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### **B.U.S. in University Studies Description**

The Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S. degree) is designed for students who have earned at least 90 degree-applicable credit hours and stopped out of college without completing a bachelor's degree. For students who meet the eligibility requirements, the B.U.S. degree maximizes use of a student's previous coursework into a flexible general bachelor's degree composed of a three-part structure:

1. General education core curriculum
2. Completion of one, two, or three of seven possible emphasis areas
3. General elective credits selected from a wide variety of courses across the university

### **Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120 General Education Requirements**

See the 'General Education/Core Curriculum' for the [Department of General Studies](#)

### **Course Requirements**

The total number of credits required to complete the Bachelor of University Studies degree is 120 semester credit hours composed of the following:

- General Education Core Curriculum - 30 credit hours
- General elective courses - 60 credit hours
- One to three emphasis areas (see options below) - 30 credit hours

Option 1. Complete minimum of 30 hours in one emphasis area with a minimum of 18 of those hours being taken at the 300 level or higher — emphasis will be listed on transcript.

Option 2. Complete minimum of 15 credit hours in two emphasis areas with a minimum of 9 of those hours in each emphasis being taken at the 300 level or higher — two areas of emphasis will be listed on transcript.

Option 3. Complete minimum of 10 credit hours in three of the emphasis areas with a minimum of 6 of those hours in each emphasis being taken at the 300 level or higher — no emphasis is listed on the transcript.

General elective credits may be taken from courses offered across the university.

### **Other Academic Requirements**

Courses used to satisfy the general education core curriculum requirements may not also be counted under the emphasis areas.

A minimum of 30 credit hours of the 120 required for the degree must be taken at the 300, 400, or 500 level.

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