

BGS in General Studies

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) is designed for students who want to build an individualized major to meet their educational and career objectives. Students who pursue the BGS design their program of study across three areas of study called component areas. Career options for BGS majors are as varied as their combination of component areas. The BGS degree is intended for students pursuing a first bachelor's degree and will not be approved as a second bachelor's degree. A student who has earned a degree in General Studies may not pursue a second degree in a field used as a component of the first degree.

Major Program Requirements

The BGS degree requires a minimum of 120 credit hours. In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree requirements/university requirements/>) and general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree requirements/general education requirements/>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

The BGS major is comprised of 45 credit hours across three areas of study, or component areas. Component areas consist of coursework either from a single program, or from thematically related coursework across multiple programs. Component courses may come from any department or program at MU, or through approved transfer coursework.

Component area requirements:

- 15 credit hours per component
- A minimum of 6 credit hours per component numbered 3000 or above
- A minimum C- grade in each component area course
- A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in each component area
- A capstone, which may be taken within the 15 credit hours of a single component, or as part of the 120 hours required for graduation.

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Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLISH 1000		3 MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200	3
Behavioral Science 1000+		3 Science 1000+	3
Social Science (MO STATE LAW) 1000+		3 Behavioral & Social Sciences 1000+	3
Humanities or Fine Arts 1000+		3 Humanities & Fine Arts 1000+	3
BGS Component #1 1000+		3 BGS Component #2 1000+	3
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Science with a lab 1000+		3-5 Behavioral & Social Sciences 2000+	3

Writing Intensive I 1000+	3 BGS Component #1 2000+	3
Humanities & Fine Arts 2000+	3 BGS Component #2 2000+	3
BGS Component #3 1000+	3 BGS Component #3 2000+	3
General Elective or Minor +1000	3	

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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Any Arts & Science 2000+		3 BGS Component #1 3000+	3
BGS Component #1 3000+		3 BGS Component #2 3000+	3
BGS Component #2 3000+		3 BGS Component #3 3000+	3
BGS Component #3 3000+		3 Writing Intensive II 3000+	3
General Elective or Minor 1000+		3 General Elective or Minor 2000+	3

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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
BGS Component #1 4000+		3 General Elective or Minor 1000+	3
CAPSTONE			
BGS Component #2 3000+		3 General Elective or Minor 1000+	3
BGS Component #3 3000+		3 General Elective or Minor 1000+	3
General Elective or Minor 1000+		3 General Elective or Minor 1000+	3
General Elective or Minor 1000+		3 General Elective or Minor 1000+	3

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Total Credits: 117-119