

# GENERAL STUDIES, B.A.

Learn ways of thinking and practical skills that align with the competencies employers demand in the 21st century with the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies offered through Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies.

As part of this interdisciplinary program, you'll explore the value of innovative reflection, inquiry and analysis, quantitative and financial literacy, leadership, ethical reasoning and civic engagement. You will also select a minor, certificate or liberal arts focus as part of your degree path. This additional feature allows you to deepen your expertise in one specialized area while also enhancing your broad-based interpersonal and leadership skills. The B.A. in general studies culminates in an integrative capstone course.

## Curriculum Overview

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 120-credit degree program offers future and current leaders like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six accelerated, eight-week terms each year offered by SLU online, you can begin working toward your degree at any time, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

## Careers

SLU's bachelor's degree in general studies equips students with versatile skills that are highly marketable in a rapidly changing work environment. The degree empowers students to thrive in a diverse range of industries from financial services to health care to universities. The broad disciplinary training also gives students the opportunity to pursue graduate work in several different fields of study.

For many professional careers, a bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for even applying for a job or earning a promotion. The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies can help students fulfill that basic requirement. It demonstrates that students have the perseverance, thirst for knowledge and work ethic to complete a degree in several areas of academic inquiry.

## Admission Requirements

The School for Professional Studies welcomes adult learners whose educational journey has been interrupted by life's circumstances. This includes individuals with at least one of the following characteristics:

- Delayed enrollment in post-secondary education
- Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
- Works full-time (35 hours or more/week) while enrolled
- Financial independence, has dependents other than a spouse, is a single parent, or has other demands that make traditional education less feasible

## Application Requirements

- **Work Experience:** At least three years or the equivalent. Work experience may include a full-time/part-time job, internship, volunteer work, or comparable experiences.
- **Education:** High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250.
- **Coaching session:** Successful completion of a meeting with an academic coach (this can be done virtually or on campus).

- **Grade Point Average:** Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance).
- **Transcript:** An official transcript from the most recent institution attended.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

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

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are 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:** Financial aid is 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 and First Responders

Honorably discharged veterans, active-duty military members, reserve members and first responders qualify for a reduced tuition rate of \$295 per credit hour for any undergraduate program offered through the School for Professional Studies.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to identify the political and non-political processes that make a difference in the civic life of our communities.
2. Graduates will be able to analyze ideas, data and events to reach informed conclusions.
3. Graduates will be able to explain how ethical perspectives apply in various social contexts.
4. Graduates will be able to write in different styles, genres and modalities.
5. Graduates will be able to integrate ideas and experiences across disciplines

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		<b>39</b>
College core requirements (p. 2)		
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>39</b>
HUM 2100	Cultivating Intellectual Virtues for Lifelong Learning	
HUM 2150	How to Think Critically	
HUM 3300	Then and Now: Thinking Historically	
HUM 3400	Creative Thinking: Cultivating an Imaginative Mind	
HUM 3450	Interpreting Texts	
HUM 3500	Writing in a Digital Age	
HUM 4100	Engaging Difference in a Pluralistic World	

HUM 4200	Working for the Common Good	
PMGT 1010	Fundamentals of Project Management	
CIS 2300	Data-Driven Decision Making	
ORLD 1000	Foundations of Effective Leadership	
ORLD 2500	Financial Concepts	
ORLD 3300	Organizational Behavior and Team Effectiveness	
<b>Capstone</b>		<b>3</b>
HUM 4960	General Studies Capstone	
<b>Student Selects a Minor, Certificate, or Liberal Arts Focus</b>		<b>18-24</b>
<b>General Electives</b>		<b>15-21</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

## SPS Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication and Technology</b>		<b>9</b>
PST 1500	Igniting Success: Jesuit Education and the Adult Learner	
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	
<b>Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</b>		<b>6</b>
CIS 2700	Discrete Methods and Models	
or CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	
<b>Ethics, Values &amp; Spirituality</b>		<b>9</b>
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	
PHIL 2055	Ethics	
THEO/SPR	One additional THEO or SPR course	
<b>Engaging the Human Experience</b>		<b>15</b>
HUM 2000	Ethics of Writing	
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience	
<i>One Humanities course</i>		
HUM 1930	Special Topics	
ARTH 3805	Twentieth Century Art	
ENGL 2025	Intro to Literary Study	
ENGL 2605	Introduction to Short Fiction	
ENGL 3295	American Literary Traditions: Special Topics	
HIST 1115	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	
HIST 1125	Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present	
HIST 3485	U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction: 1850-1877	
HIST 3635	The Saint Louis Region	
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	
PHIL 3605	Science and Religion	
SPR 3610	Spirituality: Work & Vocation	
SPR 4810	Spirituality, Peace & Justice	
THEO 2355	American Christianity	
<i>One Natural Science course</i>		
BIOL 1385	Introduction to Ecology and Evolution	
BIOL 1405	Biology of Health and Disease	
<i>One Social Science course</i>		

POLS 1105	Introduction to American Politics	
PSYK 1010	General Psychology	
PST 1900	Survey of Economics	
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology	
<i>One Diversity course</i>		
CIS 3150	Workplace Ethics	
CMMK 3650	Professional Communication Between Cultures	
PSYK 3330	Applied Personality	
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

## 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.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Fall 1		
PST 1500	Igniting Success: Jesuit Education and the Adult Learner	3
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	3
Fall 2		
CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	3
HUM 2000	Ethics of Writing	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Spring 1		
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	3
ARTH 1005	Approaching the Arts	3
Spring 2		
BIOL 1385	Introduction to Ecology and Evolution	3
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	3
General Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Fall 1		
PST 1900	Survey of Economics	3
PHIL 2055	Ethics	3
Fall 2		
SPR 3610	Spirituality: Work & Vocation	3

HIST 3635	The Saint Louis Region	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Spring 1		
HUM 2100	Cultivating Intellectual Virtues for Lifelong Learning	3
General Elective		3
Spring 2		
HUM 2150	How to Think Critically	3
ORLD 1000	Foundations of Effective Leadership	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
General Electives		
Minor		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Fall 1		
HUM 3300	Then and Now: Thinking Historically	3
PMGT 1010	Fundamentals of Project Management	3
Fall 2		
HUM 3400	Creative Thinking: Cultivating an Imaginative Mind	3
ORLD 2500	Financial Concepts	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Spring 1		
HUM 3450	Interpreting Texts	3
CIS 2300	Data-Driven Decision Making	3
Spring 2		
HUM 3500	Writing in a Digital Age	3
Minor		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
General Elective		
Minor		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Fall 1		
HUM 4100	Engaging Difference in a Pluralistic World	3
Minor		3
Fall 2		
ORLD 3300	Organizational Behavior and Team Effectiveness	3
Minor		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Spring 1		
HUM 4200	Working for the Common Good	3
Minor		3
Spring 2		

HUM 4960	General Studies Capstone	3
General Electives		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
General Elective		
General Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

## Contact Us

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For additional admission questions, please call 314-526-2825 or email [sps@slu.edu](mailto:sps@slu.edu).

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