

# Bachelors of General Studies - Competency-Based

The Bachelor of General Studies (Competency-Based – GSCB) degree is a program that allows students to use their various academic, professional, and personal experiences to explore potential career options. Students will take coursework that explores their strengths and teaches strategies to apply prior learning experiences to new career goals. Students will learn about leadership, problem-solving, and the principles of design thinking, all while career options and way to prepare for academic and career success. Up to 84 semester hours (including WCEM and military credits can be accepted). The remaining coursework may be completed online in 7-week terms from the existing inventory of competency-based courses offered in the College of Innovation and Design.

\*Applied Major courses must be completed with a grade of B or better. Applied major courses must be completed at East Texas A&M University.

## Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements ( <a href="https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/">https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/</a> )	42
Advisor-Approved Electives:	42
Advanced Electives:	24
Applied Major Courses:	12
GSCB 301	Pathways, Purpose, Exploration and Career
GSCB 402	Innovative Design for Problem Solving
GSCB 404	Leveraging Diversity in Design and Leadership
GSCB 405	Capstone: Designing Your Future as an Innovative Leader

**Total Hours** **120**

## GENERAL STUDIES, COMPETENCY-BASED TEACHER PREPARATION EMPHASIS

The Teacher Preparation Emphasis exists is designed specifically for paraprofessionals and other adult learners who are seeking a seamless path to alternative teacher certification after completing a bachelor's degree. This specially created curriculum blends knowledge and skills development as a leader but also prepares students for a career trajectory as a K-12 teacher. Students will complete a total of five courses (ORGL 3331, ORGL 4352, ORGL 4361, ORGL 4344, and ORGL 4341) that provide an applied focus on educational issues and leadership as well as career readiness to pursue teaching as a future occupation.

ORGL 3331	Data Driven Decision Making	3
ORGL 4352	Capstone I	3
ORGL 4361	Capstone II	3
ORGL 4344	The Organization of Public Education	3
ORGL 4341	Leadership Theory	3

\*ORGL 4344 replaces ORGL 4342 on ORGL Degree Plan.

### First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
Fall 1		Spring 1		May-Mini	
ENG 1301		3 MATH 1332		3 HIST 1302	3
Physical Science Elective <sup>1</sup>		3 MMJ 1307 or PHIL 1301		3 Professional Development Elective	3
Fall 2		Spring 2		Summer 2	
ENG 1302		3 HIST 1301		3 PSCI 2305	3
Visual Performing Arts Elective <sup>2</sup>		3 Professional Development Elective		3 Component Area Option <sup>3</sup>	3
	12		12		12

### Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
Fall 1		Spring 1		May-Mini	
PSCI 2306		3 Professional Development Elective		3 Professional Development Elective	3
Professional Development Elective		3 Component Area Option <sup>3</sup>		3 Professional Development Elective	3
Fall 2		Spring 2		Summer 2	
Physical Science Elective <sup>1</sup>		3 PSY 2301 or SOC 1301		3 Professional Development Elective	3
Professional Development Elective		3 Professional Development Elective		3 Professional Development Elective	3
	12		12		12

### Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
Fall 1		Spring 1		May-Mini	

Professional Development Elective	3 Advanced Elective	3 GSCB 301	3
Professional Development Elective	3 Professional Development Elective	3 Advanced Elective	3
Fall 2	Spring 2	Summer 2	
Advanced Elective	3 Advanced Elective	3 GSCB 402	3
Professional Development Elective	3 Advanced Elective	3 Advanced Elective	3
	12	12	12
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>		
Fall 1			
GSCB 404	3		
Advanced Elective	3		
Fall 2			
GSCB 405	3		
Advanced Elective	3		
	12		
<b>Total Hours: 120</b>			

**Footnotes:**<sup>1</sup> **Physical Science Elective: ENVS 103/IS 1315/IS 1317/ASTR 1303**<sup>2</sup> **Visual Performing Arts Elective: ART 1301/MUS 1310/THE 1310**<sup>3</sup> **Component Area Option: ART 1301/COMS 1321/MMJ 1307/MUS 1310/PHIL 1301/PSY 2301/SOC 1301/THE 1310**