

General Studies B.G.S.

The **Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)** is a degree available through the College of Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University-Commerce. The degree provides maximum flexibility for students who have well-defined career objectives and wish to determine the content of their degree rather than pursue one of the established majors at A&M-Commerce. The degree program includes general education requirements and an area of concentration but not a specific major.

The specific objectives of the General Studies degree are to provide courses of study, opportunities, and experiences to assist students in the following ways:

- Prepare students to enter a career requiring broad and in-depth knowledge and skills.
- Allow students to obtain a flexible, general college education with major and minor emphasis areas.
- Prepare students to enter professional schools or graduate programs in other disciplines.
- Offer a degree option to students with new interests or those changing their majors late in their academic careers.
- Assist students in career planning and in the transition into the workforce.

The Bachelor of General Studies provides maximum flexibility for students who wish to create an individualized path to a bachelor's degree utilizing previous coursework from diverse disciplines. Students must complete at least 24 semester hours of upper-level coursework coupled with 12 semester hours of Applied Major courses. Up to 84 semester hours of transfer credit (including WCEM and military credits) can be accepted. The remaining coursework may be completed online in traditional 16-week semesters.

All required courses in the major and advanced electives must be completed with the grade of "C" or higher.

Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements (<https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>) 42

Applied Major Courses

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| BGS 401 | Globalization | 3 |
| BGS 402 | Research and Writing | 3 |
| BGS 404 | Organizational Dynamics and Diversity | 3 |
| BGS 405 | Capstone: Designing Your Future As An Innovative Leader | 3 |

Department approved advanced electives * 24

Electives 42

Total Hours 120

* **Department approved advanced electives (24 semester credit hours) must be 300-400 level courses completed at the college level (24 semester credit hours)**

** All required courses in the major and all BGS courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in all course in this Major with the exception of Advisor Approved Electives a grade of "D" is acceptable.