



Southeastern Louisiana University
General Studies Degree Program

The Bachelor of General Studies degree affords a broader freedom of course choices than is available in traditional majors. Status as a General Studies major requires a curriculum plan submitted by the student and approved by the Bachelor of General Studies Program Director. The curriculum is interdisciplinary and allows students to prepare for careers requiring knowledge in several fields. The degree is based on the conditions and requirements listed below:

1. A minimum of 120-121 semester hours of academic work with an adjusted or degree grade point average of 2.0 or better.
2. Completion of the General Studies Core Curriculum requirements:

Library Science	1
English Composition (English 101 and 102)	6
English Literature Elective	3
Mathematics (Math 160/161 and 3 hours above 161)	6
Natural Sciences (must include physical and biological sciences and must include a two semester sequence)	11
American History or Western Civilization	3
Arts	3
Communication 211	3
Electives from Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology	6

	42 hours
3. Completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours of coursework in three of the following seven concentration groups:

GROUP I—ARTS

Visual Arts
Dance

Music
Theatre

GROUP II—HUMANITIES

English
History

Languages
Philosophy

GROUP III—NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology
Chemistry

Earth Science
Mathematics

Microbiology
Physics

GROUP IV—APPLIED SCIENCES

Horticulture
Science
Industrial Technology

Nursing
Family and Consumer Sciences

Computer

GROUP V—BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Anthropology
Psychology

Sociology
Speech Communication

GROUP VI—APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Criminal Justice	Health Studies	Geography
Broadcasting	Kinesiology	Military
Science		
Education	Mass Communication	Social Work
Special Education	Political	Science
	Communication Science/Disorders	

GROUP VII—BUSINESS

Accounting	Finance	Management
General Business	Marketing	

4. Completion of a major concentration by earning an additional 24 semester hours in one of the selected groups, giving 36 semester hours in one group. An adjusted or degree 2.0 grade point or better is required for coursework taken in the major concentration group.
5. Completion of 18 semester hours of electives chosen in consultation with an academic advisor and approved by the Director. It is recommended that these electives be used to develop a minor field of concentration.
6. Completion of a minimum of 45 semester hours out of a total of 120-121 hours in courses taken at the junior or senior level. Of these, 15 semester hours must be in courses within the major concentration group.
7. For students choosing a major concentration in group I, II, or III, completion of 12 hours of a foreign language. For students choosing a major concentration in group V or VI, completion of 12 hours of a foreign language or 12 hours of computer science.
8. Demonstration of proficiency in the use of computers by completing a course which requires the use of computers, or by satisfactory performance on a test.
9. Completion of all general degree requirements for the university.
10. No more than 24 semester hours of courses offered in group VII may be applied to the Bachelor of General Studies degree.
11. 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 or to be earned.

HONORS DIPLOMA IN THE DISCIPLINE

The department also offers an upper-division honors curriculum allowing its students to earn an honors diploma in the major at graduation. For information about requirements and honors courses in this department, please contact the Department Head.

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 3	English 102 3
Communication 211 3	Art 3
Mathematics 160 or 161 3	Mathematics 162, 163 ⁶ , 185 or 241 3
American History or Western Civilization .. 3	Behavioral Science or Business
Elective ¹ 3	
Behavioral Science or Business Elective ¹ . 3	Library Science 102 1
Orientation 101 0-1	
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15-16	13
SECOND YEAR	
English Literature Elective 3	Elective ⁵ 3
Natural Science ² 4	Natural Science ² 3
Electives (Enrichment) ³ 9	Electives (Enrichment) ³ 9
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16	15

THIRD YEAR

Natural Science ²	4	Electives (Enrichment) ³	9
Electives (Enrichment) ³	9	Electives (Concentration) ⁴	6
Elective (Concentration) ⁴	3		
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	16		15

FOURTH YEAR

Electives (Concentration) ⁴	9	Electives (Concentration) ⁴	6
Electives ⁵	6	Electives ⁵	9
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	15		15

Total semester hours required 120-121

Orientation 101 is not required of transfer or readmitted Southeastern students with 30 hours or more.

¹Behavioral Science or Business electives for the Core Curriculum must be chosen from Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology.
²Natural Science courses for the Core Curriculum must be chosen to include physical science and biological science and must include a two semester sequence.
³Enrichment electives must be chosen so that a minimum of 12 semester hours is completed in each of three concentration groups.
⁴Electives for a major concentration must be chosen from one of the three concentration groups from which enrichment electives were chosen.
⁵It is recommended that these electives be used to develop a minor field of concentration.
⁶The prerequisite for Math 163 is Math 161.

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

PURPOSE

To offer a two-year degree for students who do not have four years to invest in higher education.

To offer a program which covers enough of the core curriculum so that students with the Associate of General Studies will have a foundation which prepares them to continue in most majors.

To offer a degree which is receptive to distance learning (e.g. telecourse, courses by correspondence, and courses taught off campus).

The Associate of General Studies may also be earned through an affiliation with North Oaks Health System School of Radiologic Technology. The clinical entry component is **extremely competitive**, and the completion of the core courses at SLU does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Once enrolled at North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology, students are no longer eligible for financial aid at SLU. If an individual is interested in this program, he/she should consult with the Department Head in Nursing.

CURRICULUM IN GENERAL STUDIES

LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
Orientation 101	0-1	English 102	3
Behavioral Science	3	Communication 211	3
Mathematics 160 or 161	3	Science (Biological)	3
Science (Physical)	3	Mathematics 162, 163 ¹ , 185, or 241	3
History 101 or 201	3	Behavioral Science	3
English 101	3		
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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 ²	3		
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	18		15

Total semester hours 63-64

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, General Business, Finance, Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Industrial Technology, Kinesiology, Management, Marketing, Nursing, Social Work.

¹The prerequisite for Math 163 is Math 161.

²Arts : Music, Visual Arts, Dance, or Theatre.