



SOUTHWESTERN
COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

GENERAL STUDIES



Undergraduate Degree

If you are seeking a degree relevant to a variety of career settings, then the online undergraduate degree program in general studies is for you! The best part is you design the degree around your area(s) of interest! Classes are taught completely online to ensure the flexibility needed by working adult learners. Courses are facilitated by experienced professionals who deliver real-world application and scenarios to the virtual classroom setting!

Applied Learning

Hands-on experience through real-life scenarios

Credit Awarded From

- Prior college
- Military
- Work/Life Experience
- Exams (CLEP, DSST)

Flexible

Six-week online classes

Expert Instruction

Learn from practicing professionals

About Southwestern College

Southwestern College Professional Studies offers practical online degree programs focused on an enhanced learner experience, provided by a regionally accredited, 130+ year old non-profit institution. Each learner can expect: hands-on counselors to help you navigate your program requirements; generous transfer credits to reduce your overall cost and time to completion; progressive, nationally recognized programs; accessible student resources to minimize the stress of degree completion; and small class sizes with experienced, practicing faculty to facilitate interaction and ensure your academic success.



Bachelor of General Studies

Core Major Requirements

- Areas of study (36 upper division credits)
- 2-3 approved areas of study (12+ credits each)
- CAPS495 Senior Capstone

General Education Requirements

Basic Skills

- CORE110 Information Literacy
- ENGL101 Composition 1
- ENGL102 Composition 2
- COM 125 Speech
- MASC110 Statistics and Probability or MASC115 College Algebra

Ethical Reasoning

- HUM 201 Ethics

Disciplinary Perspectives

- Natural Science (3 or more credit hours)
- Social Science (3 or more credit hours)
- Humanities (3 or more credit hours)
- The Arts (3 or more credit hours)
- Other Cultures (3 or more credit hours)

Capstone

- CAPS495 (Senior capstone or major capstone course - 3 credit hours)

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete all foundation and major courses with an overall GPA of 2.0
2. Complete a minimum of 124 credit hours, with at least 60 hours at a bachelor's degree-granting institution
3. Complete at least 30 credit hours with a C average or above from Southwestern College

Program Description

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree is an interdisciplinary degree designed for students with specific learning and/or career goals that can be better accomplished through an individualized program of study than a traditional major. As an interdisciplinary degree the BGS degree provides graduates with a broad base of knowledge that makes them marketable in a number of different professions. BGS students create individualized programs of study that directly apply to their personal and professional goals.

Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must be graduates of an accredited high school or have completed a GED®
2. Minimum GPA of 2.0

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see the Southwestern College Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at