

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) is an undergraduate liberal arts degree available through the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Fort Hays State University. The degree provides maximum flexibility for students who have well-defined career objectives and wish to determine the content of their degree rather than pursue one of the established majors at FHSU. The program includes general education requirements and an area of concentration but not a specific major.

The Bachelor of General Studies is a general degree that can be used for entry into a wide variety of occupations. The BGS degree serves as a bridge to numerous graduate degree programs and prepares students for employment in areas not requiring specific baccalaureate degrees. The area of emphasis or concentration can be tailored to prepare students for entry into a particular career.

Program Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		34
Program (Major) Core		
BGS Required Courses		6
BGS Emphasis Area		21
Additional Liberal Arts ²		19-43
Open Electives ¹		40
Total Hours		120

¹ Open electives are the credit hours required to reach a minimum of 120 total hours and 45 upper-level hours. The number listed assumes all courses are completed at FHSU as listed. This number may vary if students transfer courses, or have individual substitutions allowed.

Students should speak with their advisor if either situation applies to determine if the number will vary, and to ensure they enroll in a minimum of 45 upper-level hours.

Students entering within 1 year of high school graduation will take UNIV 101 Freshman Seminar and may apply that hour in the open elective category.

² The additional Liberal Arts category will be the number of hours to reach 80 needed after counting the Liberal Arts hours taken in the general education program and concentration area. Students electing Liberal Arts courses to satisfy all General Education and concentration requirements will have 19 hours of additional Liberal Arts coursework required. Electing non-Liberal Arts concentrations, or Personal and Professional Development course in the Institutionally Designated Area of the General Education requirements will increase the hours and reduce the open electives available.

of Macroeconomics), English, Geography, Geology, History, Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS), Leadership Studies, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Physical Science, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

- A minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- A minimum of 45 credit hours of upper-division coursework (courses numbered 300 or greater).
- A minimum of 30 graded credit hours of coursework from FHSU.
- A maximum of 40 credit hours of coursework from one department.

Concentration Requirements

- Area of Concentration (21 Credit Hours)

All students completing a Bachelor of General Studies must fulfill the requirements of a 21-credit-hour concentration. For details about concentrations, see the Bachelor of General Studies Areas of Concentration (<https://www.fhsu.edu/bgs/concentration-areas/index/>) webpage.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
FHSU General Education Program		
ENG 101 & ENG 102	English Composition I and English Composition II	6
COMM 100 or COMM 304	Fundamentals of Oral Communication or Intermediate Interpersonal Communication	3
Mathematics Discipline Area ¹		3
Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area ^{1,2}		4
Arts & Humanities Discipline Area (2 courses from different disciplines) ¹		6
Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area (2 courses from different disciplines) ¹		6
Personal & Professional Development Area ¹		3
Critical Thinking Area ¹		3
Additional BGS Required Courses		
UNIV 301	Information Literacy	3
UNIV 402	Upper-Level Writing	3
Total Hours		40

¹ See General Education Document (<https://www.fhsu.edu/general-education/documents/fhsu-kbor-general-education-framework.pdf>) for course list.

² 1 lab and 1 lecture course or 1 lecture/lab combination course.

Program Requirements

Total Hours Required for Degree: 120 Credit Hours

General Requirements

- A minimum of 80 credit hours of coursework in Liberal Arts and Sciences disciplines: Art, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics (ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics and/or ECON 202 Principles