# University Core and Graduation Requirements

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## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0
This is a Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) program. Please contact the BGS office at 1-888-298-3137 or (801) 422-4351. Have 27 hours of campus residency. Complete a minimum of 10 hours in the emphasis after formal admission to the BGS program. Thirty of the 120 hours including 15 hours in the emphasis must be 300-level or above courses. Students must earn a minimum 2.0 BYU grade point average, a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and a minimum 2.0 emphasis grade point average. The program must be completed in eight years or less. All emphasis courses taken after admission to BGS must be BYU courses. 

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s):  
STDEV 102 - Introduction to Interiors  
STDEV 110 - Food Preparation in the Home  
STDEV 224 - Marriage Enhancement  
STDEV 240 - Parenting and Child Guidance  
*STDEV 260 - Family Finance  
STDEV 359 - Child Life in Healthcare Settings

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 4 courses  
**CORE COURSES:**  
* SFL 160 - Introduction to Family Processes  
SFL 260 - The Eternal Family  
SFL 270 - Human Development  
SFL 290 - Critical Inquiry and Research Methods  
**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 15.0 hours from the following option(s):  
**ELECTIVE COURSES:**  
**OPTION 3.1** Complete up to 15.0 hours from the following course(s):  
SFL 331 - Infant Development in the Family  
SFL 332 - Adolescent Development in the Family and Other Social Contexts  
SFL 334 - Adult Development and Aging in the Family  
SFL 335 - Family Adaptation and Resiliency  
SFL 351 - Social Development  
SFL 355 - Language Development  
SFL 358 - Media, Family, and Human Development  
BYU 300- or 400-level campus courses in the School of Family Life (including Salt Lake Center classes) may also be used to fill this requirement. Note: Only 3 credit hours of 399R may count toward the BGS degree requirements in Family Life. Additional 399R credits may be used as general electives for the upper division hour requirement and for total university hours. 

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 3.0 hours from the following option(s):  
**OPTION 4.1** Complete up to 3.0 hours from the following course(s):  
ANY COURSES NOT TAKEN IN REQUIREMENT 3 ABOVE MAY BE USED TOWARD FULFILLING THIS THREE-HOUR ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT.  
SFL 102 - Introduction to Interiors  
SFL 110 - Food Preparation in the Home  
SFL 224 - Marriage Enhancement  
SFL 240 - Parenting and Child Guidance  
*SFL 260 - Family Finance  
SFL 359 - Child Life in Healthcare Settings

**REQUIREMENT 5** Complete 1 course  
**COMPLETE A CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (LAST COURSE TO BE COMPLETED):**  
STDEV 490 - Bachelor of General Studies Capstone 2.0

**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 (exam credits excluded).

- 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.  

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. 

**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  
- Have not completed any courses as a BYU day-continuing student in the last two years or have completed a minimum of 90 credits (exam credits excluded).  
- 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.)  
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- 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).
Note: BGS students who discontinue or who have
ever 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

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. 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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