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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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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

B.U.S. in University Studies **General Education II**

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 , or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete Liba 102 , Hon 102 or Writ 102 with a passing grade.
6 hrs humanities	6	Complete 6 hrs of courses chosen from African American studies (AAS 201 , 202); classical civilization (CLC); environmental studies (ENVS 101); gender studies (G ST 201 , 202); history (HST); LIBA 202 , 312 , 305 ; literature (ENG 103 , 220-226); philosophy (PHIL); religion (REL); Southern studies 100-level; or HON 101 , 102 (if not being used to fulfill composition requirements).
3 hrs fine arts	3	The course may be chosen from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Courses that satisfy this requirement are any Art History (AH); Liba 130 , 204 , 314 ; Mus 101 , 102 , 103 , 104 , 105 ; Danc 200 ; Thea 201 , 202 . Students who have completed 30 semester hours of undergraduate course work may fulfill the requirement with a 300- or 400-level art history course.
3 hrs math	3	Complete 3 hours of mathematics courses at the 100-level or above except for Math 245 and Math 246 .
6 hrs social or behavioral science	6	Complete 6 hrs of courses chosen from anthropology (ANTH), economics (ECON), political science (POL), psychology (PSY), sociology (SOC), and Liba 203 , 313 ; or HON 101 , 102 (if not being used to fulfill composition requirements).
6 hrs science	6	Complete 6 hours of science.



Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Select 1-3 Emphasis		
Resident GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Overall GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.

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6 hrs from emphasis	6	6 hrs of courses chosen from STEM Emphasis for BUS Program.
9 hrs of 300+ from emphasis	9	9 hrs of 300+ courses chosen from STEM Emphasis for BUS Program.

