Build your career

Career paths
A degree in General Studies is a great value for students who are looking for a college degree, flexibility in choosing their classes and a broad liberal arts education. Columbia College offers three degree programs for students interested in a general education experience.

Customize your college experience
General studies degrees are ideal for those who want a classic degree that will translate well into a range of careers and interests. A general studies degree – at the associate or bachelor’s level – can set you up for success in the workplace. By learning communication and critical thinking skills, you’ll be able to work both in and out of the business world.

Earn your degree with Columbia College!

Columbia College is a private, nonprofit institution that’s been around since 1851. Students look to us when:

- They need a quality, accredited degree but not the debt that often comes with it (who does?). Our tuition is half the national average* and financial aid may also be available to help manage costs and minimize debt.
- They need the flexibility of evening and online classes to fit school around their schedule.
- They need their degree fast, like three and a half years for a bachelor’s fast or 20 months for an associate.
- Going back to school seems daunting, but less so with small classes, accessible professors and free tutoring services to help with coursework.

Let’s talk about how we can help you earn your degree. Call, email or start by applying today!

(833) 844-3328
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Your degree requirements

**Associate of General Studies**
- English Composition: 3 hours
- General Education Requirements: 21 hours
- Electives: 36 hours
- Total: 60 hours

**Associate of Art**
- English Composition: 3 hours
- General Education Requirements: 38-41 hours
- Electives: 16-19 hours
- Total: 60 hours

**Bachelor of General Studies**
- General Education Requirements: 38-41 hours
- Multicultural Requirements: 3 hours
- Electives: 76-79 hours
- Total: 120 hours

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**Major in General Studies**

With a General Studies major, you’ll learn critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills that are valued across all industries. With electives making up the majority of your coursework, you’ll be able to construct a custom path to graduation that aligns with your interests and career goals.

The Associate of Arts degree takes care of the general education requirements common to many bachelor’s degrees and can set you up to concentrate on an area of specialty at the bachelor’s level.

**What you’ll learn**

You’ll take classes from many disciplines, giving you a broad base of skills and knowledge and the chance to find subjects that interest you most. In fact, if you are unsure about the academic area that’s right for you, you’ll start as a general studies major for this exact reason. If you later find an academic area that you love, you’ll be free to change majors later.

You’ll work closely with your academic advisor to design your degree plan. Courses for each degree vary depending on your individualized program, but typically include English composition, computer information systems, art, history, ethics, psychology, math and others.

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