

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)

General Studies (Online)

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.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more. You can reach them at (573) 651-2583 or careerservices@semo.edu.

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

About Our Online Programs

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

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 and Sikeston).

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

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

