

# BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

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The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree, offered through the College of Arts and Sciences (<http://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

In order 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 in order 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."

- a. Communicate effectively.
- b. Collaborate with others to analyze and solve complex problems.
- c. Network within multiple industries for leadership and professional development.
- d. Adapt and respond effectively to change in work situations and other environments.

## Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<http://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
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>42</b>

### 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. Grade of C or higher required in all concentration area courses.

## Recommended Plan of Study

### First Year

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Fall</b>			
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

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**SCHs** **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Spring</b>			
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

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### Second Year

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Fall</b>			
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

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**SCHs** **15**

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

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**SCHs** **15**

### Third Year

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Fall</b>			
Concentration Area One			3
Concentration Area One			3
Concentration Area Two			3
Concentration Area Two			3
Concentration Area Three or Elective			3

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**SCHs** **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Spring</b>			
Concentration Area One			3
Concentration Area One			3
Concentration Area Two			3
Concentration Area Two			3
Concentration Area Three or Electives			3

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**SCHs** **15**

### Fourth Year

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Fall</b>			
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

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**SCHs** **15**

		TCCN	SCHs
<b>Spring</b>			
Concentration Area 3 or Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3

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**SCHs** **15**

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**Total SCHs:** **120**