The General Studies program is a flexible degree-completion program for individuals who have earned at least 60 college credits with a 2.5 GPA. The program can be completed through seated, hybrid, or fully online coursework. Students must earn a grade of C- or better for courses to count toward the General Studies major.

Designed for those whose original path to graduation was interrupted or redirected, this interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts (BA) program provides an opportunity to resume college while also maximizing previous academic experience and credits earned. By exploring a few areas of inquiry, General Studies students build on their existing knowledge and expand their understanding in subjects of special interest.

With careful advisement, General Studies students structure their plan of study around three of the following seven focus areas, completing 15 credits in each (45 credits):

1. Literature & Writing
2. Social Sciences
3. Global Studies
4. United States Studies
5. Fine & Performing Arts
6. Environmental Literacy
7. General Business

To link their interdisciplinary studies with intellectual, career and life interests and goals, General Studies students prepare a portfolio of original works and reflective essays associated with each of their chosen focus areas. A recorded presentation of their portfolio will complete this one-credit capstone experience.

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To apply to the General Studies program, and for information about admission as a transfer student, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admission.