

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.

Becoming Career Ready...

/ Bachelor of General Studies students complete the General Education program as part of a foundational educational component of their degree.

/ Students choose their degree courses, including 39 hours of upper-division courses, to support their professional and personal goals.

/ Students in the program prepare themselves for career advancement or graduate school through successfully completing a curriculum focused on demonstrating college-level competencies.

/ Academic departments at Southeast offer real-world experience. 100% of our programs offer students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

/ Students may choose life-changing study-abroad in semester exchange programs or in short-term, two-week programs.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

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.

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Degree Map 2019-2020

This is a guide based on the 2019-2020 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)
- General Education
- 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
- 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 or 30 hours per year.

General Education Requirements (42 Hours)

- ___ Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
 - Course 1
 - Course 2
- ___ Constitution requirement – 3 hours
 - Course 1
- ___ Written Communication – 6 hours
 - Course 1
 - Course 2
- ___ Oral Communication – 3 hours
 - Course 1
- ___ Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
 - Course 1
 - Course 2
- ___ Mathematics – 3 hours
 - Course 1
- ___ Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
 - Course 1
 - Course 2
 - Course 3
- ___ Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
 - UI100/Course 1
 - Course 2
- ___ Civics examination

300-599 Level Courses Required (39 Hours)

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SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP

FALL	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
Total			15

SPRING	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
Total			15

SUMMER	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
1st 4 Week	June		3
8 Week	June-July		3
2nd 4 Week	July		3
Total			9

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 the General Education program, 39 senior division hours, and the Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003).

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

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements (e.g., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.

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