

# General Studies

The Bachelor of General Studies 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. The Bachelor of General Studies degree program is designed to:

- meet the University of West Florida's mission to provide students with access to high-quality, relevant, and affordable undergraduate learning experiences, and therefore better serve the general educational needs of region;
- provide students an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree while maintaining family, military, and/or employment obligations;
- offer a degree option including studies in several disciplinary areas;
- give students the option to complete courses at the Pensacola campus, Emerald Coast campus, and/or online; and
- provide students an opportunity to build upon the associate of arts degrees offered by other institutions.

## Program Requirements

In addition to the University's general requirements, students must complete a minimum of six (6) hours of upper-division "lead" courses from each cognate area (Communication, Information Literacy, Problem Solving/Decision Making, and Community Leadership) for a total of 24 hours of lead coursework. Students then choose 24 elective credit hours from across the four areas of Communication, Information Literacy, Problem Solving/Decision Making, and Community Leadership. Students individualize their program when choosing their electives; they may be from one area or may be spread across multiple areas depending on their concentration.

General Studies students consult with their advisor and choose appropriate courses within each of the four proficiency areas. They do not have to be from the same department or even the same college. As with traditional majors, students take a series of classes in the chosen area(s), including any prerequisites.

In the second to last or last semester, students must complete a three semester hour, upper-division Capstone course, which may be work- or community-related. This project serves as a culminating experience in the B.G.S. program and demonstrates the synthesis of academic contact with personal and professional goals. Students work with their instructor to submit a proposal, choose project requirements, and recommend changes when needed. A presentation of the project is required and options include the UWF Student Scholars Symposium, the Women's and Gender Studies Conference, or other symposium/conference of the student's choice.

A minimum of 60 hours must be completed at a four-year college or university.

Students seeking the B.G.S. degree must maintain a UWF and cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all major courses.

No more than 24% of the program requirements for this degree may be in traditional business subjects. Traditional business subjects can typically be identified as courses with the following prefixes: ACG, ECO, ECP, FIN, GEB, ISM, MAN, MAR, TAX, TRA. Students changing majors from Business to General Studies must obtain approval from

the College of Business as well as the General Studies academic advisor to ensure compliance with this rule.

## General Education

In addition to the General Education requirements listed on this page, students must satisfy all additional University requirements, including the Gordon Rule, multicultural, and foreign language requirements. With appropriate planning and coordination with an academic advisor, students may satisfy some of the general University requirements through the General Education curriculum. For a complete listing of general degree requirements, refer to the "[University Requirements](#)" section of this catalog.

### General Education Curriculum:

#### Communication

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3

#### Mathematics

Choose one course from Group A and one Additional course from either Group A or Group B

##### Group A

MAC 1105	College Algebra
MAC 1105C	College Algebra with Lab
MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I
MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics

##### Group B

MAC 1114	Trigonometry
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra
MAC 1147	Precalculus with Trigonometry
MAC 2233	Calculus with Business Applications
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II
STA 2360	Introduction to Data Science

#### Social Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B

##### Group A

AMH 2020	United States since 1877
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics Macro
POS 2041	American Politics
PSY 2012	General Psychology
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology

##### Group B

AMH 2010	United States to 1877
ANT 2100	Introduction to Archaeology
ANT 2400	Current Cultural Issues
CCJ 2002	Survey of Crime and Justice
COM 2023	Death and Communication
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics
DEP 2004	Human Development Across the Lifespan
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I

EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II
FIN 2104	Personal Financial Planning
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World
GEB 1011	Introduction to Business
HIS 2050	Explore Gender and Diversity
IDH 1041	Honors Core: Social Sciences
INR 2002	International Politics
MMC 2000	Principles of Mass Communication
PLA 2013	Survey of American Law
SOW 2192	Understanding Relationships in the 21st Century
SPM 2010	Sport in Global Society
SYG 2010	Current Social Problems

## Humanities

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A	
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation
Group B	
AML 2010	American Literature I
AML 2020	American Literature II
AML 2072	Sex, Money, and Power in American Literature
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary
ART 1015C	Exploring Artistic Vision
ART 2821	The Self, Creativity, Your Career and Visual Culture
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENL 2010	History of English Literature I
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II
IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities
LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry
MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society
REL 1300	World Religions
SPC 2608	Public Speaking
THE 2300	Survey of Dramatic Literature

