

# General Studies BGS

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## Overview

University College offers an undergraduate **Bachelor of General Studies** (BGS) for adult learners who have earned previous college credits and have some work/life experience.

The BGS is an interdisciplinary program which consists of major coursework offered by Temple's highly esteemed schools and colleges. Students can customize their degree by choosing either an academic grouping, or by completing a minimum of 2 minors and/or credit certificates.

Academic groupings include:

- Arts and Architecture;
- Business, Sports and Communications;
- Health and Human Services;
- Humanities, Education and Social Sciences;
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and
- Interdisciplinary (complete at least 2 existing minors and/or credit certificates).

A combination of major coursework (including 2 writing-intensive (WI) courses), General Education courses and electives will prepare students with the critical thinking skills, effective communication abilities, and interdisciplinary knowledge necessary for achieving both academic and professional goals. The final writing-intensive (WI) course taken is a capstone (UC 4096) that provides students with opportunities to reflect on their development as learners, integrate learned knowledge, skills, and experiences, and communicate effectively by way of an original research-based project aligned with their career goals. This course must be taken in a student's last semester of study and requires advisor approval. In addition, students must have successfully completed a minimum of 27 credits in the major coursework prior to enrolling in the UC 4096.

**Campus Location:** Courses are offered in the day and evening at Temple's Main, Ambler and Center City campuses plus online, providing adult learners with the flexibility needed while balancing work and life priorities.

**Program Code:** UC-GS-BGS

## Contact Information

For more information, contact a University College advisor at [BGSadvising@temple.edu](mailto:BGSadvising@temple.edu) or Schedule an Appointment.

Learn more about the Bachelor of General Studies.

*These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.*

## Summary of Requirements

### University Requirements

MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.

All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive (WI) courses as part of the major. The writing-intensive courses required for this major are CLA 2096 and UC 4096. CLA 2096 is a prerequisite course for UC 4096.

Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

### University College (UC) Program Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 120 credits.

A minimum of 30 credits must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).

A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulative, and in the major.

Unless otherwise specified within the program requirements of a minor or certificate, a grade of C- or higher is required for all major coursework. Please consult with your advisor for additional information.

## Major Requirements

Students fulfill the academic requirements by completing a minimum of 36 credits. Choose one of two options:

- Complete two minors and/or certificates offered by Temple's Schools and Colleges.

Note: Students will adhere to the School/College academic policies and requirements for the chosen minors and certificates.

OR

- Complete coursework from academic groupings such as: arts and architecture; business, sports and communications; health and human services; humanities, education and social sciences; science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Note: A minimum of 18 credits within one academic discipline must be completed. Students should consult with an academic advisor regarding the academic discipline options.

The following applies to all BGS students:

- A minimum of 12 credits in the major must be at the upper level (2000-4999).
- A minimum of 12 credits in the major must be completed at Temple University.
- With academic advisor approval, courses at the 0800 level may be counted toward the major if not used to satisfy a General Education (GenEd) requirement.
- Alternative WI courses taken at Temple University may be considered for substitution of CLA 2096 with academic advisor approval.
- Credits for the 2 WI courses will count toward the 36 credits in the major.
- The final capstone course (UC 4096) may only be taken in the final semester of the BGS program. Advisor approval is required.
- A minimum of 27 credits in the major coursework must be taken prior to enrolling in UC 4096.

Note: The academic plan reflects a traditional 8-semester format; however, individualized academic plans are developed for each student based on transfer credits and academic/professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing a plan for all courses.

## Suggested Academic Plan

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#### Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Writing About Literature	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course	<sup>GQ</sup>	4
Major Course		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Major Course		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	
CLA 2096	Approaches to Liberal Studies	3
Major Course		3
Major Course		3

Major Course		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Major Course		3
Major Course		3
Major Course		3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Major Course		3
Major Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Major Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
UC 4096	General Studies Integrative Seminar	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		2
Elective		2
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

**NOTE:** A minimum of 30 credits must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999) and can be fulfilled with a combination of major and/or elective courses.