

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Introduction

The broad curricular structure of the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) degree allows students to pursue prescribed tracks (Computer Science and Law Enforcement, Digital Marketing, Nonprofit Management, or Pre-Health) or a self-designed course of study that represents a combination of disciplines not reflected by traditional majors. Students can create a B.G.S. degree path that prepares them for entry into professional careers, or to seek professional or graduate education opportunities.

Requirements

General Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		42
Academic Minors (3 Required)		54
Electives		24
Total Credits		120

CIP Code: 24.0102

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		
Communication		3
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Mathematics		3
Life and Physical Science		3
Life and Physical Science		3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
American History		3
American History		3
Government/Political Science		3
Government/Political Science		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Component Area Option		3
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar ¹	
Component Area Option		3
Subtotal:		42
Prescribed Electives ²		54
Self-Designed Track		
Pre-Health Track		
Computer Science and Law Enforcement Track		
Non-Profit Management Track		
Digital Marketing Track		
Subtotal:		54
Electives		
As needed to complete 120 credit hours required.		24

Subtotal:	24
Total Credits	120

¹ EDUC 1301 may be substituted for UNIV 1301 First Year Seminar
² Required coursework for each track is provided below.

Prescribed Tracks

Self-Designed Track

Students pursuing the self-designed track must complete 3 minors from 2 of the university's 3 colleges and electives as needed to bring the total number of SCH to 120.

Pre-Health Track

Students must complete 3 of the following 6 minors and elective credits as needed to bring the total number of SCH to 120. The 3 minors completed by the student must come from 2 of the university's 3 colleges.

Biochemistry Minor

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry Lab I	1
CHEM 1312	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry Lab II	1
CHEM 2323	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 2123	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1
CHEM 2325	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM 2125	Organic Chemistry II Lab	1
CHEM 4341	Biochemistry I	3
CHEM 4141	Biochemistry Laboratory	1
CHEM 4342	Biochemistry II	3
Total Credits		23

Biology Minor

To earn a minor in Biology, students are advised to take BIOL 1306 Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys and BIOL 1307 Gen Biology II-Biol Organisms to fulfill their core requirements in the physical and life sciences in order to stay within 120 credit hours for their degree plans. A minor in biology thus consists of 6 credits in the core (General Biology I and II), and an additional 16-18 credit hours in BIOL. See below for specific courses and course-requirements for a Biology Minor.

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 1306	Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys	3
BIOL 1307	Gen Biology II-Biol Organisms	3
BIOL 1106	General Biology I Lab	1
BIOL 1107	General Biology II - Lab	1
BIOL 2411	Genetics	4
Select an additional 10-12 credits in Biology ¹		10-12
Total Credits		22-24

¹ 10 of which must be upper-division

Chemistry Minor

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry Lab I	1
CHEM 1312	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry Lab II	1
CHEM 2323	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 2123	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1
Select two additional upper-division (3000 or 4000) CHEM courses		6
Total Credits		18

Psychology Minor

The minor consists of a total of 18 hours, including:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC 2301	General Psychology ¹	3
PSYC 2388	Psychological Research/Stats I	3
Select at least 12 hours of upper-division Psychology courses		12
Total Credits		18

- 1 A minimum grade of C in PSYC 2301 General Psychology is required of students pursuing a minor in Psychology.

Health Minor

The minor in Health will complement existing BS programs in kinesiology, psychology, sociology, and others. These courses will prepare students for careers in the public and community health sector. Students wishing to minor in health must complete 18 semester credit hours from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Select 18 credits of the following:		18
EDHL 3331	Consumer Health	
EDHL 3333	Growth Dvlpment and Sexuality	
EDHL 3335	Drug Education	
EDHL 3381	Community Health	
EDHL 3383	Women's Health	
EDHL 4337	Disease Entities/Epidemiology	
EDHL 4342	Prgrm Plan for Hlth Promotion	
Total Credits		18

Exercise Science and Pre-Physical Theory Minor

The Exercise Science and Pre-PT minor is for students interested in a non-public school teaching profession, continuing their education in Exercise Science, or applying to a PT program to further their education:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
EDKN 3426	Basic Physiology of Exercise ¹	4
EDKN 3315	Functional Anatomy ²	3
EDKN 4325	Biomechanics ¹	3
EDKN 4401	Exercise Test and Prescription ³	4
EDKN 1301	Foundations of Kinesiology	3
or EDKN 1338	Fitness and Wellness	
Select one of the following:		3-4

EDKN 4324	Exercise in Chronic Disease and Disabilities	
EDKN 4417	Adv Physiology of Exercise	
EDKN 4320	Motor Dev and Motor Learning	
Total Credits		20-21

- 1 EDKN 3315 Functional Anatomy is a prerequisite.
 2 BIOL 1306 Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys is a prerequisite.
 3 EDKN 3426 Basic Physiology of Exercise is a prerequisite.

