General Studies B.G.S.

Personalize your education and take charge of your professional goals with a degree in General Studies.

Enjoy a more flexible approach to your education. UND's Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) major empowers you to choose courses from a variety of academic departments to earn your degree.

Program type: Major
Format: On Campus or Online
Est. time to complete: 4 years
Credit hours: 120

Why earn a bachelor's degree in general studies?

Application Deadlines

Fall: Feb. 1* | April 15^  
Spring: Dec. 15  
Summer: May 1

*Freshman Priority Deadline  
^Transfer Priority Deadline

Enroll Anytime

You can also earn this degree through online, enroll anytime courses.

UND's General Studies major suits your wide-ranging interests, and gives you the freedom to enroll in a cross-disciplinary series of courses.

You'll work closely with your advisor to develop an individualized curriculum, which includes UND's Essential Studies requirements. Choose courses in any discipline, including:

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Fine Arts
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics

General Studies is an ideal option if you are a returning student who is committed to finishing your Bachelor's degree. Many B.G.S. graduates pursue graduate programs or career advancement opportunities.

Employers value graduates who are able to use approaches from multiple fields when addressing today's complex problems. General Studies allows for unique combinations of interests and training.

You can earn your degree on campus or online. Our self-paced option allows you to enroll anytime and take classes at your own pace. The B.G.S. degree cannot be combined with another major or degree program.

General Studies at UND

- Immerse yourself in another culture through one of 300 study abroad programs
- Gain experience in the workplace through an internship
- Join a student club or organization
- Experience a broad, multidisciplinary education
- Opt to earn your degree 100% online
- For those who are Active Duty, this program is AU-ABC degree eligible.

General Studies Careers

75K  Median salary for sociologists
   - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Sociologists

106K  Median salary for human resource managers

The General Studies major offers maximum flexibility on choosing courses and designing a career.

With a degree in General Studies, you'll have the analytical and communication skills to succeed anywhere. Among the options:

- Graduate study in law or humanities
- Human resources
- Social work
- Higher education
- Counseling
- Journalism
- Human services
- Communications

UND General Studies Alumni

General Studies alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Altru Health System
- Amazon.com, Inc.
- Sanford Health
- University of Minnesota

Explore More Options

Expand your education opportunities by adding a minor, certificate or graduate degree.

- Find Similar Minors
- Explore certificates
- Pursue a Graduate Degree