GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM
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The General Studies Program supports the University’s role and mission by providing educational opportunities, promoting scholarly activities, and encouraging service.

OBJECTIVES

The General Studies Program works with campus administrators, faculty, students and community representatives to prepare students for a wide variety of educational experiences and career opportunities. More specifically, the objectives of the General Studies Program include the following:

1. To offer degree programs that prepare students to enter careers requiring a broad background of knowledge and skills.
2. To prepare students to achieve career and life goals by:
   - Promoting student progression and persistence through an active advising program.
   - Assisting students with career-decision making skills and information concerning job opportunities through career planning courses.

GENERAL STUDIES

The General Studies Program provides students with educational opportunities, experiences, and career direction to meet their professional and academic goals. An interdisciplinary degree is often highly desirable in a rapidly changing world and provides greater flexibility in creating a curriculum for an undergraduate degree. The purpose of the degree program is (1) to provide flexibility to students with broad interests, (2) to offer an option to those with new interests or those changing their majors late in their academic careers, and (3) to prepare students for entry into graduate and professional programs.

GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM

The Bachelor of General Studies degree affords broader course choices than are available in traditional majors. Status as a General Studies major requires a curriculum plan created by the student and a faculty advisor in the General Studies Program. The degree is based on the conditions and requirements listed below:

1. A minimum of 120 semester hours of academic work with a minimum degree grade point average (cumulative and Southeastern) of 2.0
2. Completion of the General Studies Core Curriculum requirements:
   - English Composition (English 101 and 102) ............................................................ 6
   - English Literature Elective ......................................................................................... 3
   - Mathematics (must be at a level at or above 155) .................................................... 6
   - Natural Sciences (must include physical and Biological Sciences and must include a two semester sequence) ........................................................................... 9
   - American History or Western Civilization .............................................................. 3
   - Arts (Music, Visual Arts, Dance, Theatre) ................................................................... 3
   - Communication 211 .............................................................................................. 3
   - Electives from Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology ................................................................. 6
   - Career Planning Elective ........................................................................................... 3
   
   42 hours

3. Consultation with a General Studies faculty advisor to ensure completion of course work as outlined below:
   - Major Concentration: 36 hours from one of the concentration groups 1-6.
     - 2.0 degree GPA required
     - 18 hours must be completed at Southeastern
     - 15 of these 36 hours must be at or above the 300 level
     - Students choosing a major concentration in Group 1, 2, 3 must complete 6 hours of a foreign language. Those choosing a major concentration in Group 5 or 6 must complete 6 hours in one of the following: foreign language, computer science, or business (Group 7).
   - Minor Concentration 1: 12 hours in a second concentration group below
   - Minor Concentration 2: 12 hours in a third concentration group below
   - Electives: 18 elective hours in additional courses that will enhance knowledge and enrich skills

Notes:
- A total of 45 hours of the degree program must be at or above the 300 level.
- A minimum of 30 hours of final course work must be completed at Southeastern.
- No more than 30 hours of course work in Marketing, Management, Economics, Finance, Accounting or Business courses may be applied to this degree program.
- Students must complete all general degree requirements for the University.
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4. If a student wishes to earn more than one baccalaureate degree, one of which is a Bachelor of General Studies, the major concentration group in the General Studies degree cannot contain courses in the same subject as the major of any other baccalaureate degree earned.
CURRICULUM IN GENERAL STUDIES
LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

FIRST SEMESTER S.H.
English 101 or 121H or 123H ....................3
Arts ........................................3
Mathematics 161 ................................3
Major Concentration ..........................6
Southeastern 101 ..............................2

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SECOND SEMESTER S.H.
English 102 or 122H or 124H .................3
Communication 211 ..........................3
Mathematics 162, 163, 185 or 241 ..........3
Social Science Elective\(^1\) ..................3
History 101, 102, 201, 202 ..................3

15

SECOND YEAR

Literature ....................................3
Natural Science\(^2\) .............................3
Major Concentration .........................6
Social Science Electives\(^1\) .................3

15

THIRD YEAR

Natural Science\(^2\) .............................3
Major Concentration ........................6
Minor Concentration A .......................3
Minor Concentration B .......................3

15

FOURTH YEAR

Major Concentration ........................6
Minor Concentration B .......................3
Elective .....................................3
Career Elective ..............................3

15

10

Electives .....................................10

13

Total semester hours required
120

Southeastern 101 is not required of transfer or readmitted Southeastern students with 30 hours or more. Those students will replace Southeastern 101 with 2 hours of electives.

\(^1\)Social Science Electives must be chosen from Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. One course must be at the 200 level or above.

\(^2\)Must be chosen from both Biological and Physical Science. Two of the courses must be in a two-course sequence.

HONORS DIPLOMA IN THE DISCIPLINE

The department also offers an honors curriculum allowing students to earn an honors diploma in the major at graduation. For information about requirements and honors in this program, please contact the Program Director or a General Studies advisor.