

# Division of General Studies

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The Division of General Studies provides an academic home to those students who want to begin their university education without having chosen a college or major. In cooperation with the eight degree-granting undergraduate colleges, General Studies advisers can design a general academic plan for one or more semesters that will allow students to keep their options open while taking courses which fulfill General Education and Comprehensive Education Requirements in all colleges. General Studies advisers can also assist students who have chosen a college but cannot matriculate immediately because of deficiencies in grade point average, ACT/SAT scores or high school preparation. Since the Division of General Studies does not offer a degree program, students are expected to transfer to one of the eight colleges during their first or second year. We encourage students to enroll in the first course in a discipline in which they are interested to learn more about the subject area. We call these courses Exploratory Courses. The list below is a condensed list of Exploratory Courses by college. Refer to the college lists for more inclusive information.

## Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

NRES 103 Food, Agriculture & Natural Resource Systems

## Architecture

Students must be in the College of Architecture to enroll in beginning architecture and interior design courses.

## Arts and Sciences

Refer to the College of Arts and Sciences' course list to identify Exploratory Courses by department.

## Business Administration

JGEN 120 Basic Business Communication

## Engineering and Technology

Consult your DGS adviser about Exploratory Courses for majors in this college.

## Fine and Performing Arts

Art: AHIS 101 or AHIS 102 Introduction to Art History and Criticism

Theatre: THEA 114 Basic Acting Techniques

Music: Music ensembles only (note some require an audition); other courses require special permission.

## Education and Human Sciences

Family Science: FACS 280 Family Science

Textiles, Clothing and Design: TXCD 123 Clothing and Human Behavior

**Journalism and Mass Communications**  
JOUR 101 Principles of Mass Media

**College of Public Affairs and Community  
Service**  
CRIM 101 Survey of Criminal Justice

**Nursing**  
BIOS 101, 101L General Biology

## Recommended Courses

### General Studies

Semester 1

3-5 Exploratory Course

6-8 Essential Studies Areas

0 Educational Psychology 097 (Learning Community Only)

12-16 Total Credit Hours

Semester 2

3-5 Exploratory Course

9-11 Essential Studies Areas

12-16 Total Credit Hours

### Checklist

Essential Studies

Area A: Communication

English 150

English 151

Area B: Mathematics and Statistics

(discuss your math placement exam scores  
with your academic adviser).

Area C: Human Behavior, Culture and

Social Organizations

Anthropology 110

Geography 120

Geography 140

Geography 181

Geography 271

Geography 272

Geography 283

Political Science 100

Political Science 104

Psychology 181

Sociology 101

Area D: Science and Technology

Astronomy 103

Biological Sciences 101 & 101L

(lab)

Chemistry 105 (with lab)

Chemistry 109 (with lab)

Geography 155 (with lab)

Geology 100

Geology 101 (with lab)

Geology 105

Geology 106

Geology 110

Geology 120

Meteorology 100

Meteorology 200

Nutrition 151

Physics 115

Physics 141 (with lab)

Physics 151

Area E: Historical Studies

History 100

History 101

History 105

History 120

History 201

History 202

Area F: Humanities

Classics 180

English 180

Philosophy 101

Philosophy 106

Philosophy 110

Area G: Arts

Art History 101

Art History 102

Music 276G

Music 280

Theatre Arts 112G

Theatre Arts 114

Area H: Race, Ethnicity and Gender

Communication Studies 211

Ethnic Studies 100

History 150

History 171

History 181