

Proposed BA. in General Studies Program Revision

Effective Date: Fall 2020

Rationale:

Current BGS policy requires that students earn grades of “C” or above in all courses once admitted to the program. Under the revised policy, students in the program would be held to the grade of “C” or better standard for BGS courses as well as the overall requirement for students to maintain a 2.0 GPA. This change will allow consistency and clarity for students on university standards.

Approved by Program: 2/3/2020

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General Studies Degree Program

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General Studies (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program is an individualized, nontraditional program designed for learners with significant life and/or work experience. The program combines sound academic principles with advances in technology to facilitate degree completion. After admission to the program, knowledge and skills acquired by prior learning outside of the traditional classroom, may be evaluated for academic credit.

Core Requirements

- 120 semester hours total
- 40 semester hours at the junior-senior level
- 20 semester hours taken from EIU
- 12 semester hours in Humanities/Fine Arts
- 12 semester hours in Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 semester hours in Scientific Awareness/Mathematics
- 6 semester hours in Communication/English
- 1 course in Cultural Diversity
- 1 Senior Seminar

In Addition Students Must:

- Complete BGS 3002, Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner and BGS 4001, Self-Directed Leadership.
- Students who have not taken college-level courses for the past five years are required to take BGS 2985, Adults in Transition. Other students may take the course as an elective.
- Note: Students must complete BGS 2985 (if required) and BGS 3002 with a grade of "C" or higher and have earned at least 90 semester hours prior to enrolling BGS 4001.
- Complete Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP) requirements;
- Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade-point average.

Notes:

1. A student must be admitted to this program by the Director of the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program.
2. Beginning Fall 2014 and thereafter, all students transferring into the BGS program from another EIU academic program must meet the BGS degree requirements for the catalog year they are admitted into the program.
- ~~3. After the student is admitted to the program, only grades of "C" and above will be counted toward meeting graduation requirements. Grades of "D" and "F" earned after admission to the program will be included in the cumulative EIU grade point average, consistent with current EIU grade policy.~~

Students must earn grades of "C" or higher in all BGS courses upon admission to the program.

4. After admission to the program, students may use no more than five (5) one-credit-hour courses towards their degree.