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. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

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

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| CL001 First Semester     | Students connect academic career planning by completing an online career assessment |
| CL002 Second Semester    | Students learn more about resources available to enhance academic and career planning |
| CL003 Junior Year        | Students learn about continued career planning, job search strategies, and networking |
| CL004 Senior Year        | Students learn about resume development, professional communication, interviewing, and transitioning to the first job from college |

**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, to students at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston), and at the Poplar Bluff Delivery Site.
This is a guide based on the 2017-2018 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**

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 (42 Hours)**

- UI100 First Year Seminar
- EN100 English Composition\(^8\)
- Artistic Expression\(^S\)
- Literary Expression\(^S\)
- Oral Expression
- Written Expression\(^S\)
- Behavioral Systems\(^S\)
- Living Systems\(^S\)
- Logical Systems\(^S\)
- Physical Systems\(^S\)
- Development of a Major Civilization\(^S\)
- Economic Systems\(^S\)
- Political Systems\(^S\)
- Social Systems\(^S\)

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

- [Courses listed here]

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**SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP**

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**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, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. 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 BGS degree.

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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.

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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**To explore**
Southeast’s majors, visit www.semo.edu/study/

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