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What is General Studies?
The Bachelor of General Studies (BA) degree is an interdisciplinary degree that allows students to design a curriculum that meets individual goals by connecting the core curriculum, 2 concentrations and an exit examination.

General Studies Information:
Incoming freshmen cannot choose General Studies as a major unless they meet the requirements for non-traditional student status.
The General Studies program is designed for non-traditional students with diverse interests. Pertinent courses are offered across the curriculum in the Department of Education and Psychology at Alcorn State University. The chosen concentration areas are consistent with students’ intended educational development and career goals. The program provides non-traditional students with opportunities for continuing their education, which are consistent with the communiversity concept.
All students desiring to enter the General Studies program must have met regular admission requirements for Alcorn State University and have achieved upper division status.
Advisement for the General Studies program is housed in and administered through the Department of Education and Psychology.

Non-traditional Students
- Any student who is at least 21 years of age upon initial enrollment meets the requirement for Non-traditional status. Any student who has been admitted to the University based on GED, work experience, or professional experience can also be classified as Non-traditional.
- Any student who is categorized or termed “Non-traditional” will be permitted to enroll in or be admitted to the General Studies program at any point during matriculation.

General Studies Curriculum
Freshmen and sophomore studies 60 hrs.
Upper division studies 18 hrs.
Specialized content 42
Total Hours 120

Course Content Hrs
English Composition 6
Creative Arts 9
Oral Communication 3
Social and Behavioral Science 12
Natural Science and Mathematics 15
Health 3
Computer Science 6
Orientation 1
PE, MU or MS 2
Elective 3