

# GENERAL STUDIES, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies offered through Saint Louis University's School for Professional studies is an interdisciplinary program, where you'll learn ways of thinking and practical skills that align with the competencies employers demand in the 21st century. You'll explore the value of innovative reflection, inquiry and analysis, quantitative and financial literacy, leadership, ethical reasoning, and civic engagement. The B.A. in General Studies culminates in an integrative capstone course.

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.

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

## Careers

The 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

- Age: 22 years or older (exceptions may be made)
- Work Experience: At least three years or the equivalent
- Education: High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250
- Interview: Successful completion of a meeting with an academic coach (this can be done over the phone or on campus)
- Grade Point Average: Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)
- Transcripts: Official transcripts from all institutions attended

## 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.

Apply Now (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

### Step 2 – Request Official Transcripts

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

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

Official transcripts may also be emailed directly to Eric Miller at [eric.miller@slu.edu](mailto:eric.miller@slu.edu).

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 Academic Coach

Contact an academic coach to discuss the status of the application and educational and career goals. Students may schedule an appointment to speak with an academic coach on campus or over the phone/Zoom by calling 314-977-2330 or emailing [sps@slu.edu](mailto:sps@slu.edu).

## 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. Apply intellectual virtues in a variety of decision-making contexts.
2. Interpret texts and data through appropriate mediums of communication.
3. Formulate original, unorthodox solutions to a problem.
4. Employ historical perspective to explain the development of contemporary problems.

5. Explain how ethical reflection can enhance one's ability to contribute to a common good.

6. Synthesize knowledge across disciplines to address complex problems.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		39
College core requirements (p. 2)		
<b>Major Requirements</b>		39
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>		3
HUM 4960	General Studies Capstone	
<b>Student Selects a Minor, Certificate, or Liberal Arts Focus</b>		18-24
<b>General Electives</b>		15-21
Total Credits		120

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

### SPS Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication and Technology</b>		9
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	
ENGL 2005	Writing & Research Methods	
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	
<b>Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</b>		6
CIS 2700	Discrete Methods and Models	
or CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	
or PHIL 1105	Introduction to Philosophy: Critical Thinking	
<b>Ethics, Values &amp; Spirituality</b>		9
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	
PHIL 2055	Ethics	
THEO/SPR	One additional THEO or SPR course	
<b>Engaging the Human Experience</b>		15
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience	
<i>Two Humanities courses</i>		
ARTH 1005	Approaching the Arts	

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 1105	Introduction to Philosophy: Critical Thinking	
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	
BIOL 3305	The Biology of Plants and Animals	
BIOL 3415	Concepts in Ecology	
<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	
OSTD 3205	Interpersonal Relations in Org	
PSYK 3330	Applied Personality	
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology	
Total Credits		39

## 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		
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	3
HUM 1500	Engaging the Human Experience	3
<b>Fall 2</b>		
CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	3

ENGL 2005	Writing & Research Methods	3
Credits		12
<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
Credits		12
<b>Summer</b>		
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	3
General Elective		3
Credits		6
<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
Credits		12
<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
Credits		12
<b>Summer</b>		
General Electives		3
Minor		3
Credits		6
<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
Credits		12
<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
Credits		12
<b>Summer</b>		
General Elective		
Minor		3
Credits		6
<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
Credits		12
<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
Credits		12
<b>Summer</b>		
General Elective		
General Elective		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		120

## Contact Us

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