

GENERAL & INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

On-Campus Degree Programs

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Academic Programs	Credits
On-Campus Degrees	
BA: General Studies	33
BS: General Studies	39+
AA: General Studies	Varies
AS: General Studies	Varies
Minor in General Studies	20
Distance Degrees	
BA: General Studies Humanities	30
BS: General Studies Behavioral Sciences Cross-Cultural Studies Human Organization and Behavior	45

On-Campus Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees in General Studies

Andrews University offers a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies. Designed to serve students with career and personal goals that may not accurately match existing degrees, the General Studies degree is available through a special application process.

BA: General Studies

BS: General Studies

Degree Requirements

1. Make application prior to taking the last 30 credits of a bachelor's degree. The approval process includes consideration of the appropriateness of the degree package for the career and personal goals of the applicant.
2. Fulfill the general baccalaureate degree requirements.
3. Complete General Education requirements as recommended for all BS/BA degrees.
4. Formulate a joint Degree Program Plan with the advisor and sponsoring departments.
5. Obtain departmental sponsorships for the focus or foci of the proposed program.
6. Receive final approval from the Dean, College of Arts & Sciences.

AA: General Studies

AS: General Studies

The Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science degrees are available through application. Within the approval procedure, determination of degree appropriateness is made with consideration to the career and personal goals of the applicant.

Degree Requirements

1. Make application prior to taking the last 30 credits of an associate degree. The approval process includes consideration of the appropriateness of the degree package for the career and personal goals of the applicant.
2. Fulfill the general associate degree requirements.
3. Complete General Education requirements as recommended for all AA/AS degrees.
4. Formulate a joint Degree Program Plan with the advisor and sponsoring departments.
5. Obtain departmental sponsorships for the focus or foci of the proposed program.
6. Receive final approval from the Dean, College of Arts & Sciences.

Minor in General Studies (20)

A minor in General Studies may be used in conjunction with regular degrees or with a General Studies major. A GPA of at least 2.00 is required in all transfer credits, and in all credits earned at Andrews University that are counted for the minor, with no grade below C-. At least 3 semester credits must be earned on campus in courses numbered 300 or above; no more than 5 semester credits from the major can be used in the minor.

Courses

See p. 151 for course descriptions.

Distance Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees in General Studies

The General Studies degree offers a flexible study program which is particularly advantageous to distance-education students who already may have earned considerable credits and would like to organize these credits so they may earn a baccalaureate degree. See p. 57 for the Andrews University/Griggs University Partnership.

BA: General Studies

BS: General Studies

Degree Requirements

The degree requirements are expressed for distance-education students only. The distance-education, general-studies program requires a minimum of 124 semester hours for a Bachelor degree and 62 semester hours for an Associate degree. This total includes all general education requirements, degree, and graduation requirements, with a minimum of 30 semester hours within a major or emphasis.

BA: General Studies Humanities (30)

At least three areas of study must be chosen from the following list. Each area selected must provide 9 semester credits. At least one upper division course is required from each of the six areas.

Areas of Study

- Art and Music
- Foreign Language or courses in non-English cultures
- History, Anthropology, Cultural Geography
- Human Belief Systems
- Literature
- Philosophy (Critical Thinking, Symbolic Logic, Debate, Persuasion, Linguistics)

Half of all credits in the major must be upper-division level.

No major courses may be counted for General Education requirements. Introduction to Philosophy is a required course.

BS: General Studies Behavioral Sciences (45)

A minimum of 30 semester credits must be selected from courses numbered 300 or above. The major includes the following core courses: ANTH124, 200; PSYC101, 251 or 252, 269, 450 or SOCI474; SOCI119, SOCI/PSYC432; FMST310. A cognate required for this major is STAT285. The remaining 18 semester credits must be selected from one of the following emphases:

Cross-Cultural Studies

GEOG260; BHSC220; SOCI425, 430; COMM436; FMST350.

Human Organization and Behavior

BHSC440 Topics: Industrial Psychology; ECON225; FMST460; PSYC315; SOCI360, 470, 488.

See the Department of Behavioral Sciences for course descriptions, p. 107.

Courses (Credits)

See inside front cover for symbol code.

Details of departmental course offerings and course descriptions may be obtained from the department(s) involved.

General and Interdisciplinary Studies**GNST105 (1)****Transition to College**

A college readiness course for students who want to be better prepared for their freshman year. Topics include academic skills reviews, library usage, campus tours, time management, study skills, and information sources.

GNST116 (1-4)**Academic Tutorial Support**

A tutorial application of the principles of academic success. Includes one-to-one tutoring, and/or group-learning experiences. Could also include academic or cognitive evaluations when necessary. Repeatable to 8 credits. Consent of the instructor required. Grade S/U.

GNST298 (variable)**PLA: (Special Topic)**

PLA (Prior Learning Assessment) is a process which validates

learning experiences that have occurred outside traditional college/university academic programs. A portfolio of evidence for demonstrating experience and competency justifies and determines the amount of credit granted. Repeatable with different topics.

GNST416 (1)**GRE Standardized Test Preparation: Verbal**

Review of topics covered on the standardized GRE exam. Includes at least one full-length practice exam. Grade S/U

GNST417 (1)**GRE Standardized Test Preparation: Quantitative**

Review of topics covered on the standardized GRE exam. Includes at least one full-length practice exam. Grade S/U

GNST498 (variable)**PLA: (Special Topic)**

PLA (Prior Learning Assessment) is a process which validates learning experiences that have occurred outside traditional college/university academic programs. A portfolio of evidence for demonstrating experience and competency justifies and determines the amount of credit granted. Repeatable with different topics.

GNST499 V (2)**PLA Portfolio Development**

AU/GU course. The development of a portfolio of evidence to present for Prior Learning Assessment.

IDSC211 \$ (3)**Creativity and the Arts**

Explores the creative process as it relates to theory and practice and to selected works of literature, music, and the visual arts. Includes approaches to the reading and critical analysis of verbal, visual, and aural texts. Explores the relationship between creativity and Christian values. Emphasis on group projects. Includes a lab.

IDSC211 V (3)**Creativity and the Arts**

AU/GU course—see content above.

IDSC278 \$ (0)**Study Tour:**

Travel to selected areas combined with lectures, directed readings, projects and assignments. The amount of credit and the geographic area are designated at the time a study tour is announced.

IDSC280, 380 (.5-1)**Cooperative Education in _____ (subject area)**

Supervised work experience with a cooperating industry, agency, or institution. The student is supervised by his/her department. At least 175 hours of work required per credit. Repeatable twice. Graded S/U. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or above and permission of the department chair. Students must apply and be accepted one semester in advance of their planned cooperative education experiences.

IDSC294, 394 (3-15)**Off-Campus Study in _____**

See advisor for details.

IDSC296 \$ (0)**Student Missionary/Taskforce Experience**