



## B.A. General Studies Requirements

General Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to optimize student creativity and flexibility. Instead of focusing intensely on one area in a pre-defined curriculum, students can custom tailor their plan of study to their individual interests and career goals. By combining coursework from multiple disciplines, the BA in General Studies is ideal for students seeking a well-rounded education that fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as knowledge and foci in one or more disciplines.

### Student Learning Objectives

1. Critically analyze complex issues and evaluate diverse perspectives.
2. Integrate knowledge from multiple disciplines to answer questions and solve problems.
3. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills across different contexts and audiences.

*Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for General Studies is 2.0.*

### **Required BA General Studies Concentration Courses – 21 credits**

*Concentration courses must be in a single discipline. At least 12 of the 21 credits must be 200-level or above. At least 3 credits must be a culminating experience consisting of an internship, independent study, or senior seminar in lieu of a comprehensive exam.*

Concentration courses (9 credits)

Concentration courses at the 200-level or above (9 credits)

Internship or Independent Study or Senior Seminar (3 credits)

### **Program Courses – 21 credits**

*Program courses may be from multiple disciplines including the concentration discipline. Program courses are defined by the prospectus, which is developed by the student and General Studies advisor. The prospectus must be approved by the General Studies committee prior to acceptance into the General Studies program.*

Program courses (21 credits total)

**Program Plan Code:** BA\_GENS

**Effective Date:** FALL 2018



# B.A. General Studies Major Check Sheet

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

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## Required General Studies Concentration Courses - 21 credits (single discipline)

Course 1:	credits	Grade:
Course 2:	credits	Grade:
Course 3:	credits	Grade:
Course 4: 200+ level:	credits	Grade:
Course 5: 200+ level:	credits	Grade:
Course 6: 200+ level:	credits	Grade:
Course 7: Culminating experience:	credits	Grade:
<b>Total Credits</b>	21 total credits	

## Program Courses – 21 credits (defined by prospectus)

Course 1:	credits	Grade:
Course 2:	credits	Grade:
Course 3:	credits	Grade:
Course 4:	credits	Grade:
Course 5:	credits	Grade:
Course 6:	credits	Grade:
Course 7:	credits	Grade:
<b>Total Credits</b>	21 total credits	

## Summary of Graduation Requirements

Total credits from major courses	<b>42</b>
Total credits from general education program	<b>42-45</b>
Total credits from university electives	<b>33-36</b>
<b>Minimum total credits to graduate</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Minimum overall GPA</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Minimum GPA in major program</b>	<b>2.0</b>

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# B.A. General Studies: 8-Semester Planner

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

*Each semester listed below provides information including course categories, typical credit hours (CH.), and space to add specific course selections. This planner is a suggested path. Consult with your advisor regarding your unique plans and interests as you make choices about your schedule.*

## **First Semester Plan**

Gen Ed	FYSM 100	3 CH.	Selection: FYSM100 -
Gen Ed	Category A1	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 CH.</b>	

## **Second Semester Plan**

Gen Ed	Category A2	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Concentration	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 CH.</b>	

## **Third Semester Plan**

Gen Ed	Category C1	3 or 4 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Concentration	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16 CH.</b>	

## **Fourth Semester Plan**

Gen Ed	Category A3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C2	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Concentration	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective		3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 CH.</b>	

***Fifth Semester Plan***

Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Concentration 200+ level	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Concentration 200+ level	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 CH.</b>	

***Sixth Semester Plan***

Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C3	3 or 4 CH.	Selection:
Major	Concentration 200+ level	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16 CH.</b>	

***Seventh Semester Plan***

Major	Concentration 200+ level, Culminating Experience	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 CH.</b>	

***Eighth Semester Plan***

Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Program course	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 CH.</b>	

**Additional Notes:** Core courses must be in a single discipline. Program courses defined by prospectus. Culminating experience must consist of a senior seminar, independent study, or internship.

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