BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

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Academic Programs

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree is an interdisciplinary degree that allows students to design a curriculum to meet individual goals by connecting the Texas core curriculum, 3 academic minors, one General Studies capstone course, and appropriate supporting courses. During the last semester of senior year, BGS majors will complete a capstone course (UNIV 4301) in which the student will complete a project that requires the integration of knowledge and ideas from the three areas of study.

Requirements to Apply

- Students must be in good standing with at least a 2.0 overall GPA to declare a BGS major.
- Prior to declaration, students must attend an information session with an academic advisor.
- Students must have senior hours, be in good academic standing, have completed their required upper level English writing course, and receive coordinator approval to register for UNIV 4301.

Available Minors

A list of all available classroom based minors for the Bachelor of General Studies degree can be found here (http://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-general-studies/classroom.html) , and a list of available on-line minors can be found here (http://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-general-studies/online.html) . Certain minor combinations may not be allowed if coursework is duplicative. Please consult with the BGS coordinator to insure that the proposed combination of minors is appropriate.

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Core Curriculum (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum)

Component Area I (Communication) 1st year		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) 1st or 2nd year		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History) 1st or 2nd year		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government) 1st or 2nd year		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) 1st or 2nd year		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) 1st or 2nd year		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
CSTE 1330	Introduction To Computers	3
or BUAD 1305	Electronic Communications Tech	
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 3330	Intro To Technical Writing	
ENGL 3377	Argument And Persuasion	
ENGL 3378	Designing Written Documents	
ENGL 3380	Advanced Composition	
Major Core		
UNIV 4301	Gen Studies Capstone Project (4th year, last semester)	3
Major		
Minor Area 1 - 3rd or 4th year [1]		18
Minor Area 2 - 3rd or 4th year [1]		18
Minor Area 3 - 3rd or 4th year [1]		18
Electives		

Select 15 hours of electives [1]	15
Total Hours	120

[1]   Some minors require more than 18 semester credit hours. This will impact the number of elective hours required and the total hours required for the BGS.