

# GENERAL STUDIES (BA)

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## Program Description

You can major in General Studies if you are a current student in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA. See the tabs on this page for more information about applying to and completing the major.

For more information, contact the Office of Academic Counseling (<http://spu.edu/administration/academic-counseling/>).

### Entering and Completing the Major

- You must work with faculty in the three academic disciplines to complete the Major Application form ([http://spu.edu/-/media/student-academic-services/documents/student-docs/GeneralStudiesMajorApp\\_Sp17.ashx](http://spu.edu/-/media/student-academic-services/documents/student-docs/GeneralStudiesMajorApp_Sp17.ashx)) (PDF).
- You are required to write a statement of rationale and a major contract and submit them to your assigned academic counselor in the Office of Academic Counseling (<https://spu.edu/administration/academic-counseling/>) for review by academic departments and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee petition subcommittee.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major or minor; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in your program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major or minor.
- You must complete the major or minor requirements in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year of admittance to the major or minor.

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- A minimum 70 credits selected from three disciplines related to your degree objectives are required for this major
- Of those 70 credits, you must complete 35 upper-division credits.
- At least 20 credits, but not more than 35 credits, will be applied in each discipline.