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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. See p. 38 for the Andrews University/Home Study International Distance Education Program.

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. Obtain departmental sponsorships for the focus or foci of the proposed program.
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. Receive final approval from the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

Distance 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.

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

(Distance Degree)

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—45
(Distance Degree)
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, 450, 469 or SOCI474; SOCI119, SOCI/PSYC432; FMST310. A cognate required for this major is STAT 285. The remaining 18 semester credits must be selected from one of the following emphases:

Cross-Cultural Studies
GEOG260; BHSC220; SOCI425, 430; COMM 436; 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. 92.

AA: Personal Ministries—32
(Distance Degree)
This degree prepares students for personal outreach ministries, including Bible instruction, offers an opportunity to study a broad spectrum of courses covering both Old and New Testament. The courses listed below are required for distance-education students only. See Department of Religion and Biblical Languages, p. 181, for course descriptions.
Requirements: RELB210, 304, 305, 335, 374 or 375; RELT225, 290, 308, 320, 340; HIST404.

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. Application must be made prior to the last 30 credits of an associate degree.

Degree Requirements
1. A minimum of 62 semester hours including an area of emphasis drawn up in consultation with an advisor and appropriate departments.
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of C (2.00) in both Andrews University credits and in transfer credits.
3. A minimum of 15 of the last 21 semester hours must be earned in residence, 9 of which must be taken on campus (except for distance degrees).
4. A formal request for graduation, approved by the student’s Program Committee and a delegated Records Officer.

Students may earn only ONE General Studies associate degree.