

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.

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 and Space Science
General Biology	Mathematics	Microbiology
Physics	Zoology	

Group 4 – Applied Sciences

Computer Science	Construction Technology	Design Drafter Technology
Family and Consumer Science	Horticulture	Nursing
Occupational Safety, Health, and Environment	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 SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
English 101 or 121H or 123H	3	English 102 or 122H or 124H.....	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
	17		15
 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 program, please contact the Program Director or a General Studies advisor.