POL	5123	Budgeting for Cities and States
POL	5133	Problems - State and Urban Government
POL	5163	Intergovernmental Relations
POL	5173	Urban Planning and Politics
POL	5363	Urban Sustainability
POL	5383	Fundamentals of Emergency Management
POL	5433	Diversity and Social Justice

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Program: Master of Public Administration
Major: Urban Management continued

POL	5443	Environmental Politics
POL	5523	Urban Housing Policy
POL	5563	Sustainable Economic Development
POL	5793	Managing Public Sector Crises

Other MPA courses may fulfill guided electives with approval by the Graduate Program Advisor.

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BA to MPA

Students wishing to apply for the Accelerated BA/MPA program in Public Administration may enroll in three Public Administration graduate-level courses as seniors under the Graduate College's Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). Students may choose any cross-listed (4000/5000) course with permission of the Criminal Public Administration program Director. Admission requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and application to and approval of the MPA Accelerated BA/MPA Committee. Students may enroll in three 5000-level courses as part of the Accelerated Program.

Program: Certificate in Disaster Management

Dept:

Political Science

College:

Liberal Arts

Code:

5689

Certificate in Disaster Management - Available Online

Open to both degree and non-degree students and designed to enhance analytic skills, the certificate emphasizes the social, political, and administrative aspects of disaster management. With human and economic asset exposures and vulnerabilities increasing, reducing the impact of emergencies and disasters is crucial to societal well-being and sustainability in the 21st century. Designed to complement the strengths of more discipline-based graduate degree programs, the 12-hour certificate will be a valuable addition to those programs as well as serving as a standalone certificate for non-degree students.

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Admission Requirements

Also see below for additional requirements based on type of admission.

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Bachelor's or advanced degree from an appropriately accredited institution, with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or above. Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from appropriately accredited institutions.
- Evidence of English language proficiency, if not a native speaker. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Overall 3.00 GPA or higher.
- 50% of course hours must be completed in residence.
- No more than one "C" letter grade and no grade lower than a "C."
- Note: All graduate grades, whether repeated or not, will apply to the graduate GPA calculations. No grade of "D" or lower will apply to the degree requirements.

Required Courses.....12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5053	Public Administration Dynamics
POL	5193	Public Financing and Budgeting
POL	5383	Fundamentals of Emergency Management
POL	5793	Managing Public Sector Crises

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED.....12 HOURS

Program:	Strategic Communications	Dept:	Mass Communication
Major:	Leadership in Communications	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5750

Strategic Communications--Leadership in Communications, M.A. - Exclusively Online

Leadership in Communications is designed to provide an affordable accessible graduate degree for communications professionals in Oklahoma which will assist in their career development. As job growth continues in the communications industry, this major will encourage upward mobility within the field and further educate the workforce. The degree is designed to help professionals read and conduct research, but also understand and communicate research in a way that assists organizational goals. Students will be equipped to address issues surrounding change, organizational culture, ethics, and technology in the fast-paced and ever-changing communications industry.

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Graduate Advisor to complete the admission process.

Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

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 Edmond, OK 73034

Application deadlines for Fall Admission:

Priority Admission –May 15

Regular Admission –July 15

Space Available Admission –August 1

Application deadlines for Spring Admission:

Priority Admission –October 1

Regular Admission –November 15

Space Available Admission –December 1

Any student who meets the minimum admission requirements is encouraged to submit an application. All applicants are reviewed by an admissions committee who considers all of each applicant's submitted materials and scores before making offers of admission.

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- Resume or CV.
- A 500-word personal statement expressing the applicant's interest in the program, goals and objectives, and any additional information the applicant believes would be helpful for admission decisions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - GRE scores. Minimum GRE of 300.
 - Possess a master's degree from an accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

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Upon notification of acceptance from the Jackson College of Graduate Studies, a student must communicate with the

Other Requirements

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- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours of independent study courses.

Note: All graduate grades, whether repeated or not, will apply to the graduate GPA calculations. No grade of "D" or lower will apply to the degree requirements.

- Course Completion of 36 hours: 24 or 27 hours of Required Courses plus 9 or 12 hours of Guided Electives.
- Capstone Project/Theses: Complete a Capstone Project or Thesis. Thesis option requires a successful public defense, submission of two paper copies and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and the thesis'original title page, original signature page, and abstract page to the JCGS
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses..... 24-27 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
MCOM	5043	Foundations of Communication Research
MCOM	5103	Data Analysis in Communication
MCOM	5123	Qualitative Research in Communication
MCOM	5683	Managing Change
MCOM	5723	Organizational Culture
MCOM	5833	Communication Theory and Application
MCOM	5843	Crisis & Ethics in Communication
MCOM	5893	Capstone Project (3 hours) OR
MCOM	5990	Thesis (6 hours)

Guided Electives..... 9-12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
MCOM	5133	Media Management
MCOM	5313	Women in Media
MCOM	5423	Trauma & Leadership in Communication
MCOM	5433	Nonprofit Communication

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Program: Strategic Communications
Major: Leadership in Communications continued

MCOM	5523	Global Communication
MCOM	5563	Media Law
MCOM	5643	Digital Media Strategy
MCOM	5910	Seminar in Mass Communication

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

Program:	TESL	Dept:	English
Major:	Teaching English as a Second Language	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5730

TESL, M.A.

Students seeking the master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language pursue an interdisciplinary program of studies integrating TESL theory and practice. The program offers courses on TESL theory, methodology, and language structure, as well as a TESL practicum.

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Admission Requirements

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- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Transcripts must show:
 - A minimum of 3.0 undergraduate GPA (overall) or 3.0 undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours completed); and 15 hours of undergraduate English with a 3.0 GPA.
 - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
 - At least 15 of 33 total hours must be in Graduate English courses
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
 - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
 - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
 - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.

- Capstone Experience. Complete ENG 5803 (TESL Portfolio).
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements**Language Courses6 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5343	Linguistics
ENG	5413	TESL Grammar

Pedagogy Courses12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5900	Practicum in TESL
TESL	5313	Testing/Eval in the Bilingual/ESL classroom
TESL	5763	Second Language Acquisition
TESL	5783	Teaching English as a Second Language

Research Course.....3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educational Research

General Electives.....9 Hours

The nine hours of General Electives will consist of a minimum of 3 hours of English (ENG) coursework, and may include up to six hours from departments in related disciplines, with advisor approval.

Capstone Experience3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5803	TESL Portfolio

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED33 Hours