



Southeastern Louisiana University

General Studies Program

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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 - 1hr

English Composition (English 101 and 102) - 6 hrs

English Literature Elective - 3 hrs

Mathematics (Math 160/161 and 3 hours above 161) - 6 hrs

Natural Sciences (must include physical and biological sciences and must include a two semester sequence) - 11 hrs

American History or Western Civilization - 3 hrs

Arts - 3 hrs

Communication 211 - 3 hrs

Electives from Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science,

Psychology, Sociology - 6hrs

Total 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 Music
Dance Theatre

GROUP II-HUMANITIES

English Languages
History Philosophy

GROUP III-NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology Earth Science Microbiology
Chemistry Mathematics Physics

GROUP IV-APPLIED SCIENCES

Horticulture Nursing Computer Science
Industrial Technology Family and Consumer Sciences

GROUP V-BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Anthropology Sociology
Psychology 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

GROUP VII-BUSINESS

Accounting Finance Management
Economics Marketing Office Administration

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 the College of Business and Technology 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 | | |
| | 15-16 | | 13 |

| SECOND YEAR | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| FIRST SEMESTER | S.H. | SECOND SEMESTER | S.H. |
| English Literature Elective | 3 | Elective 5 | 3 |

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|--------------------------|----|
| Natural Science 2 | 4 |
| Electives (Enrichment) 3 | 9 |
| | 16 |

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|--------------------------|----|
| Natural Science 2 | 3 |
| Electives (Enrichment) 3 | 9 |
| | 15 |

THIRD YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER | S.H. |
|----------------------------|------|
| Natural Science 2 | 4 |
| Electives (Enrichment) 3 | 9 |
| Elective (Concentration) 4 | 3 |
| | 16 |

| SECOND SEMESTER | S.H. |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Electives (Enrichment) 3 | 9 |
| Electives (Concentration) 4 | 6 |
| | 15 |

FOURTH YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER | S.H. |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Electives (Concentration) 4 | 9 |
| Electives 5 | 6 |
| | 15 |

| SECOND SEMESTER | S.H. |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Electives (Concentration) 4 | 9 |
| Electives 5 | 6 |
| | 15 |

Total semester hours required 120-121

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

1 Behavioral Science or Business electives for the Core Curriculum must be chosen from Economics, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology.

2 Natural Science courses for the Core Curriculum must be chosen to include physical science and biological science and must include a two semester sequence.

3 Enrichment electives must be chosen so that a minimum of 12 semester hours is completed in each of three concentration groups.

4 Electives for a major concentration must be chosen from one of the three concentration groups from which enrichment electives were chosen.

5 It is recommended that these electives be used to develop a minor field of concentration.

6 The prerequisite for Math 163 is Math 161.

Associate of General Studies

Purpose

The purpose of the Associate of General Studies program is 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; and 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 Southeastern 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 Southeastern. 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 | | |
| | 15-16 | | 15 |

SECOND YEAR

| FIRST SEMESTER | S.H. | SECOND SEMESTER | S.H. |
|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Applied Science Elective | 3 | Applied Science Elective | 3 |
| Specialty Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Specialty Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |

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| Specialty Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | | |
| | 18 | | 15 |

Total semester hours 63-64

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

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.

Group IV-Applied Sciences-

Accounting, Computer Science, Economics, Finance, Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Industrial Technology, Kinesiology, Management, Marketing, Nursing, Office Administration, Social Work.

1 The prerequisite for Math 163 is Math 161.

Electives to be approved by the department head.



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