GENERAL STUDIES, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies at Saint Louis University is a multidisciplinary liberal arts program that offers students an opportunity to study aspects of society and culture; sharpen comprehension, speaking and writing skills; and think critically.

Curriculum Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in general studies requires 120 credits and can be completed entirely online. This degree is flexible enough to be pursued by working adults.

Courses explore moral and ethical development, leadership and service, communication and technology, diversity and inquiry, completing the program with a capstone course. Students also have the option to take 12 credits in a chosen concentration.

Careers

A bachelor's degree in general studies covers the basics of a university education. It also shows employers that graduates can start something and finish it, have a thirst for knowledge, and can be trained in a variety of tasks.

For many professional careers, a bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for even applying for a job — a bachelor's degree in general studies fulfills that requirement. And some graduates have used their general studies program degree as a stepping stone to continuing education.

Admission Requirements

- Age: 22 years or older
- Work Experience: at least 3 years or the equivalent
- Education: high school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250
- Interview: successful completion of an admission meeting with an admissions counselor. This can be done over the phone or on campus
- Grade Point Average: min transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)

Admission Procedures

Step 1 — Complete Application

Complete the application for admission online at https://www.slu.edu/online. Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply for admission at least one month before the term in which they wish to enroll.

Step 2 — Request official Transcripts

Have official transcripts mailed directly from all previously attended colleges to:

School for Professional Studies
Attention: Admissions
3840 Lindell Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108

Applicants seeking a degree or certificate who have not earned a bachelor's degree must obtain official transcripts for all previous college course work. If students have never attended college or have less than 15 credits of transferable college credits they will need to provide official high school or GED transcripts.

Applicants seeking a certificate who have a bachelor's degree need only provide an official transcript from their primary higher education institution or evidence of a high school diploma or GED.

Non-degree applicants only need to provide unofficial copies as needed for prerequisites.

Step 3 — Meet with Admissions Counselor

Contact an admissions counselor to discuss the status of the application and educational and career goals. Students may schedule an appointment to speak with an admissions counselor at the St. Louis campus or over the phone in certain instances. Appointments are available during business hours and weekday evenings.

A writing and/or math assessment test may be necessary during or shortly after the admissions meeting.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. The School for Professional Studies offers numerous scholarships and awards specially for new students.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Active Military and Veterans

Students may be eligible for a reduced tuition rate of $410 per credit for this program. In addition, Saint Louis University participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program for eligible students.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to write in academic style, which includes making, organizing and supporting an argument.
2. Graduates will be able to analyze and apply qualitative or quantitative information for decision-making and problem-solving.
3. Graduates will be able to collaborate in a community of scholars to explore questions raised by the sciences and humanities.
4. Graduates will be able to explain how civilizations, religious communities, nations, or individuals can inform and be informed by values, ethics and spirituality.
5. Graduates will be able to apply an interdisciplinary approach to a social justice issue.

Requirements

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Major Requirements

At least 24 credits must be at the 3000 and 4000 level and at least six credits must be taken in each of the following areas:

- Any two Fine Arts and Literature courses
- Any two Science and Technology courses
- Any two History courses
- Any two Philosophy and Theology courses

Capstone

Concentration (optional)

General Electives

Total Credits

If students do not pursue a concentration then general electives may be chosen.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

SPS Core Curriculum Requirements

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<td>Business and Professional Writing</td>
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Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

- CIS 2700 Discrete Methods and Models
- CIS 2850 Principles of Data Analysis
- PHIL 1055 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality

Ethics, Values & Spirituality

- THEO 1005 Theological Foundations
- PHIL 2055 Ethics
- THEO/SPR One additional THEO or SPR course