## Natural Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A	
AST 1002	Descriptive Astronomy
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors *
BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I *

BSC 2010	Biology I
CHM 1020	Concepts in Chemistry *
CHM 2045	General Chemistry I *
ESC 2000	Introduction to Earth Science *
EVR 2001	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHY 1020	Conceptual Physics
PHY 2048	Calculus-Based Physics I **, **
PHY 2048C	Calculus-Based Physics I Studio ***
PHY 2053	Algebra-Based Physics I **, **

### Group B

ANT 2511	Biological Anthropology *
AST 2037	Life in the Universe
BOT 2010	General Botany
BSC 1050	Fundamentals of Ecology
BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II *
BSC 2011	Biology II
BSC 2311	Introduction to Oceanography and Marine Biology *
CGS 2020	Introduction to Machine Learning
CHM 2046	General Chemistry II *
CIS 2530	Introduction to Cybersecurity
GLY 2010	Physical Geology *
MCB 1000	Fundamentals of Microbiology *
PHC 2082	Informatics and Your Health
PHY 2049	Calculus-Based Physics II **, **
PHY 2054	Algebra-Based Physics II **, **

\* May be taken with or without lab.

\*\* Algebra-Based Physics is usually recommended for non-science majors, while Calculus-Based Physics is recommended for science majors

\*\*\* Although students receive 5 semester hours credit for PHY 2048C, an additional 3 semester science course will be needed to meet General Education requirements.

## General Education Electives

Choose an additional course from two of the three areas of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both General Education requirements and common prerequisites.

## Multicultural Requirement

### Multicultural Courses

An important component of a liberal education is the study of cultures other than one's own. As such, multiculturalism encompasses the appreciation of the values, expressions, and modes of organization of diverse cultural communities. To further such study, the University of West Florida requires all students pursuing a bachelor's degree to complete at least one course that explores one or more of the dimensions of another culture (language, religion, socio-economic structures, etc.). Students are exempt from this requirement if they have completed an A.A. degree, the general education program at a Florida public institution, or a baccalaureate degree.

The requirement is satisfied by the successful completion of a multicultural course designated on the following list. Several of the

selections are General Education courses, and students may enroll in these to meet both the General Education and the multicultural requirements.

*\*\*Passed by UWF Faculty Senate on 11/08/2002*

This list is continually updated and students are encouraged to check with their advisors for alternative options.

AML 2010	American Literature I	3
AML 2020	American Literature II	3
AML 3604	African American Literature	3
AML 3624	Black Women Writers	3
AML 4015	Topics in Nineteenth-Century American Literature	3
AML 4640	Topics in Native American Literature	3
ANT 1001	Anthropology as a Profession	1
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ANT 2301	Human Sexuality and Culture	3
ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3
ANT 3312	North American Indians	3
ANT 3363	Japanese Culture	3
ANT 3403	Cultural Ecology	3
ANT 4006	Anthropology of Human Rights	3
ANT 4025	Ritual Use of Human Remains	3
ANT 4516	Modern Human Physical Variation	3
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation	3
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period	3
ARH 3201	Art and Culture in The Global Middle Ages	3
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary	3
ARH 3590	Non-Western Art	3
ARH 3607	Native American Art	3
ARH 4302	Late Renaissance Art in Italy	3
ARH 4412	The Age of Revolution to Romanticism in Europe: 1750-1850	3
ARH 4450	Modern Art: 1850-1980	3
ARH 4470	Contemporary Art	3
ARH 4563	Art of Japan	3
CCJ 3678	Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Crime	3
COM 3014	Gender Communication	3
COM 3461	Intercultural Communication	3
COM 4242	Communication and Christianity	3
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
EDF 2085	Teaching Diverse Populations	3
ENG 4013	Introduction to Literary Theory	3
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II	3
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I	3
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II	3
EUH 3203	Modern Europe	3
EUH 3334	Emperors, Sultans, Dictators, and Democrats: The Balkans	3
EUH 3411	Rome and the Mediterranean World	3
EUH 3576	Soviet Union since 1917	3

