College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities

Bachelor of General Studies

Program Description

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree program provides interdisciplinary study across academic disciplines and professional fields. It is designed for nontraditional students whose age, residence, academic interests, or career objectives require a more individualized university degree.

BROAD-BASED AND FLEXIBLE

Students interested in a program aimed at a broadly based liberal education rather than a single academic focus or vocational track will find the Bachelor of General Studies degree a welcome choice! Students will have room to pursue minors and/or certificates through careful planning and savvy utilization of electives. Options include a minor in History, Philosophy, Communication Arts, Management, or Legal Studies as well as certificates in Human Resources Management or Public, Technical and Workplace Writing.

The degree program is open to all students and is flexible enough to permit access by students with a wide range of academic backgrounds.

AT A GLANCE

- Five track specializations in Communication, Information Literacy, Problem Solving/Decision Making, Community Leadership, or Generalist
- Senior Capstone course designed to align coursework with career and intellectual interests
- Opportunity to enroll in courses taught by expert faculty across four colleges
- Option to complete the program fully online, partially online, or in a traditional, face-to-face format
- General Studies ranked number 5 in the top 25% of programs in Florida
- 2015 average salary for those with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities is $50,116

Career Opportunities

Manager
Nonprofit Advocate
Teacher
Guidance Counselor
Government
Foreign Service
Public Relations Officer
Researcher
Writer
Entrepreneur

Internship Opportunities

BGS students have several options for internships in sales, counseling, training and development, social media management, event planning, research, and more!

Aflac
AppRiver
Covenant Hospice
DigiPro Media LLC
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Great Southern Restaurants
Habitat for Humanity
Pensacola Blue Wahoos
Pensacola Mardi Gras
Target Corporation
United Way of Escambia County

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the University’s General Education requirements, BGS students must achieve:

- 120 total semester hours
- 2.0 minimum GPA
- 6 credit hours of lead coursework in each area of emphasis: Communication, Information Literacy, Problem Solving/Decision Making, and Community Leadership
- 24 credit hours of upper-division major electives in specialization of choice
- 3 credit hour Senior Capstone

SPECIALIZATION TRACKS

Communication
- ENC 3213 Professional and Technical Writing
- GEB 3213 Writing for Business: Theory and Practice
- LIN 3673 Grammar for Professional Success
- LIN 3742 Modern Grammar and Usage
- PHI 3400 Philosophy of Science
- PLA 3103 Legal Research and Writing
- SOW 3350 Interviewing and Recording
- SPC 3301 Interpersonal Communication

Information Literacy
- ANT 3212 Peoples and Cultures of the World
- CCJ 4700 Research Design in Criminal Justice
- ENG 3010 Critical Methods for Literary Study
- ENG 4013 Introduction to Literary Theory
- GEB 3032 Business Foundations for Non-Business Majors
- HIS 3002 Methods and Materials
- LIT 4385 Feminist Theory
- MAN 3025 Management Fundamentals
- SOW 4403 Social Work Research Foundations

Problem Solving/Decision Making
- CCJ 3060 Ethics and the Justice System
- ISM 3011 e-Business Systems Fundamentals
- PHI 3130 Modern Logic
- PHI 3670 Ethics

Community Leadership
- EDG 4947 High-Impact Practice Seminar
- HIS 4066 Local History
- HIS 4072 Oral and Community History
- MAN 4280 Business Leadership and Change Management
- PHM 3200 Social and Political Philosophy
- SPM 3115 Organizational Management and Leadership in Sport
- SOW 3113 Human Behavior in Organizations and Communities

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“Employers overwhelmingly endorse broad learning as the best preparation for long-term career success. They believe that broad learning should be an expected part of college for all students, regardless of their chosen major or field.”

—“Falling Short? College Learning and Career Success”