

# GENERAL STUDIES (BA)

## Bachelor of Arts

This major is offered in the traditional and AU Online format.

The general studies degree is a Bachelor of Arts program that allows students to tailor their bachelor's degree to meet their personal and professional goals. This interdivisional major allows for maximum transfer credit application and course option flexibility. Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies may not double major.

## Program Requirements

All students pursuing this option must complete, or satisfy via transfer credit, all required General Education Requirements. Courses completed at regionally accredited colleges or universities are considered for articulation into AU credit.

### Other Requirements:

- Minimum of 120 semester hours total, including at least 52 semester hours at a senior college
- Minimum of 30 semester hours at Aurora University (includes General Education Courses completed at AU), including the last 24 semester hours in the degree
- Minimum of 30 semester hours numbered 3000 or above (15 must be completed at Aurora University)
- Minimum 2.0/4.0 GPA

## Undergraduate Degree Requirements

A student who graduates from Aurora University with a baccalaureate degree will have met the following requirements:

- a. Completion of all requirements for an approved major (with no grades lower than "C").
- b. Overall completion of at least 120 semester hours of coursework with a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (a course may be utilized only once in application toward a degree requirement, unless otherwise noted in the academic regulations). The 120 semester hours of coursework must include:
  - At least 52 semester hours completed at a senior college.
  - Residency Requirement - At least 30 semester hours completed at Aurora University, including the last 24 semester hours in the degree, and including at least 18 semester hours in the major. (Portfolio assessment credit, life and vocational experience credit, off-campus experience credit, examination credit, participation credit, and block credit, shall not count toward the residency requirement).
  - Upper-Division Requirement - A minimum of 30 semester hours numbered 3000 or above. Of these 30 semester hours, 15 semester hours must lie within the major and 15 semester hours must be completed at Aurora University.
- c. Completion of all General Education requirements (with no grades lower than "C"), as follows:
  - Quantitative and Formal Reasoning competency requirement (<https://catalog.aurora.edu/regulations-policy-catalog/academic-regulations-procedures/general-education/#satisfy-quantitative-reasoning-requirement>)
  - ENG-1000 Introduction to Academic Writing

- IDS-1200 Discover What Matters or IDS-3040 Global Justice
- IDS-1150 First Year Experience - *Not required for Transfer or AU Online students*)
- Satisfactory participation in the junior-year mentoring and assessment process designed to guide students to successful completion of their degree and to encourage planning for next steps beyond graduation. (IDS-3500 Junior Mentoring Program I and IDS-3550 Junior Mentoring Program II - *Not required for ADC or AU Online students but may be designated electives for AU Online students admitted with fewer than 15 hours of transfer credit.*)
- Distribution Requirements  
*Students will complete one approved course<sup>1</sup> from each of the following categories:*
  - Artistic Literacy
  - Cultural Literacy
  - Human Inquiry
  - Scientific Inquiry

*In addition to the above, ADC and Online students will also complete one approved course<sup>1</sup> from the following category:*

- Discovery and Reflection

<sup>1</sup> Only courses that are approved to meet the distribution requirement can be used toward this requirement. See the list of approved courses (<https://catalog.aurora.edu/regulations-policy-catalog/academic-regulations-procedures/general-education/#approved-courses-gen-ed-distribution>) for available options. Courses taken to meet distribution requirements are 4 semester hours apiece, with the following exceptions:

- An approved transfer course of at least 2.50 semester hours can be used to satisfy a distribution requirement.
- Courses with co-requisite laboratory components may be used to satisfy a distribution requirement, provided that the student successfully complete both the three-credit-hour course and the single-credit-hour lab component.