



## BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

### STUDENT INFORMATION:

_____ Student Name	_____ ID Number
_____ Email Address	_____ Phone Number
_____ Student Advisor	_____ Advisor's Department

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Bachelor of General Studies is designed to accommodate students who have accumulated significant college credit and who want to complete a baccalaureate degree.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- *Total Semester Hours of Credits:* Completion of at least 120 semester credit hours at the 100 level or above.

#### Comments:

- *Grade Point Average:* A cumulative grade point average and institutional grade point average of 2.00.

#### Comments:

- *Upper-Division Requirement:* A minimum of 32 semester hours of credit in courses numbered 300 or above.

#### Comments:

- *Institutional Credit Requirement:* 30 credit hours from the University of South Dakota, delivered in any form at any location. The number of credit hours immediately preceding completion of the degree that must be earned as institutional credit is 15 of the last 30 credit hours.

#### Comments:

- *Proficiency Examination:* All students seeking an undergraduate degree must achieve satisfactory performance on a standardized examination of general knowledge, the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP).

#### Comments:

- *System Graduation Requirements:* Board of Regents General Education requirements - [http://catalog.usd.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=301#fram\\_extr\\_educ](http://catalog.usd.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=301#fram_extr_educ) (30 credit hours)

#### Comments:

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CONT.:

- *Institutional Graduation Requirements (IGR)*: Aesthetic experience course, ENGL 210: Introduction to Literature, approved upper-division intensive writing course, and approved globalization/global issues course (12 credit hours).

### Comments:

- *General Studies Emphasis Areas*: 15 credits from at least three of the following emphasis areas. Credits can simultaneously satisfy System and Institutional graduation requirements. Current USD prefixes that are relevant for each emphasis area are indicated below; students may petition for the use of other prefixes or specific courses by including them within an emphasis area on the next page. ENGL 101, 201 and 205, MATH 101, and SPCM 101 may **not** be included in emphasis areas. (45 credit hours)
  - Allied Health (ADS, CLS, DCOM, DHGY, HSC, NURS, SOCW)
  - Business (ACCT, BADM, ECON, ENTR, HSAD)
  - Education (EDER, EDFN, ELED, EPSY, INED, LIBM, MLED, SEED, SPED)
  - Fine Arts (ART, ARTD, ARTH, INTA, MUAP, MUEN, MUS, THEA)
  - Humanities (ARTH, CLHU, ENGL, HIST, LING, MCOM, NATV, PHIL, REL, SPCM, WMST, any non-English language)
  - Social Science (AIS, ANTH, CJUS, DCOM, ECON, HIST, MCOM, MSL, NATV, POLS, PSYC, SOC, SPCM)
  - Science, Engineering & Mathematics (ANAT, BIOL, CHEM, ESCI, MATH, MICR, MTRO, OCEN, PHGY, PHYS, STAT)
  - Technology (CSC, TET, MCOM)
  - Wellness (ADS, HLTH, KSS, PE, RECR)

### Comments:

- *General Studies Capstone*: GS 491: Independent Study, to be completed under the supervision of a faculty mentor (3 credit hours)

### Comments:

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Distance Academic and Career Advisor  
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Academic Commons – I.D. Weeks Library  
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advising@usd.edu

**PROPOSED EMPHASIS AREA 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Course #	Title	Credits
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**PROPOSED EMPHASIS AREA 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Course #	Title	Credits
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**PROPOSED EMPHASIS AREA 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Course #	Title	Credits
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Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dean's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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