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 Snapshot

Program type: Major
Format: On-campus or online
Est. time to complete: 4 years
Credit hours: 120

Why Study General Studies at UND?

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. Your choice of disciplines includes:

- 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.

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.

Top Online Liberal Studies Degree in the Nation

UND consistently ranks among the best for educational quality, affordability and career outcomes.

#2 - Best Online Colleges Offering Bachelor’s in Liberal Studies Degrees

Leaders that Do

Students at UND take chances, seek challenges and aspire to be leaders that do.

Application Deadlines

Fall: Aug. 1
Spring: Dec. 15
Summer: May 1
Enroll Anytime

YOU CAN ALSO EARN THIS DEGREE THROUGH online, enroll anytime courses.

General Studies Overview

- 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 Career Options

75K  Median salary for sociologists*

106K  Median salary for human resource managers**


The General Studies major offers maximum flexibility on choosing courses and in designing a career that you'll love.

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