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.

The general studies degree is available online, at the main campus, and each regional campus – allowing maximum flexibility in completing your degree.

**BGS 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**

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<td>First Semester</td>
<td>Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.</td>
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<td>Senior Year</td>
<td>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.</td>
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, located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.

**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, Malden, and Sikeston).

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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

University Studies Requirements (51 Hours)

UI100 First Year Seminar
EN100 English Composition
Artistic Expression
Literary Expression
Oral Expression
Written Expression
Behavioral Systems
Logical Systems
Physical Systems
Development of a Major Civilization
Economic Systems
Political Systems
Social Systems
IU/UI3XX
IU/UI4XX

300-500 Level Courses Required (39 Hours)

Optional Minor
15-21 credit hours; allowed in any area

SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP

General Studies
Consult with advisor to select courses meeting requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

FALL
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

SPRING
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

SUMMER
1st 4 Week June 3
8 Week June-July 3
2nd 4 Week July 3

Personalized Pathways:
At Southeast, we offer online courses 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 freshman and senior levels
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.

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