

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)

General Studies

Southeast's Bachelor of General Studies 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 and, 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 an official minor along with the general studies degree, but selecting a minor is not required of students.

General Studies students will...

- Complete the University Studies program as part of a foundational educational component of their degree.
- Choose upper-division courses that support their professional and personal goals.
- Prepare themselves for career advancement or graduate school through successfully completing a curriculum focused on demonstrating college-level competencies.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

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.

Why Consider the BGS?

The Bachelor of General Studies is ideal 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 primarily 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 because of changing life circumstances but who want to earn a bachelor's degree to complete their undergraduate experience

Special Options with Major

This program of study is available as an online program to students on the main campus and to students at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).

To learn more
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