Bachelor of General Studies 523-2701

NAU’s Bachelor of General Studies provides a flexible degree program to meet individual needs. This is an interdisciplinary program offered by several colleges at NAU for students who want to broaden their educational background but not necessarily prepare for a specific career through traditional career-oriented degrees. This degree is also offered as part of NAU’s statewide continuing education program.

The General Studies degree offers students an opportunity to design a program of studies, in consultation with an advisor, to meet their individual educational needs. This degree is not intended as a substitute for a degree that meets specific professional or occupational needs. Students preparing for occupations where entry is governed by licensure and/or professional certification should seek admission to the appropriate specific degree program.

The following are the specific requirements for the Bachelor of General Studies degree.

Liberal Studies (44 hours minimum, including 12 hours of upper division course work): NAU’s liberal studies program is required.

General Studies Curriculum (48 hours minimum, including 24 hours of upper-division coursework): The general curriculum requirements for this degree are as follows:

Minor (18 to 24 hours): A University-approved minor program must be completed.

Focus (12 hours minimum): This is an individually structured interdisciplinary or disciplinary program outside the student’s minor field. The courses focus on a common theme and are selected by the student and approved by the General Studies advisor.

Communication Skills (18-20 hours): The requirements in this area include a 3-hour computer information or science course (CIS 120 or 172 or equivalent), a 3-hour fundamentals of oral communication course (COM 161 or equivalent), and two of the following three skills blocks:

- two writing-intensive courses (6 hours) selected from the General Studies list of approved courses in Arts and Sciences, Creative and Communication Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences
- two oral communication courses (6 hours) selected from the General Studies approved list of courses
- two foreign language courses (8 hours) selected from the same language

Electives: A sufficient number of elective courses are required to total 125 semester hours.
A grade point average of 2.5 or better is required for all minor and focus courses. A grade point average of 2.0 is required in all work attempted at the University. No single course may be used to satisfy two or more requirements.

For additional information about on-campus Bachelor of General Studies advisement, contact Dr. Wayne Hildebrandt, Director of General Studies, 602-523-2701.

For information about field based programs, contact Dr. John Glenn, Dean of Continuing Education, 602-523-4212.

The Arizona Legislative Internship Program is co-sponsored by Arizona's State Senate and House of Representatives with cooperating Arizona colleges and universities. Selected college students are offered an opportunity to participate in the Arizona legislative process.

Upon successful completion, interns receive upper division academic credit (graduate students, 9 credit hours; undergraduate students, 12 credit hours), a stipend from the state Legislature, and a tuition/fee waiver. Intents must have attained senior standing by the end of the fall semester.

For further information, contact the Assistant Vice President for University Relations.

466 Legislative Internship (1-12). A supervised internship in the Arizona Legislature. Offered spring semester only. Students are selected on a competitive basis. They must be candidates for a bachelor's degree and must have completed all lower-division requirements and attained senior standing at the end of the preceding fall semester. Students must apply during the fall semester. Registration is handled by the Internship Coordinator after the Legislature has made its final selection.

The following programs for international study are currently available, and additional programs are under development. An extensive file of opportunities that other institutions offer to study abroad is available in the Office of International Studies.

In consortium with the University of Arizona and Arizona State University, students at NAU can spend a semester in London, England. The program coordinated with the American Institute for Foreign Study, provides a variety of