



Bachelor of General Studies



The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Degree meets many employers' requirements for hiring or promotion and can also provide the foundation for admission to graduate school. In addition, students should tailor their BGS core requirements and other course work to address particular career and personal learning goals including specialization in particular content areas.

> Program Eligibility Requirements

Any student 21 years or older who has completed at least 60 hours of college credit is eligible for program admission.

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BGS students must meet the same general education and other requirements for graduation as all other undergraduates, including completing:

- 60 hours at a senior college
- 30 hours at ECU with the last 15 hours in residence
- 40 hours upper level course work
- at least 124 hours total with a minimum 2.0 grade point average
- other requirements defined in the ECU Catalog

> Attending Classes

Most students should be able to fulfill all requirements with available online classes. Also, classes from other colleges and universities may be used to fulfill some requirements.



About the degree:



The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) offers an alternative route to a college degree.

The BGS bypasses more traditional formats and offers a unique mix of online and field experience courses to be combined with courses from other majors — which may also be available in alternative delivery formats — and creates a major tailored to an individual student's career and/or personal goals.

Need more info?

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> GETTING STARTED



ECU at a Glance

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,500+
Undergraduate Majors: 70+
Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1
Average Class Size: 22
Faculty with PhDs: 65%
States Represented: 28
Countries Represented: 30+
Year Founded: 1909
Campus Size: 140 Acres
Area Location: Ada, Oklahoma



Tiger Spirit

Mascot: Roary the Tiger
School Colors: Orange & Black
Student Organizations: 60+
Athletics: NCAA Division II

Men's:	Football Baseball Basketball	Cross Country Track & field
Women's:	Basketball Volleyball Softball	Soccer Cross Country Track & field

Application Procedure for Admission

Students who have not been admitted to ECU previously should begin that process in the Office of Admissions and Records where they will be assigned an advisor. All ECU students wanting to obtain a Bachelor of General Studies degree should contact the BGS program director, Dr. Shirley Mixon at 580-559-5279, smixon@ecok.edu or visit Faust Hall Room 160. With the assistance of the program director, an Application for Admission Form will be processed and submitted along with an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and other documents. The ILP defines the course work to be applied to the BGS major. Following review of the application packet, the student may be admitted to the program, required to submit additional documentation or denied admission.

Requirements for the BGS Major

The BGS major requires 45 hours of which 27 must be upper division. The BGS core courses are the only required courses (see list below). Each is available online. Additional course work may be required to meet objectives defined by the student or to meet state requirements for graduation. BGS students work with their advisor to select another 33 hours of course work which may include either new course work or credits completed previously. In most cases, students will be able to count all course work previously completed at accredited colleges. Exceptions may occur when a student has completed a large number of hours without addressing the requirements defined above. No minor is required.

BGS Core Course Descriptions

UNIV 3113 Interdisciplinary Studies – 3 hours: An introduction to the theory and practice of interdisciplinary study and adult learning theory, with the emphasis on the student's academic and career goals.

UNIV 3123 Professional Field Experience I – 3 hours: This course is an introduction to the student's academic and/or career goal area and will provide the student with practical learning experience. The course may include an internship or practicum, or an independent learning project which encompasses work projects or learning outside the student's current work assignment.

UNIV 4123 Professional Field Experience II – 3 hours: Prerequisite 3123 and admission to the Bachelor of General Studies program are required. Advanced study in the student's academic and/or career goal area providing the student with a practical learning experience. This course may include an internship or practicum, or an independent learning project that encompasses work projects or learning outside the student's current work assignment.

UNIV 4723 General Studies Senior Project – 3 hours: The capstone course for the General Studies major. The student will complete an interdisciplinary study project integrating his or her course work and professional field experience with his or her professional and/or occupational interests.