

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES (B.G.S.)

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The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree is an undergraduate degree for former college students who have delayed or interrupted their studies, and for current students for whom traditional majors are not appropriate. Potential BGS majors are required to have at least 75 earned credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and completed general studies math and English composition before a BGS major can be declared.

The BGS degree is designed to be multidisciplinary and have maximum flexibility to suit the needs of the widest variety of students. It builds a custom concentration out of two minors, rather than a single content focus, while meeting all bachelor's degree requirements.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Studies		
	Students must complete General Studies courses (http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies)	42-47
Major Requirements		
	Select two concentration areas according to guidelines	

Concentration Areas

The BGS degree consists of two concentrations:

- The first concentration must be an existing MWSU minor.
- The second concentration must be either an existing MWSU minor or a custom concentration modeled after a major or minor degree program at a regionally accredited institution.
- The second concentration must contain a minimum of 18 hours of courses that do not duplicate courses in the first concentration.
- One of the concentrations must have a credit bearing applied learning component.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in each concentration and no more than 2 D's are allowed in both concentrations combined.

Custom concentrations:

- Must contain a minimum of 9 hours 300 level or higher.
- Students should work closely with a faculty advisor in ensuring that a custom concentration represents a coherent curriculum.
- Custom concentrations require the approval of the area dean, and the curriculum must be detailed on the BGS Custom Concentration Form and submitted with the Major Declaration Form.

Visit the Student Success & Academic Advising Center in Eder 209 or call (816) 271-5990 for program details.

Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours, including 45 from a senior college (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable).
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses with a minimum of 15 credit hours earned at MWSU. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
4. Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
5. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.00 and a GPA of at least 2.0 in each concentration.
6. Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
7. Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.