BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES (120 cr. hours)

General Studies **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

4-Year Degree Plan [sample]

Distribute courses across Areas A. Arts & Humanities, B. Science & Mathematics, C. Social & Behavioral Sciences (12hr each), D. Arts & Sciences (15hr), E. General Electives (51hr) and an 18hr concentration in area A, B or C.

YEAR ONE (Students must have sophomore status for GNST admission)

Fall Semester (12 cr. hours)	*course title*	*credits*	*grade*
(Area D) If possible take Q110 and W131 concurrently	COAS-Q 110 Introduction to Information Literacy	1	
If you are an exploratory major and/or considering a BGS degree, take these basic general education course that are most likely to transfer to other majors should you choose another major.	CSCI-A 106 Introduction to Computing (Area B)	3	
	ENG-W 131 Elementary Composition I (Area A)	3	
	SPCH-S 121 Public Speaking (Area A)	3	
CSV Health and Wellness	(Area E)	2	
	Mathematic Placement Exam (if not already taken)		

Spring Semester (12cr. hours)			
CC Common Core **Course** (Area C)	XXX-B 190 (Area C)	3	
CC Common Core Course (Area A or B)	XXX-X 190 (Area A or B)	3	
FL Critical Thinking	Most of the courses approved for this FL are in (Area A)	3	
If 3 not scored on the Placement Exam, take Math-A 100	MATH-M 111 Mathematics in the World (Area B)	3	

Because the BGS is very flexible, career or graduate goal(s) can help you choose your courses and minors; take the **Focus2 Assessment** at:

https://www.iusb.edu/career-services/students/explore/index.php

YEAR TWO (Attend a GNST Information Session to Apply for the Major)

Fall Semester (16 cr. hours)	*course title*	*credits*	*grade*
18 Additional hours are needed in Area A, B, or C.	Course in Concentration Area	3	
CSV Diversity in United States Society	The list of approved courses includes some from Areas A or C.	3	
Prerequisite | Program Admission	GNST-G 203 Introduction to General Studies (Threshold Seminar) (Area D)	1	
First Course in intended or possible minor.	Minor Introductory Course	3	
First Course in second intended or possible minor.	Minor Introductory Course	3	
FL Visual Literacy		3	

Spring Semester (15 cr. hours)			
CC Common Core Course	XXX - X 190 (Area A or B)	3	
An additional 18 hours are needed in area A, B, or C	Course in Concentration Area	3	
Meet with a faculty advisor in any intended minor area.	Certificate or 3rd Minor Course	3	
Internship in area considering for minor or career	GNST-G 481 Professional Internship	3	
CSV Non-Western Culture		3	

Complete 12 hrs in Areas A-C, & 18 hrs in A, B, or C as soon as possible. Gen Ed requirements fill Area A, 9hrs in B, 3 hrs in C.

FL Fundamental Literacies **CSV** Contemporary Social Values **CC** Common Core* (*at least one Common Core class must be at the 300 level*).

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours in 300 or 400 level courses.

**GNST Distribution Areas: A- Arts & Humanities, B - Science & Mathematics, C-Social & Behavioral Sciences.

YEAR THREE (Distribute Gen Ed & Minor Courses in appropriate areas A-D)

Fall Semester (15 cr. hours)	*course title*	*credits*	*grade*
By this point be sure to take intro courses in minors/certificates and continue filling concentration.	Minor, Certificate, Concentration	3	
	Course in the Minor or Certificate	3	
51 hours of general electives from any department or school, including IUPUI and the professional schools	General Elective (Area E)	3	
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Internship in area considering for minor or career	GNST-G 481 Professional Internship	3	

Spring Semester (18 cr. hours)			
Minor courses count toward the minor, and in any corresponding area A, B, or C	Arts and Sciences Elective (Area D)	3	
	Course in the Minor 300-400 level	3	
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CC Common Core Course	XXX-X 39X	3	
Internship in area considering for minor or career	GNST-G 481 Professional Internship	3	
Consider courses designed for your career goals	Second Level Writing	3	

Whenever possible in year three and four, fill three requirements at once with one class: 1 at 300-400 level; 2 in an area(s) A-D that requires additional credits; and 3 that are general-education or minor requirements.

YEAR FOUR

Apply for May Graduation by October 1

Complete up to 3 minors and/or 12 hours of internships.

Fall Semester (18 cr. hours)	*course title*	*credits*	*grade*
	Course in the Minor or Certificate	3	
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	Course in the Minor 300-400 level	3	
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Internship in area considering for minor or career	GNST-G 481 Professional Internship	3	

Spring Semester (14 cr. hours)			
If graduation delayed until December, apply by March 1.	Final Course in Minor or Certificate	3	
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	Final Course in Minor or Certificate	3	
	General Elective	3	
	GNST-G 400 General Studies Senior Capstone Seminar	1	
CSV Health and Wellness	HPER-X XXX (consider taking for stress management)	1	

In year four, complete minor(s), certificate(s), and 51hr of General Electives in Area E.

Many come to GNST facing graduation delays. To move toward on-time graduation, add summer courses, DSST Exams, or LSTU online courses after midterm if appropriate.