

**Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)****General Studies**

Southeast's Bachelor of General Studies degree allows you to individually structure your degree program to fit your interests and goals, without requiring you to choose a major in a specific field. You can build a degree with your own area of focus. Unlike traditional majors, the bachelor of general studies program allows you to switch to another area of study with a minimum amount of additional course work.

Students may increase their focus on a particular discipline by completing a minor along with the general studies degree, although a minor is not required.

The general studies degree is available at the main campus, the regional campuses and online – allowing maximum flexibility to complete your degree.

**General Studies students will...**

- Complete the University Studies program as part of a foundation to their degree
- Choose upper-level courses that support their professional and personal goals
- Prepare themselves for career advancement or graduate school by completing a curriculum that demonstrates college-level competencies

**Career Planning**

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.
<b>Career Services</b> , located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.		

**Why Consider the BGS?**

The Bachelor of General Studies degree is a good choice for degree-seekers with one or more of the following characteristics:

- Students with college credits from multiple institutions
- Students with experience in several areas of study or majors
- Students interested in earning a four-year degree, without a requirement for, or interest in, a specific major
- Students seeking a degree for personal enrichment
- Students unable to finish another major but who want to earn a bachelor's degree to complete their undergraduate experience

**Special Options with General Studies**

This program of study is also available online and at the Regional Campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).

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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST****Bachelor of General Studies – 120 hours**

- \_\_\_ University Studies Requirements (51)
- \_\_\_ XX 300-599 Level Courses (39)\*
- \_\_\_ Non-business Courses (90)

**Optional Minor – 15-21 hours****University Studies Requirements:**

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Social Systems, Economic Systems, Political Systems, two IU/UI3XXs and one UI4XX

\* Nine hours of senior credit are completed within the University Studies requirements.

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN****General Studies**

Requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	Artistic Expression	3
	EN100	3	Behavioral Systems	3
	Develop of a Major Civ	3	Social Systems	3
	Oral Expression	3	Written Expression	3
	Political Systems	3	Minor/Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	Logical Systems	3	Economic Systems	3
	Minor/Elective	3	Living Systems	3
	Elective	3	300-500 Level Elective	3
	Elective	3	300-500 Level Elective	3
	Elective	3	Minor/Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	Literary Expression	3	IU/UI3XX	3
	Physical Systems	3	300-500 Level Elective	3
	300-500 Level Elective	3	300-500 Level Elective	3
	300-500 Level Elective	3	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	IU/UI3XX	3	UI4XX	3
	300-500 Level Elective	3	300-500 Level Elective	3
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	Minor/Elective	3	Minor/Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels.

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

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.