

# GENERAL STUDIES, BGS

Website: <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/interdisciplinary-studies/bachelor-general-studies.html>

The Bachelor of General Studies program is a flexible, interdisciplinary four-year degree program that provides a broad educational experience. This is a degree completion option for students who have completed significant coursework but not the requirements of a specific major. College credits that are not easily applicable to a particular major or minor can often be applied to this degree, facilitating time to graduation. Students may seek college credit for non-traditional prior learning experiences by contacting the Center for Prior Learning: <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/prior-learning-assessment/index.html> (<https://www.washburn.edu/academics/prior-learning-assessment/>).

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## Program Learning Objectives:

- Develop a broad understanding of various disciplines, fostering an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving and decision making.
- Develop and apply critical thinking skills to evaluate and synthesize information, assess arguments, and make informed decisions across diverse subject areas and perspectives.
- Develop and apply communication skills.

## Degree Requirements

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b> <sup>1, 2</sup>		
General Education Courses <sup>3</sup>		34-35
EN 3XX	Upper-Division English Composition Course	3
Other University Courses Required to Reach 120 Hours		82-83
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> A minimum of 30 credit hours of the last 45 must be earned from Washburn University, and a minimum of 60 credit hours must be earned from a four-year institution. Additionally, a minimum of 84 hours must be graded, and at least 45 hours must be at the 300 or 400 level.

<sup>2</sup> A minimum 2.0 GPA is required for graduation.

<sup>3</sup> See the General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/programs-degrees-graduation-requirements/general-education-requirements/>) section for more information.