FRE 4955	Supervised Foreign Language Field Experience Abroad	1-3
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World	3
GEB 4361	International Business	3
GEO 3421	Cultural Geography	3
GEO 3471	Geography of World Affairs	3
HSC 2622	Introduction to Global Health Sciences	3
HIS 2050	Explore Gender and Diversity	3
HIS 4262	Rise and Fall of the Portuguese Empire	3
IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities	3
IDH 1041	Honors Core: Social Sciences	3
INR 2002	International Politics	3
LAH 4135	Spanish Conquest of the Americas	3
LAH 4131	'Atlantic Indians': How Indigenous and African Peoples Shaped Europe & the Americas	3
LAH 4451	Greater Mexico: Central America from Conquest to the 20th Century	3
LAH 4728	Gender and Sexuality in Latin America from Colonization to Today	3
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry	3
LIT 3233	Postcolonial Literature	3
LIT 4036	Topics in Poetry and Poetics	3
LIT 4385	Feminist Theory	3
MAN 4102	Management of Diversity	3
MAR 4156	Seminar in International Marketing	3
MMC 3743	Communicating Fear: Horror Films and Popular Culture	3
MMC 3745	Communicating Fear Abroad: International Horror Films & Popular Culture	3
MMC 4601	Minorities and the Mass Media	3
MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics	3
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation	3
NUR 4615	Community and Public Health Nursing	3
NUR 4636	Population-based Public Health Nursing	3
PHI 3790	African Philosophy	3
PUR 3404	International Public Relations	3
PSY 3860	Positive Psychology	3
SOP 3730	Psychology, Culture, and Society	3
SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice	3
SPN 3400	Advanced Stylistics	3
SPN 4520	Latin American Culture and Civilization	3
SYO 4421	Sociology of Health, Illness and Health Care	3
SYO 4530	Inequality in America	3

## Civic Literacy Requirement

The 2017 Florida Legislature amended [Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes](#), to require students **initially entering a State University System (SUS) and/or Florida College System (FCS) institution in 2018-2019** and thereafter to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. The 2021 Legislature further amended Florida Statutes, requiring students to complete both a civic literacy course and an exam. As a result, there are three cohorts of students currently matriculating at Florida public institutions subject to varying requirements. As

demonstrated in the table below, the exact civic literacy requirements are based on the academic term in which a student first enrolled in a Florida public institution.

Students Included in Cohort	Civic Literacy Competency Requirement
Cohort 1: Students first entering the SUS or FCS prior to fall 2018	None
Cohort 2: Students first entering the SUS or FCS in fall 2018 – summer A 2021	Complete a course <b>or</b> exam
Cohort 3: Students first entering the SUS or FCS in summer B 2021 (on or after July 1, 2021) and thereafter	Complete both a course <b>and</b> exam

Additionally, the 2021 Legislature made two additional exceptions: approving the use of accelerated mechanisms for meeting the course competency requirement and exempting high school students who pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam in high school from the postsecondary exam requirement. These two changes are in effect for Cohort 3.

There are multiple ways to satisfy this requirement. Students should work with their academic advisor to determine which option is best for their degree requirements/degree plan.

Additional information can be found on our [Civic Literacy](#) website.

\*BOG 8.006; s.1007.25(4.a-b)

## Common Prerequisites

State-mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program. See the [Common Prerequisite Manual](#) for course substitutions from Florida colleges and universities.

\* No common prerequisites required for the Bachelor of General Studies

## Lower Division Electives

Sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4000) to meet this elective requirement. 24

## Lead Course Core

### Communication

ENC 3213	Professional and Technical Writing	3
Choose one of the following: <sup>+</sup> 3		
COM 3014	Gender Communication	
ENC 3416	Digital Writing	
GEB 3213	Writing for Business: Theory and Practice	
LIN 3673	Grammar for Professional Success	
LIN 3742	Modern Grammar and Usage	
PLA 3106	Legal Research and Writing	
SOW 3350	Interviewing and Recording	
SPC 3301	Interpersonal Communication	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

## Information Literacy

Choose two of the following: <sup>+</sup> 6

ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World
CCJ 4700	Research Design in Criminal Justice
GEB 3032	Business Foundations for Non-Business Majors
INR 3503	International Organizations
MAN 3025	Management Fundamentals
SPM 3004	Introduction to Contemporary Sport Management

