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**Program Modification Form**

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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

The proposed change is to reduce the number of required emphases areas for the Bachelor of General Studies degree from three distinctive discipline specific emphasis to two area emphasis.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2020

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

The Bachelor of General Studies degree provides pathways for students with multidisciplinary interests or students interested in pursuing more than one discipline in unrelated areas. In addition, the degree also serves as a pathway for many accomplished individuals who, for whatever reason, never completed their bachelor’s degree. For some, earning a credential could make a significant difference in career advancement or it could be an important milestone of personal growth. The proposed changes will meet the needs of a diverse range of learners, allow more flexibility to utilize prior earned credits toward degree completion, and provide two comprehensive areas of focus. The proposed change also aligns with the growing higher education trend of General Studies’ degree programs focusing on two area emphases versus three or more discipline specific emphases.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.** **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.**  |

**BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM**

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) is designed to give students the opportunity to develop a personalized program of study to meet their professional, academic, and personal aspirations. Through a multidisciplinary curriculum, the program attempts to provide a unique and flexible learning pathway for that segment of student population with specific educational and career interests that would not otherwise be met by a traditional degree track or major. By tailoring their major, students develop a plan of study that provides curricular opportunities to explore multiple disciplines and increase skills in critical analysis, problem solving, and professional competencies. The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) program equips students with the aptitude needed to be successful in an array of professional settings and provides an essential academic undergraduate foundation for those seeking to pursue a graduate- level degree or career advancement. In consultation with their academic advisors, students determine the composition of their own plan of study. Students must select a minimum of 18 hours of course work in three areas of emphasis. A minimum of 12 hours of upper-level course work is required in each of the three emphasis areas. Emphases may include most areas in which A-State offers a major or minor, or another area as approved by the department. Students pursuing this degree are responsible for having on record a complete planned program of study approved by his or her academic advisor. Students are also responsible for complying with the general academic regulations of the university as well as all other university policies and requirements. A 2.0 cumulative grade point average is required within the emphasis areas and core courses, as well as a 2.0 average for all course work at A-State and a 2.0 average on all coursework presented for graduation. With the exception of laboratory courses, no more than three one-credit courses can be applied to an emphasis area (i.e., physical education activity, music ensembles, etc.). The number of semester hours earned in the Neil Griffin College of Business is limited to thirty (30) or fewer. The program does not duplicate the offerings of the other colleges of the university, but may include curriculum offerings of any college. Students seeking a minor must use classes independently of those used in an area of emphasis. Students seeking a double major concurrently with their General Studies degree or students who have completed a degree and are returning to complete a degree in General Studies may only apply their general education courses toward an additional second program of study.

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**Bachelor of General Studies\***

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| **University Requirements:** |  |
|  See University General Requirements for Baccalaureate degrees(p.42)***\*The Bachelor of General Studies degree program does not have a major.*** |  |
| **First Year Making Connections Course:**  | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
| UC 1013, Making Connections (or equivalent)  | 3 |
| **General Education Requirements:**  | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
|  See General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate degrees(p. 78) Requirements based on previous major. **Students with this major must take the following:**COMS 1203, Oral Communications (Required Departmental Gen. Ed. Options) | 35 |
| **Degree Requirements:** | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
|  First Emphasis Area (must include at least 12 upper-level hours): | 18 |
|  Second Emphasis Area (must include at least 12 upper-level hours): | 18 |
|  Third Emphasis Area (must include at least 12 upper-level hours): | 18 |
| **Sub-total** | **54** |
| **Core Courses:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
|  IDS 3013: Critical Thinking in the Profession | 3 |
|  IDS 4013: Seminar in Professional Development | 3 |
|  IDS 4023: Leadership in the Profession | 3 |
| **Sub-total** | **9** |
| **Electives:**  | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| Electives | 19 |
| **Total Required Hours:**  | **120** |

