

# PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – Pathfinder track

## Bachelor of Science (BS)

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### 30 hours required – no minor required

##### Required Course:

\_\_\_PX499 College to Career (3)

**Pathfinder track** - choose coursework\* with advice of advisor to reach 120 hours.

\*PX398 *Interdisciplinary Independent Study* may be taken for up to 6 hours to fulfill the additional hours required to meet the 120 hour minimum requirement.

\*PX490 *Prior Learning & Experiential Portfolio* may be taken for up to 12 hours to fulfill the additional hours required to meet the 120 hour minimum requirement.

**NOTE:** A minimum of 15 senior division hours (300 level or above) are required to complete this major. A minimum of 39 senior division hours overall are required for the BS degree.

#### General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with their advisor to discuss the best path to graduation which may include completion of minors or certificates.

*Prior Learning* - Students can earn up to 12 hours of credit for prior non-college learning (<https://semo.edu/academics/online/prior-learning-assessment.html>).

A full-time student will take 12 hours per semester. To graduate in 4 years, students must take a minimum of 15 hours per semester or 30 hours per year.

*Personalized Pathways:* Courses are offered in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a spring wintersession between fall and spring, and at least six different 4-, 6-, and 8-week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	1	General Education	3
	EN100	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Elective	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	General Education w/ lab	4	Elective	3
	Elective		Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	Elective	3	PX499	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	1	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

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# DEGREE MAP 2026-2027

