

GENERAL STUDIES

undergraduate program

Consistent with the overall mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, the Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies includes a liberal arts core curriculum, much of which is taken during the first two years of study.

Employment Opportunities:

Advertising Account Executive
Anchorperson
Archivist
College Recruiter
Copywriter
Creative Writer
Customer Service Representative
Editor
Entry-level Management Grant Writer
Journalist
Legislative Assistant
Lobbyist
Medical Communications Trainer
Minister
Museum Manager
Nonprofit Organizational Director
Para-Professional Librarian
Policy Analyst
Politician
Public Relations Personnel
Publicist
Human Relations Officer
Speech Writer
Training Specialist
Urban Planner/City Manager



General studies is a major designed for students who prefer a broader and more varied approach to learning than that of the traditional single-discipline major. It is a flexible degree program designed to meet the needs of a variety of students. The major is ideal for:

- Students seeking a strong foundation in general education, thereby preparing them to move on and pursue a graduate degree in fields that require no specific major or that encourage multi-disciplinary undergraduate study.
- Students wanting to develop marketable job skills and meet many employers' basic requirement of holding a college degree
- Students seeking retraining and upgrading of general knowledge to enhance personal and professional growth.

The curriculum is built on a foundation of general education and electives to develop depth in the background knowledge required for further study. Students majoring in general studies will receive hands-on experience through an internship, directed research, service-learning project and/or study abroad. Students will also have to complete a writing intensive capstone course related to their main area of study.

Required Skills:

- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Creativity
- Communication (Written & Oral)
- Goal Setting
- Independence

Possible Employers:

- Business
- Industry
- Nonprofit Organization
- Government Agency
- Retail Store
- Education

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN GENERAL STUDIES AT:

Career Services

www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx

Occupational Information Network

<http://www.onetonline.org/>

Pennsylvania Counseling Association

<http://www.pacounseling.org/>

Education Portal

<http://education-portal.com>

WorldwideLearn

<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/>

General Studies (BA) – Curriculum Guide

Student Name: _____

Advisor: _____

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCIES

(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)

- FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)

Writing

- ENG 0101 English Composition I
 ENG 0102 English Composition II

Mathematics

- * MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

- Students are required to complete two courses designated as "Global"

- Students who enrolled prior to fall 2013 are required to complete ONE course designated as Non-Western

ARTS & LETTERS (ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)

- Literature
 Arts
 Literature, Arts, Language

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES

(Two different categories must be represented)

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HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)

- HIST

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)

- Physical Science
 Life Science
 Physical, Life, or Computational Science
 Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- PEDC

*MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES

The General Studies major consists of 72-73 credit hours
Students must choose 3 areas from the following categories:

Category I: Arts and Letters

(ENG, WRITNG, ART, MUSIC, THEA, LANGUAGES)

Category II: Behavioral, Economic, and Political Sciences

(PSY, SOC, ECON, PS, GEOG)

Category III: History, Cultures, and Philosophical Inquiry

(HIST, ANTH, PHIL)

Category IV: Physical, Life and Computational Sciences

(ASTRON, BIOL, CHEM, ENGR, ES, GEOL, PHYS, PET, MATH)

Category V: Professional Studies

(ACCT, ADMJ, CIST, COMM, EDUC, ENVSTD, FIN, HPRED, HMG, INTS, MIS, MILS, MGMT, MRKT, NUR, PR)

Five courses (15 credits) must be at the 1300 level or above.

AREA 1 (36 credit hours, 12 courses)

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AREA 2 (18 credit hours, 6 courses)

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AREA 3 (12 credit hours, 4 courses)

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DIRECTED RESEARCH, INTERNSHIP, SERVICE LEARNING OR STUDY ABROAD

REQUIRED MINOR

CAPSTONE

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have EARNED _____ credit hours

You NEED _____ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.

You will have earned _____ credit hours of Upper Level course work.

You NEED _____ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar's Office with questions or concerns.