

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

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The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree, offered through the College of Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/>), is an interdisciplinary program that provides versatility for adult learners and part-time students who need a flexible curriculum designed to balance work and life responsibilities with educational goals. The BGS degree may be completed 100% online, or on the Denton campus in a face-to-face format.

Concentration areas may be selected from the following disciplines:

- Business*
- Computer Science*
- Criminal Justice*
- English*
- Health Studies*
- History
- Mathematics
- Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies*
- Political Science*
- Psychology*
- Sociology*
- Visual Arts

* Indicates concentration area may be completed 100% online. More detailed information about the BGS program is available on the General Studies Program website (<https://twu.edu/genstudies/>).

Concentration areas may be selected from the following disciplines with approval from the BGS program:

- Dance
- Family Studies
- Human Services
- Kinesiology
- Music
- Natural Sciences
- Professional Education

For these concentration areas to be considered for General Studies, students must have already successfully completed at least 12 semester credit hours of 3000- or 4000-level courses in the discipline.

The General Studies Program may allow additional concentration areas on a case-by-case basis and with departmental approval; students must have successfully completed at least 12 semester credit hours of 3000- or 4000-level courses in the discipline for any additional concentration areas to be considered for General Studies.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Communicate effectively.
2. Collaborate with others to analyze and solve complex problems.
3. Network within multiple industries for leadership and professional development.
4. Adapt and respond effectively to change in work situations and other environments.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Program Code: GENSTUDIES.BGS; **CIP Code:** 24.0102.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
Total SCHs		42

Major/Emphasis

Total semester credit hours for major courses: 36 semester credit hours divided between 2 or 3 concentration areas. Concentration area courses must be 3000-4000 level. Students will take MDS 4003 and complete a focused capstone project related to their concentration areas. Grade of C or higher required in all concentration area courses.

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

		TCCN	SCHs
Fall			
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
	Creative Arts Core		3
	Component Area Option Core		3
	General Studies Elective		3

SCHs **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
Spring			
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
	Life/Physical Science Core		3
	Component Area Option Core		3
	General Studies Elective		3

SCHs **15**

Second Year

		TCCN	SCHs
Fall			
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
	Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core		3
	Social/Behavioral Science Core		3
	Global Perspective or Elective		3
	Elective		3

SCHs **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
Spring			
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
	Life/Physical Science Core		3
	Mathematics Core		3
	Elective		3
	Elective		3

SCHs **15**

Third Year

		TCCN	SCHs
Fall			
	Concentration Area One		3
	Concentration Area One		3
	Concentration Area Two		3
	Concentration Area Two		3
	Concentration Area Three or Elective		3

SCHs **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
Spring			
	Concentration Area One		3
	Concentration Area One		3
	Concentration Area Two		3
	Concentration Area Two		3
	Concentration Area Three or Electives		3

SCHs **15**

Fourth Year

		TCCN	SCHs
Fall			
	Concentration Area One or Elective		3
	Concentration Area One or Elective		3

Concentration Area Two or Elective	3
Concentration Area Two or Elective	3
Concentration Area Three or Elective	3

SCHs **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
Spring			
	Concentration Area 3 or Elective		3
	Elective		3
	Elective		3
	Elective		3
MDS 4003	Multidisciplinary Studies Capstone		3

SCHs **15**

Total SCHs: **120**