

General Studies: Bachelor of Arts/Science

Program Description

Through the General Studies BA/BS, students choose two minors, two concentrations or one minor and one concentration from separate areas of interest. Working closely with the Liberal Studies coordinator and advisors in both areas of study, the student designs a unique degree which emphasizes their individual strengths in diverse fields of study. This synthesis of knowledge from more than one area of study enables the student to become an effective contributor in their community and a world in which careers are increasingly complex and varied in their requirements. The value of this interdisciplinary model can be seen most concretely in the student's capstone project (INTD 490) in which the student must merge what he or she has learned in both areas of study into a practical and academically valuable research project.

Degree Requirements

Major Requirements (60 credits)

Complete two academic minors, or two academic concentrations, or one of each. No more than two (2) courses may be counted in common to meet the minimum requirements for minors, concentrations, or between minor and concentration.

Minors: Successfully complete academic minor(s) totaling at least 30 credits each. At least 10 credits in each minor must be LSSU credits. Complete additional courses in the same course prefixes used in the minor in cases where the minor does not meet the minimum of 30 credits.

Concentrations: Complete at least 30 credits in defined academic concentrations. Concentrations must include at least 10 credits in LSSU credits, and at least 12 credits must be at the 300/400 level.

Academic Concentrations:

Behavioral Sciences - Courses with SOCY, PSYC and SOWK prefixes

Business - Courses with ACTG, BUSN, ECON, FINC, INTB, MGMT and MRKT prefixes

Communication - Courses with COMM prefixes

Computational Sciences - Courses with MATH and CSCI prefixes

Education - Courses with CHLD, EDUC and EDSE prefixes

Emergency Services - Courses with CJUS, FIRE and EMED prefixes

Engineering - Courses with EGEE, EGET, EGME, EGEM, EGMT, EGNR and EGRS prefixes

Fine Art - Courses with ARTS, DANC, FINE, MUSC and THEA prefixes

Health & Human Performance - Courses with HLTH, RECS, RECA and EXER prefixes

Humanities and Philosophy - Courses with HUMN and PHIL prefixes

Modern Language and Literature - Courses with ENGL, FREN and SPAN prefixes

Natural Science - Courses with BIOL, CHEM, EVRN, GEOL, NSCI and PHYS prefixes

Nursing - Courses with NURS and PNUR prefixes

Social Sciences - Courses with ECON, GEOG, HIST and POLI prefixes

Additional Major Requirements:

PHIL Elective (excluding PHIL205) 3

INTD490 Senior Directed Study 3-4

General Education: All LSSU bachelor's degree candidates must complete the LSSU General Education Requirements.

Bachelor of Arts degree (8 credits): One year of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be CHIN151-CHIN152 or CHIN251-CHIN252; FREN151-FREN152 or FREN251-FREN252 or SPAN161-SPAN162. One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.

A minimum of 124 credits (at the 100 level or higher) must be earned for graduation with a cumulative gpa of 2.00 or higher. A gpa of 2.00 or higher is also required in your Major, as well as in your General Education Requirements.