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| **University Requirements:** |  |
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| **First Year Making Connections Course:**  | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
| UC 1013, Making Connections (or equivalent)  | 3 |
| **General Education Requirements:**  | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
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| **Degree Requirements:** | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
|  **First Emphasis Area (must include at least 18 upper-level hours):** | **30** |
|  **Second Emphasis Area (must include at least 18 upper-level hours):** | **30** |
| **Sub-total** | **60** |
| **Core Courses:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
|  IDS 3013: Critical Thinking in the Profession | 3 |
|  IDS 4013: Seminar in Professional Development | 3 |
|  IDS 4023: Leadership in the Profession | 3 |
| **Sub-total** | **9** |
| **Electives:**  | **Sem. Hrs.** |
|  **Electives** | **13** |
| **Total Required Hours:**  | **120** |

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**Appendix A, 8-Semester Plan**

(**Referenced in #2** - **Undergraduate Proposals Only)**

*Instructions: Please identify new courses in italics*.

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| **Arkansas State University-Jonesboro****Degree:****Major:****Year:** |
| Students requiring developmental course work based on low entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) may not be able to complete this program of study in eight (8) semesters. Developmental courses do not count toward total degree hours. **Students having completed college level courses prior to enrollment will be assisted by their advisor in making appropriate substitutions. In most cases, general education courses may be interchanged between semesters.** A minimum of 45 hours of upper division credit (3000-4000 level) is required for this degree. |
| **Year 1** |  | **Year 1** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| ENG 1013 | English Composition | 3 | 3 |  | ENG 1013 | English Composition II | 3 | 3 |
| See Selection | Math 1023 or Math 1043 | 3 | 3 |  | See Selection | Social Science course | 3 | 3 |
| UC 1013 | UC Making Connections | 3 | 3 |  | COMS 1203 | Oral Communication | 3 | 3 |
| See Selection | HIST 2763, HIST 2773 or POSC 2103 | 3 | 3 |  | See Selection | Humanities course | 3 | 3 |
| BIOL 1003 | Biological Sciences | 3 | 3 |  | See Selection | Fine Arts Course | 3 | 3 |
| BIOL 1001 | Biology lab | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 16 |  | **Total Hours** |  | 15 |
| **Year 2** |  | **Year 2** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| See Selection | Social Science course | 3 | 3 |  | See Advisor | Lower Lever Area 1 | 3 |  |
| PHSC 1203 | Physical Science  | 3 | 3 |  | See Advisor | Lower Lever Area 1 | 3 |  |
| PHSC 1201 | Physical Science Lab | 1 | 1 |  | See Advisor | Lower Level Area 2 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Lower Lever Area 1 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Lower Level Area 2 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Lower Level Area 2 | 3 |  |  | Elective | Elective | 3 |  |
| Elective | Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 16 |  | **Total Hours** |  | 15 |
| **Year 3** |  | **Year 3** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| See Advisor | Lower Lever Area 1 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 1 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Lower Level Area 2 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 1 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Upper Level Area 1 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 1 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Upper Level Area 2 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 2 | 3 |  |
| Elective | Elective | 3 |  |  | IDS 3013 | Critical Thinking in the Profession | 3 |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 15 |  | **Total Hours** |  | 15 |  |
| **Year 4** |  | **Year 4** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| See Advisor | Upper Level Area 1 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 2 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Upper Level Area 1 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 2 | 3 |  |
| See Advisor | Upper Level Area 2 | 3 |  |  | See Advisor | Upper Level Area 2 | 3 |  |
| IDS 4023 | Leadership in the Profession | 3 | 3 |  | Elective | Elective | 1 |  |
| Elective | Elective | 3 |  |  | IDS 4013 | Seminar in Professional Development | 3 |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 15 |  | **Total Hours** |  | 13 |
| **Total Jr/Sr Hours 45 Total Degree Hours 120** |
| **Graduation Requirements: Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA in each emphasis area and core courses. Must also meet all university general requirements for Baccalaureate degrees.**  |