

## 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).

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This is a guide based on the 2061-2017 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.

# Degree Map 2016-2017

## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

**To obtain a Bachelor of General Studies degree, you must complete:**

- 120 semester hours of credit (minimum)
- University Studies – Southeast’s general education program
- A Minor is not required but may be chosen
- Minimum grade point averages
  - Overall – 2.0
  - Courses taken at Southeast – 2.0
- 300-500 Level Courses Required: 39 Hours
- Non-business Courses Required: 90 Hours
- CL001, CL002, CL003, CL004 – Career Proficiencies
- MAPP – general education assessment taken during the senior year
- WP003 – 75 hour writing proficiency test – taken during the junior year

**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.**

### University Studies Requirements (51 Hours)

- \_\_\_ UI100 First Year Seminar
- \_\_\_ EN100 English Composition<sup>S</sup>
- \_\_\_ Artistic Expression<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Literary Expression<sup>S</sup>
- \_\_\_ Oral Expression
- \_\_\_ Written Expression<sup>S</sup>
- \_\_\_ Behavioral Systems<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Living Systems<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Logical Systems<sup>SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Physical Systems<sup>SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Development of a Major Civilization<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Economic Systems<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Political Systems<sup>SW</sup>
- \_\_\_ Social Systems<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ IU/UI3XX<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ IU/UI3XX<sup>BSW</sup>
- \_\_\_ IU/UI4xx<sup>BSW</sup>

### 300-500 Level Courses Required (39 Hours)

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8 - These courses are typically offered in an eight-week format in the spring or fall semesters.

S - These courses are typically offered in a summer session.

W -These courses are typically offered over the wintersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one wintersession course per semester.

## SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP

<b>FALL</b>	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
1st 8 Week	Aug. - Oct.		3
2nd 8 Week	Oct. - Dec.		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>
<b>SPRING</b>	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Wintersession	Dec. - Jan		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
1st 8 Week	Jan. - Mar.		3
2nd 8 Week	Mar. - May		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>
<b>SUMMER</b>	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
1st 4 Week	June		3
8 Week	June-July		3
2nd 4 Week	July		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>

### 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 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.

**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 senior level.

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 (e.g., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.