

To earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in the College of General Studies, you must complete a minimum of 120 credits (approximately 40 courses) taken from the categories that follow. At least 30 credits must be in upper-division (1000-level) courses. These 1000-level courses may be from any of the following areas, including those in the major. See cgs.pitt.edu/academics for the courses approved to fulfill each of the following areas.

Skills: 15 credits minimum

These courses help students to develop basic college-level skills in written and spoken English as well as in mathematics.

Course	Credits
Oral Communication COMMRC 0520 or COMMRC 0500	3 credits
Writing ENGCMP 0200-0208 and two other courses from ENGCMP or ENGWRT, or those designated W (writing)	9 credits
Note: At least three credits in composition/writing must be from the University of Pittsburgh.	
Mathematics MATH 0010 and 0020, or 0025, or 0031 or equivalent or CS 0004 or 0007	3 credits

NOTE: Beginning in fall term 2008, students must complete the public speaking, math, and first University writing course (ENGCMP 0200 and above) with a grade of C- or better.

Quantitative and Formal Reasoning: 3 credits minimum

These courses help students to develop critical thinking skills, applying logic and formal reasoning to reading, writing, and thinking.

Choose one course from the following list:

Course	Credits
CS, approved courses only	3 credits
INFSCI 0010	3 credits
HPS 0611	3 credits
HPS 0621	3 credits
PHIL 0500	3 credits
MATH 0120 or a more advanced course	4 credits
STAT, any course	3-4 credits

Understandings: 27 credits

A liberal education provides broad exposure to three major bodies of knowledge: the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Students are exposed to social, scientific, aesthetic, moral, and religious information. The purpose is to furnish insight into how the concerns of people are interrelated, how knowledge accumulates, and how unsolved problems still challenge humanity.

Humanities: 9 credits

Three courses distributed over three departments and one must be a 1000-level course

- Africana Studies
- Classics
- Communication
- English Composition
- English Film
- English Literature
- English Writing
- French*
- German*
- History of Art and Architecture
- Italian*
- Japanese*
- Linguistics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Russian*
- Slovak*
- Spanish*
- Studio Arts
- Theatre Arts

**literature and culture courses*

Social Sciences: 9 credits

Three courses distributed over three departments and one must be a 1000-level course

- Africana Studies
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- Jewish Studies
- History
- Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

Natural Sciences: 9 credits

Three courses distributed over two or three departments

- Anthropology
- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Geology and Environmental Science
- History and Philosophy of Science
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Psychology

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE, *continued*

Literature: 3 credits

This requirement introduces students to works of literature that have abiding literary value. This one-course requirement also may be fulfilled with courses from departments other than English.

History: 3 credits

The study of history provides an understanding of contemporary society from the viewpoint of long-term change. This one-course requirement also may be fulfilled with courses from departments other than history.

Note: A course can be used to fulfill only one requirement in the categories of understandings, literature, and history.

International Perspective: 9 credits minimum

The world of today is economically, politically, and culturally interdependent. In the 21st century, knowledge of other countries has become essential. This three-course requirement may be fulfilled by taking internationally focused courses offered by a variety of departments. At least one of the courses must be a non-Western course. The international course may overlap with another requirement.

Specialized Study (the Major): 30–36 credits

The baccalaureate degree, in addition to providing certain skills and broad exposure to the major bodies of knowledge, also allows for the opportunity to specialize in a particular field, providing depth of experience essential for success in a chosen career or future graduate study. An outline of each major may be obtained at cgs.pitt.edu.

Choose from the 12 majors offered by the College of General Studies. The majors that also may be completed entirely through Saturday and CGS Online courses are in bold print.

- **Administration of Justice**
- Dental Hygiene (for licensed dental hygienists)
- Health Services (BA or BS)
- **Humanities**
- Legal Studies
- Media and Professional Communications
- Natural Sciences
- Public Service
- Self-designed (BA or BS)
- **Social Sciences**

Electives

Any credits not used specifically to satisfy the preceding requirements are considered electives. Electives can be taken in a wide variety of subjects to complement, reinforce, or add further breadth to the major or to help meet the requirements of a minor or certificate program. Students are limited in the number of professional courses that they may use as electives. Professional electives include courses in administration of justice, business, education, engineering, information sciences, public service, and social work. See your academic advisor for limitations related to your program.

Preparation for Professional Programs

Interested in attending another Pitt school but need to complete prerequisite course work or boost your GPA first? CGS can help. Prerequisite courses for the following programs may be taken through CGS prior to applying to another Pitt school.

- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Information Science
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Social Work

College of General Studies

Results-oriented degree programs, flexible scheduling, and individualized student services make CGS the region's best choice for busy adults who want to fit a college education into their already full lives. CGS has more than 50 years of experience working with adult learners, transfer students, veterans, and others who want the personalized attention of a small academic community and the competitive advantage that comes with having a degree from a world-renowned research university.

Requirements are subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

An internship program is available through the College of General Studies. Please see your advisor for additional information.

For more information, contact the University of Pittsburgh College of General Studies.



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