

Center for Continuing Studies

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Degree: Bachelor of General Studies

Major: Individualized

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) program is designed for returning adults. A student needs at least 60 college credits or an associate's degree from a regionally accredited college to be considered for admission to the program. BGS students may complete a general interdisciplinary plan of study without a theme or follow an approved plan of study with a theme. BGS students build academic rigor in their studies by selecting courses from a minimum of three academic units. The required BGS capstone experience provides the mechanism which allows students to demonstrate interdisciplinary knowledge from their course of study. The BGS program is offered at all six undergraduate campuses of the University. Courses are available in the day, evening, weekends, and online.

Admission Requirements

1. An associate's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, or at least 60 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0 from a regionally accredited college.
2. An interview with a BGS academic counselor.
3. Official transcripts from all high schools and regionally accredited colleges and universities previously attended.
4. Completion of the BGS Application and submission of application fee (if applicable).
5. Students applying who have graduated from a Connecticut Community College since 2000 are guaranteed admission into the BGS program and have the \$95 application fee waived.

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credits towards graduation
2. Fulfill the University of Connecticut General Education Requirements
3. Earn 30 or more credits at the University of Connecticut
4. Earn 30 or more credits at the 2000-level or above from either courses taken at the University of Connecticut or courses that transferred at that level into the University of Connecticut.
5. Students who complete a school change from another school or college at the University of Connecticut into the BGS program must complete at least 15 credits as a BGS student.
6. Students must complete one of these 18-credit degree options using University of Connecticut courses only (15 credits from a or b or c below and 3 credits from 7 below):
 - a) A general interdisciplinary plan of study of 15 credits at the 2000-level or above with courses selected from a minimum of three different academic units.
 - b) A specific interdisciplinary theme of 15 credits at the 2000-level or above that has been pre-approved for the student's campus or online.
 - c) An individualized interdisciplinary theme of 15 credits at the 2000-level or above approved by a faculty oversight committee composed of three faculty at the student's campus.
7. All three options identified in (6) above require an integrative capstone experience of 3 credits (integrating general studies course, summary project, internship, electronic portfolio, or an approved academic unit course).
8. A University of Connecticut grade point average of at least 2.0
9. A BGS student is expected to complete degree requirements within eight years of admission unless an extension of time to complete the program is given.

Please note: A BGS student may take no more than 30 credits in a single academic unit except for the School of Business where a student may take no more than 27 credits.

Writing in the Major. The University's writing in the major requirement can be met by any 2000-level or above W course approved for a BGS theme.

Information Literacy. Students in the BGS program fulfill this competency area by successfully completing one of the following courses: GS 4278, 4279, or the Information Literacy course in a field where they have previously completed at least one other class.

Computer Technology Competency. Students must successfully complete the University of Connecticut computer technology modules.

School of Business Website

<http://www.business.uconn.edu/>

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