Computer Science and Law Enforcement Track

Students must complete 3 of the following minors.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Minor

To earn a minor in criminology and criminal justice, a student must complete:

Code	Title	Credits
CRIM 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 2330	Theories of Crime Causation	3
CRIM 3350	Crime & Justice Policy	3
CRIM 3385	Criminal Law	3
Select six additional hours of upper division CRIM courses		6
Total Credits		18

Political Science Minor

The minimum requirement is 18 hours to include:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 3302	Research and Analy in Pol Sci	3
POLS 3341	International Relations	3
POLS 3351	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 3321	Pol Theory Ancient & Medieval	3
or POLS 3322	Polit Theory Early Mdrn &Mdrn	
Select six additional hours of upper-division POLS courses		6
Total Credits		18

Psychology Minor

The minor consists of a total of 18 hours, including:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC 2301	General Psychology ¹	3
PSYC 2388	Psychological Research/Stats I	3
Select at least 12 hours of upper-division Psychology courses		12
Total Credits		18

- 1 A minimum grade of C in PSYC 2301 General Psychology is required of students pursuing a minor in Psychology.

Business Administration Minor

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct	3
MGMT 3311	Principles of Management	3
MKTG 3311	Principles of Marketing	3
Select nine hours from the following:		9

BCOM 3304	Bus Communication
BLAW 3341	Business Law
BUAD 3311	Business and Society
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems
MGMT 3325	Human Resources Mgmt and Proc
MKTG 3343	Digital Marketing

Total Credits 18

Computer Information Systems Minor

Available only to non-business majors

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
CISA 1305	Business Computer Applications	3
CSCI 1436	Programming Fundamentals I	4
CISA 2356	Systems Analysis and Design	3
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems	3
Select four approved advanced CISA courses		12
Total Credits		25

Computer Science Minor

Available to any major

The computer science minor consists of the following required courses (18 hours):

Code	Title	Credits
CSCI 1436	Programming Fundamentals I	4
CSCI 1437	Programming Fundamentals II	4
CSCI 2436	Programming Fundamentals III	4
CSCI 3304	Database Systems	3
Select three additional semester credit hours from an upper-division CSCI course or approved CISA/CETE elective		3
Total Credits		18

Education Minor

The minimum number shall be 18 semester hours (beyond EDCI 1301 Introduction to Teaching), 12 of which must be advanced.

Non-Profit Management Track

Business Administration Minor

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct	3
MGMT 3311	Principles of Management	3
MKTG 3311	Principles of Marketing	3
Select nine hours from the following:		9
BCOM 3304	Bus Communication	
BLAW 3341	Business Law	
BUAD 3311	Business and Society	
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems	
MGMT 3325	Human Resources Mgmt and Proc	

MKTG 3343	Digital Marketing
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Total Credits	18

Communication Minor

The following lower division courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
COMM 1307	Intro to Mass Communication	3
COMM 2300	Multimedia Literacy	3
Select 12 hours of the following:		12
COMJ 3321	Principles of Advertising	
COMJ 4301	History of Journalism	
COMJ 4322	Public Relations	
COMM 3350	Theories of Communication	
COMM 3351	Media Effects	
COMM 4315	Media Ethics	
COMM 4317	Mass Media Public and the Law	
Total Credits		18

Sociology Minor

The minor consists of:

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 1301	Principles of Sociology	3
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
Select 12 hours of upper-division Sociology courses		12
Total Credits		18

Women's and Gender Studies Minor

This minor requires Intro Women's and Gender Stds (WGST 2301) and 15 additional semester hours of courses from the list below, at least 12 of which must be upper-division. No more than 9 hours in any one discipline may apply toward the Women's and Gender Studies minor.

Code	Title	Credits
WGST 2301	Intro Women's and Gender Stds	3
Select 5 from the following, including at least 12 upper division:		15
EDHL 3383	Women's Health	
ENGL 3331	Intersectional Shakespeare	
ENGL 4370	Special Topics in English ¹	
ENGL 4375	Studies in Women's Literature	
HIST 4360	Women in History	
HIST 4364	Women & Gender-Latin America	
HIST 4366	Childhood in America	
HIST 4370	Crucial Topics in History (When taught from a Women's and Gender Studies perspective.)	
MUSI 2301	Women in Music	
POLS 4364	Women and Politics	
PSYC 3321	Intimate Relationships	
PSYC 3322	Gender Issues	
PSYC 3369	Human Sexuality	
SOCI 2356	Gender and Society	
SOCI 3313	LGBTQ+	
SOCI 3350	Myths & Reality-Marrige/Family	
SOCI 3360	Inequality/Social Stratificatn	

SOCI 4351	Families and Inequality
SOCI 4350	Selected Topics in Family (When taught from a Women's and Gender Studies perspective.)
SOCI 4352	Deconstructing Disney: Race, Gender, and Age
SOCI 4354	Sex, Sexuality, and Society
SOCI 4364	Women of Color
SOCI 4380	Selected Topics in Sociology (When taught from a Women's and Gender Studies perspective.)

