

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES



This program offers maximum flexibility for working adults seeking to complete a baccalaureate degree. With a liberal transfer policy, minimum residency requirement, assessment of prior learning (portfolio) option, and strong academic integrity, the program is exceptionally well-suited to serve the education needs of adults who have many responsibilities and cannot access university coursework in a traditional manner.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

This program is specifically designed to meet the educational goals of mature adults in a format and structure compatible with adult responsibilities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants should have significant life and work experience. It is recommended that a prospective student have a minimum of 30 hours of earned college credit, with a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4 point scale at the time of application.

COST:*

Fees include:

- \$30 application fee
- Tuition: \$289.00 per credit hour
- Continuing Education Fee: \$44 per credit hour
- Textbook rental fee: \$9.75 per credit hour

*subject to change

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Apply online at <https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu/signup.php>. Click the icon that says "Adult Degree Completion in General Studies." Send official transcripts from all prior colleges to Office of Admissions via address listed.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The academic calendar can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/registra/acadcal.php>. A link to the calendar can be found on EIU's home page under Current Students at <http://www.eiu.edu>. Courses are offered in the semester format.

DELIVERY MODE:

Face to face classes, evening classes, weekend classes, online (technology delivered) classes, and hybrid classes.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Classes will be delivered to the University Center of Lake County

Grayslake campus. Online classes are also available every semester.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Eastern Illinois University students rent their textbooks from the university. Textbooks are mailed to the student via UPS one week before the class begins. For face to face classes, the instructor may bring the books on the first evening the class meets.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

The BGS Degree Program will accept up to 100 semester hours of transfer credit from regionally accredited colleges and universities; 78 of these semester hours may be transferred from community colleges.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree, a student must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Information regarding Financial Aid can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/> or by calling (217) 581-3713.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program is designed specifically for adults who may have completed hours at more than one college or university. The program does not have a major, which allows the student to develop an individualized curriculum based on their personal goals. Students may complete two minors within their program of study. Academic advisors are available to assist the student in person or through email, via Skype and by telephone. A Chicago area advisor can meet face-to-face with students on a weekly basis.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree, a student must complete 120 semester hours of credit which include:

- 40 semester hours at the junior/senior level
- 20 semester hours earned from Eastern Illinois University (via on-campus, off-campus or distance learning courses)
- 12 semester hours of credit in math and/or natural science
- 12 semester hours of credit in social science
- 12 semester hours of credit in humanities
- 3 semester hours of speech or communications
- 3 semester hours of English
- 3 semester hours of senior seminar
- 1 course in cultural diversity
- BGS 2985 - Adults in Transition
- BGS 3002 - Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner
- BGS 4001 - Self Directed Leadership
- Meet Writing Competency Requirement
- Maintain a minimum of 2.0 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale)