## University Core and Graduation Requirements

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*THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (9 hours overlap)

## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0
**BGS in General Studies: American Studies (570137)**  
2020-2021 Program Requirements (33 Credit Hours)

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 1 course  
**PREREQUISITE COURSE (MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE TAKING ANY OTHER COURSES, INCLUDES PREPARING ACADEMIC PLAN WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE PROCEEDING):**  
STDEV 100 - Essential College Skills  

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 4 courses  
**CORE COURSES:**  
- ECON 110 - Economic Principles and Problems  
- HIST 220 - The United States Through 1877  
- HIST 221 - The United States Since 1877  
- POLI 110 - American Government and Politics

**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 18.0 hours from the following option(s)  
**ELECTIVE COURSES:**  
- OPTION 3.1 Complete up to 18.0 hours from the following course(s)  
  - A HIG 100 - American Heritage  
  - ENGL 293 - American Literary History  
  - ENGL 336 - The American Novel  
  - ENGL 361 - American Literature 1800 - 1865  
  - ENGL 362 - American Literature 1865 - 1914  
  - ENGL 363 - American Literature 1914 - 1960  
  - GEOG 250 - United States and Canada  
  - NDT 100 - Utah  
  - MUSIC 204 - Introduction to Jazz  
  - REL C 341 - Joseph Smith and the Restoration, 1805-1845  
  - REL C 342 - Pioneers and Persecution, 1846-1899  
  - REL C 343 - The Modern Church, 1900 to the Present  
  - BYU undergraduate campus courses (including Salt Lake enter classes) from the approved American Studies list may also be used to fill emphasis electives.

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 1 course

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**COMPLETE A CAPSTONE COURSE (LAST COURSE TO BE COMPLETED):**  
STDEV 490 - Bachelor of General Studies Capstone  

**THE DEGREE:**  
Brigham Young University’s Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Program offers former BYU students who are no longer able to attend BYU an opportunity to complete their bachelor’s degree from anywhere. Applicants must have already completed 27 credit hours (exam credit excluded) at the BYU campus in Provo as an admitted day student and must abide by the Church Educational System Honor Code and receive an annual ecclesiastical endorsement. This program is not available to current BYU students who have fewer than 90 credits.

The Bachelor of General Studies degree is designed to help former BYU students utilize as much as possible of their previously earned credit. It uses the same BYU curriculum offered on campus and requires the same general education, religious education, and campus residency as on-campus degrees. However, up to 90 of the required 120 credit hours can be earned through Independent Study. The major is general studies, with an emphasis in one of seven areas of study. The emphasis adds a measure of specialization. Students may earn only one emphasis and do not have the option of creating custom-made areas of study. However, within the number of general electives available, students can utilize credit previously earned in a former major or choose to take courses in a particular concentration.

**COURSE AVAILABILITY:**  
Courses listed are generally available through BYU Independent Study, however, due to ongoing course development, some classes may be currently unavailable. If students need a course before it is available, they should work with BGS advisors to select another class.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
The requirements for the university core and for individual emphases are found on the MAP on the reverse side of this sheet. Additional instructions regarding credits necessary for graduation are as follows:

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
Religious education hours are a requirement at BYU, but the actual number of hours varies for students with transfer credit. Contact the BGS office for details regarding individual circumstances.

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**Note:** BGS students who discontinue or who have previously discontinued the program for any reason and apply for readmission must meet all admission and graduation requirements in place at the time of reapplication.

Regulations, policies, fees, curricula, courses, and other requirements are subject to change at any time.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**  
Applicants complete the admissions procedure through the Bachelor of General Studies Office and pay a fee of $35. Admission to the BGS program is open to former BYU students who meet all of the following criteria.

- Have completed a minimum of 27 semester hours of BYU on-campus credit in Provo as an admitted day student (exam credit excluded).
- Have not completed any courses as a BYU day-continuing student in the last two years or have completed a minimum of 90 credits
- Never completed a bachelor’s or higher degree.
- In good standing (academic, financial, etc.) at all universities attended.
- Have a 2.0 or higher BYU and cumulative GPA. (If any academic disciplinary action—warning, probation, or suspension—has been taken against you, contact the BGS Office before proceeding with the application process.)
- Will abide by the BYU Code of Honor and receive an annual ecclesiastical endorsement.
- Have been approved by the BGS admissions committee.
- Have successfully completed the Student Development 100 course (1-credit Independent Study course taken after provisional acceptance into program).

**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:**  
Any exceptions to the requirements of this program must be approved by the BGS Admissions Office before proceeding with the application process.

Contact the BGS office at 1-888-298-3137 or (801) 422-4351.
No more than 18 total hours of religion may be counted toward the BGS degree.

**ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:**
Completing the university core and emphasis requirements will not necessarily provide sufficient credits for students to meet the overall BYU minimum credit hours needed for graduation. Students should be aware of the number of elective hours needed (preferably from the upper division level) in order for them to graduate.

**MAP DISCLAIMER**
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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