Total Credits 18

¹ When taught from a Women's and Gender Studies perspective

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EDKN 4417	Adv Physiology of Exercise	
EDKN 4320	Motor Dev and Motor Learning	
Total Credits		20-21

¹ EDKN 3315 Functional Anatomy is a prerequisite.

² BIOL 1306 Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys is a prerequisite.

³ EDKN 3426 Basic Physiology of Exercise is a prerequisite.

Digital Marketing Track

Business Administration Minor

The following courses are required:

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Required Courses		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct	3
MGMT 3311	Principles of Management	3
MKTG 3311	Principles of Marketing	3
Select nine hours from the following:		9
BCOM 3304	Bus Communication	
BLAW 3341	Business Law	
BUAD 3311	Business and Society	
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems	
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Total Credits		18

History Minor

The minimum requirement shall be 18 semester hours, consisting of:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	6
& HIST 2322	and World Civilizations II	
HIST 3301	Intro to Historical Analysis	3
HIST 4301	Methods of Historical Research	3
Adv. HIST Elective		6
Total Credits		18

Sociology Minor

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SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
Select 12 hours of upper-division Sociology courses		12
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EDHL 4342	Prgm Plan for Hlth Promotion	
Total Credits		18

Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies Minor

This minor consists of SOCI 2361 Introduction to Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies and 15 additional semester hours of courses from the following list:

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 2361	Introduction to Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies	3
Select 15 additional semester hours of the following: ¹		15
ARTS 1302	LatinX Art Appreciation	
CRIM 3357	Border Security Issues	
ENGL 2312	Borderland Rhetorics	
ENGL 2326	Literature of the Americas	
ENGL 3351	Mexican American Literature an	
ENGL 4370	Special Topics in English (When taught from a Mexican American Latinx and Borderlands Studies perspective.)	
ENGL 4388	Latinx Literature	
EDBL 3327	Multilingual & Multicult Educ	
EDEC 4301	Working with Diverse Families and Young Children	
EDRG 3335	Multicultural Children's Literature	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
HIST 2312	Native American History	
HIST 2348	Mexican American History	
HIST 3311	History of the Spanish Borderlands	
HIST 3312	Europe in the Middle Ages	
HIST 4347	The American West	
HIST 3356	Mexico	
HIST 4370	Crucial Topics in History (when appropriate)	
MGMT 4379	Entrp: Spcl Topics Entrprnrshp	
POLS 3341	International Relations	
POLS 4355	Govt and Politics of Mexico	
POLS 4370	Spec Studies in Polit Sci	
SOCI 3361	Mexican Americans: Identity, Movements, and Social Justice	
SOCI 3362	Immigration, Racial Politics, and Nation	
SOCI 4343	Soci & Natural Sys US-Mex Brdr	
SOCI 4353	Mexican American Families	
SOCI 4362	Race and Ethnicity	
SOCI 4363	Afrx-Latinxs: Race, Culture, and Transnationalism	
SPAN 3331	Latin American Film History	
SPAN 4319	Hispanic Culture	
SPAN 4320	Topics in Span Literature (When taught from a Mexican American Latinx and Borderlands Studies perspective.)	
Total Credits		18

¹ At least 6 semester hours of advanced work are required.

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study is intended to be used as a guide in conjunction with official degree requirements outlined in the catalog. While this plan demonstrates a course of study that covers eight semesters, each student's academic path is unique and your timeline may look different. Students

should regularly consult with academic advisors as they plan their course schedules as course offerings may vary.

First Year

First Semester		Credits
Communication Core		3
American History Core		3
Mathematics Core		3
Life and Physical Science Core		3
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
Credits		15

Second Semester

Communication Core		3
Life and Physical Science Core		3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core		3
American History Core		3
Government/Political Science Core		3
Credits		15

Second Year

First Semester		Credits
Government/Political Science Core		3
Component Area Option Core		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core		3
Creative Arts Core		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Credits		15

Second Semester

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Credits		15

Third Year

First Semester		Credits
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Credits		15

Second Semester

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Credits		15

Fourth Year

First Semester		Credits
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)		3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)		3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)		3

Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Credits	15
Second Semester	
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	120