**Total Hours** 6

## Problem Solving / Decision Making

Choose two of the following: <sup>+</sup> 6

CCJ 3060	Ethics and the Justice System
CPO 4761	Religion and International Politics
HIS 3313	Issues in Gender and Diversity
INR 4334	National Security Policy
ISM 3011	e-Business Systems Fundamentals
MAN 3301	Human Resources Management
MAN 4102	Management of Diversity
PHI 3670	Ethics
SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice

**Total Hours** 6

## Community Leadership

Choose two of the following: <sup>+</sup> 6

HSC 3034	Career Essentials for Healthcare
HSC 4633	Current Issues in Health Promotion
MAN 4280	Business Leadership and Change Management
SPC 4680	Rhetoric, Media, and Civic Life
SPM 3115	Managing a Sport Organization
SOW 3113	Human Behavior in Organizations and Communities

**Total Hours** 6

## Program Electives

Choose eight of the following: 24

ACG 3082	Accounting for Non-Majors
AMH 4575	Civil Rights
ANT 3101	Principles of Archaeology
ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World
ANT 4191C	Archaeological Data Analysis
ANT 4808	Applied Anthropology
ARH 4830C	Museum and Gallery Studies
CCJ 3014	Criminology
CCJ 3060	Ethics and the Justice System
CCJ 4700	Research Design in Criminal Justice
COM 3014	Gender Communication
COM 4120	Organizational Communication
CPO 4761	Religion and International Politics
CRW 3110	Fiction Writing

ECO 3003	Principles of Economic Theory and Public Policy
ECP 3301	Principles of Environmental Economics
ENC 3213	Professional and Technical Writing
ENC 3416	Digital Writing
ENG 3010	Critical Methods for Literary Study
ENG 4013	Introduction to Literary Theory
ENL 4333	Shakespeare
GEB 3032	Business Foundations for Non-Business Majors
GEB 3213	Writing for Business: Theory and Practice
HFT 3053	Travel and Tourism Management
HIS 3002	The Historian's Craft
HIS 3313	Issues in Gender and Diversity
HIS 4072	Oral and Community History
HSC 4300	Changing Health Behaviors
HSC 4581	Health Promotion and Planning
HSC 4633	Current Issues in Health Promotion
INP 3313	Organizational Behavior
INP 4224	Psychology of Workforce Diversity
INR 3073	Analyzing Issues in International Politics
INR 3503	International Organizations
INR 4334	National Security Policy
ISM 3011	e-Business Systems Fundamentals
LIN 3673	Grammar for Professional Success
LIN 3742	Modern Grammar and Usage
LIT 3233	Postcolonial Literature
LIT 4385	Feminist Theory
MAN 3025	Management Fundamentals
MAN 3240	Behavior in Organizations
MAN 3301	Human Resources Management
MAN 3583	Project Management
MAN 4102	Management of Diversity
MAN 4280	Business Leadership and Change Management
MAN 4441	Business Negotiation
PHH 3100	Greek Philosophy
PHI 3130	Modern Logic
PHI 3400	Philosophy of Science
PHI 3670	Ethics
PHM 3200	Social and Political Philosophy
PLA 3020	Law and Society
PLA 3106	Legal Research and Writing
PLA 3429	Contract Law
PLA 4263	Evidence
POS 3033	Political Analysis
PSY 3213	Research Methods in Psychological Science I
SOW 3113	Human Behavior in Organizations and Communities
SOW 3313	Work With Individuals
SOW 3350	Interviewing and Recording

SOW 4232	Introductory Analysis of Social Service Policy
SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice
SPC 3301	Interpersonal Communication
SPM 3004	Introduction to Contemporary Sport Management
SPM 3115	Managing a Sport Organization
SPM 3403	Communication and Social Media in Sports

\*Other upper-division electives as approved by the advisor.

+ Courses included in the major GPA

## Upper Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF's requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements and the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater. 9

## Capstone Course

The Senior Capstone for the Bachelor of General Studies is designed to encourage self-analysis of career and intellectual interests in the student's chosen career or academic field based on the four cognate areas. By way of readings, discussion, analytical exercises, writing assignments, and class presentations, students will demonstrate and practice the skills they have acquired throughout their academic careers. Students will develop a detailed project proposal and complete a final research project linking the four areas of study of the student's personalized BGS degree plan with career and intellectual interests. The final written project will consist of research, reviews, and analysis targeted toward a specified audience. A presentation of the project is required. + 3