Engaging the Human Experience

- HUM 1500 Engaging the Human Experience

Two Humanities courses

- ARTH 1005 Approaching the Arts
- ARTH 3805 Twentieth Century Art
- ENGL 2025 Intro to Literary Study
- ENGL 2605 Introduction to Short Fiction
- ENGL 3275 American Literary Traditions to 1865
- ENGL 3295 American Literary Traditions: Special Topics
- ENGL 3335 World Literary Traditions III
- ENGL 3355 Selected Major British Authors
- ENGL 3545 Literature of the African Diaspora
- ENGL 3885 Writing Personal Narratives
- HIST 1115 Origins of the Modern World to 1500
- HIST 1125 Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present
- HIST 2615 History of the United States Since 1865
- HIST 3485 U.S. CIVIL WAR and RECONSTRUCTION, 1850-1877
- HIST 3525 Contemporary America, 1945 - Present
- HIST 3635 The Saint Louis Region
- PHIL 1055 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality
- PHIL 1105 Introduction to Philosophy: Critical Thinking
- PHIL 2055 Ethics
- PHIL 3605 Science and Religion
- SPR 3610 Spirituality: Work & Vocation
- SPR 3840 Women, Religion & Spirituality
- SPR 3890 Spirituality and Psychology
- SPR 4810 Spirituality, Peace & Justice
- SPR 4820 Spirituality: Ethics and Leadership
- THEO 2355 American Christianity
- THEO 3505 Marriage & Christian Vocation
- THEO 3795 Studies in Non-Christian Religious Traditions

One Natural Science course

- BIOL 1385 Introduction to Ecology and Evolution
- BIOL 1405 Biology of Health and Disease
- BIOL 3305 The Biology of Plants and Animals
- BIOL 3415 Concepts in Ecology

One Social Science course

- POLS 1105 Introduction to American Politics
- PSYK 1010 General Psychology
- PST 1900 Survey of Economics
- SOC 1105 Introduction to Sociology

One Diversity course

- CMMK 3650 Professional Communication Between Cultures
- ENGL 3300 World Literary Traditions III
- ENGL 3540 Literature of the African Diaspora
- HMGT 3100 International Travel & Tourism
- OSTD 3205 Interpersonal Relations in Org
- PSYK 3330 Applied Personality
- SOC 1105 Introduction to Sociology
- SPR 3840 Women, Religion & Spirituality

Total Credits

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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### Fall 2
- **CIS 1150**  Concepts & Applications of Technology  3
- **ENGL 2005**  Writing & Research Methods  3
- **Credits**  12

### Spring
#### Spring 1
- **CMMK 1210**  Public Speaking in Org. Life  3
- **THEO 1005**  Theological Foundations  3

#### Spring 2
- **BIOL**  1000 Level  3
- **PHIL 1055**  Intro to Phil: Self & Reality  3
- **Credits**  12

### Summer
- **ENGL 4005**  Business and Professional Writing  3
- **General Elective** 3
- **Credits**  6

### Year Two
#### Fall
#### Fall 1
- **ARTH 1005**  Approaching the Arts  3
- **PHIL 2055**  Ethics  3

#### Fall 2
- **BIOL**  3000 Level  3
- **Social Science Course**  3
- **Credits**  12

#### Spring
#### Spring 1
- **ARTH 3805**  Twentieth Century Art  3
- **General Elective** 3

#### Spring 2
- **HIST**  3000 level  3
- **General Elective**  3
- **Credits**  12

#### Summer
- **General Elective** 3
- **CIS 3150**  Workplace Ethics  3
- **Credits**  6

### Year Three
#### Fall
#### Fall 1
- **THEO/SPR**  3000 level or higher  3
- **General Elective**  3

#### Fall 2
- **ENGL**  3000/4000 level  3
- **General Elective**  3
- **Credits**  12

#### Spring
#### Spring 1
- **CIS 2850**  Principles of Data Analysis  3
- **General Elective** 3

#### Spring 2
- **THEO/SPR**  3000/4000  3
- **General Elective**  3
- **Credits**  12

### Year Four
#### Fall
#### Fall 1
- **HIST**  3000/4000  3
- **General Elective** 3

#### Fall 2
- **CMMK**  3000/4000  3
- **General Elective**  3
- **Credits**  12

### Spring
#### Spring 1
- **SPR/THEO**  2000  3
- **General Elective** 3

#### Spring 2
- **HUM 4960**  General Studies Capstone  3
- **Humanities**  3
- **Credits**  12

#### Summer
- **General Elective** 3
- **General Elective** 3
- **Credits**  6

### Total Credits
- **120**