

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 certain 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 120-121 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 coursework 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 technology (GBBT)

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 coursework in Marketing, Management, Economics, Finance, Accounting or Business courses may be applied to this degree program.
- Completion of all general degree requirements for the University

Group 1–Arts

Applied Music	Cultural Resource Management	Dance
Music	Theatre	Visual Arts

Group 2–Humanities

English	Foreign Language	History
Humanities	Mythology	Philosophy

Group 3–Natural Sciences

Botany	Chemistry	Earth Science
General Biology	Mathematics	Microbiology
Physics	Zoology	

Group 4–Applied Sciences

Computer Science	Construction Technology	Design Drafter Tech
Family and Consumer Sci	Horticulture	Nursing
Occ Sfty, Hlth & Env	Process Technology	Safety Education

Group 5–Behavioral Sciences

Anthropology	Psychology	Sociology
Speech Communication		

Group 6–Applied Behavioral Sciences

Athletic Training	Broadcasting	Coaching
Communication Science	Criminal Justice	Education
Geography	Health Studies	Kinesiology
Mass Communication	Military Science	Political Science
Recreation	Social Work	Special Education

Group 7–Business

Accounting	Business Technology (GBBT)	Economics
Finance	Management	Marketing

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 YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
English 101 or 121H	3	English 102 or 122H	3
Arts	3	Communication 211	3
Mathematics 161	3	Mathematics 162, 163, 185 or 241	3
Major Concentration	6	Social Science Elective ¹	3
Southeastern 101	2	History 101, 102, 201, 202.....	3

SECOND YEAR

Literature	3	Natural Science ²	3
Natural Science ²	3	Major Concentration	6
Major Concentration	6	Minor Concentration A	3
Social Science Electives ¹	3	Minor Concentration B	3
	15		15

THIRD YEAR

Natural Science ²	3	Major Concentration	6
Major Concentration	6	Minor Concentration A	3
Minor Concentration A	3	Minor Concentration B	3
Minor Concentration B	3	Elective	3
	15		15

FOURTH YEAR

Major Concentration	6	Minor Concentration A	3
Minor Concentration B	3	Electives	10
Elective	3		
Career Elective	3		
	15		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.

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

²Must 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 department, please contact the Department Head or a General Studies advisor.

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

PURPOSE

The major purpose of a General Studies Associate Degree is (1) to prepare students seeking employment, (2) to make occupational advancement possible, and (3) to provide the general education foundation for those interested in continuing in a four-year degree program.

The Associate of General Studies may also be earned through an affiliation agreement with North Oaks Health System School of Radiologic Technology and Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc. The clinical entry component is **extremely competitive**, and the completion of the core courses at Southeastern does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Once enrolled at North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology or Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc., students are no longer eligible for financial aid at Southeastern. Students interested in this program should consult with the Department Head in Nursing. Students must follow general associate degree requirements for the university.

Candidates for an Associate Degree

- 1) at least the final 15 hours
- 2) at least one-half of the hours required in the major field or fields.
- 3) at least 25 percent of credit semester hours must be earned at Southeastern

**CURRICULUM IN GENERAL STUDIES
LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES**

FIRST YEAR

First Semester	S.H.	Second Semester	S.H.
Southeastern 101	2	English 102	3
Behavioral Science ²	3	Communication 211	3
Mathematics 161	3	Science (Biological)	3
Science (Physical)	3	Mathematics 162, 163, 185, or 241	3
History 101 or 201	3	Behavioral Science ²	3
English 101	3		
	17		15

SECOND YEAR

Applied Science Elective	3	Applied Science Elective	3
Specialty Elective	3	Elective	3
Specialty Elective	3	Elective	3
Specialty Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Arts Elective ¹	3		
	18		15
Total semester hours			65

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 free electives.

Students must choose specialty electives from one of the following four specialty groups.

Electives to be approved by the department head.

Group I—Arts and Humanities—Communication, Dance, English, Foreign Languages, History, Mass Communication and Journalism, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Visual Arts.

Group II—Natural Sciences—Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Earth Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, Zoology.

Group III—Behavioral Sciences—Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Education, Geography, Library Science, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Special Education, Communication Sciences/Disorders.

Group IV—Applied Sciences—Accounting, Computer Science, Business Technology(GBBT), Economics, Finance, Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Industrial Technology, Kinesiology, Management, Marketing, Nursing, Social Work.

¹Arts : Music, Visual Arts, Dance, or Theatre.

²One course must be at 200 level or above.