
GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The **General Studies Program** represents an important outgrowth of the concept of education at Bethel College. We believe that the liberal arts student should have the opportunity to explore diverse areas of learning which are important for all individuals, and this has led to the structuring of a sequence of courses specifically designed to achieve this objective. The courses are taught in such a way that three major areas may be developed: communication, critical thinking skills, and core values. This model for content and skill development is followed throughout the entire curriculum.

General studies requirements for the B.A. degree are listed below.

1. Every student takes the Bethel College reading test at the time of entry to the college.
2. **Satisfaction of Proficiency Requirements**

Incoming students must demonstrate pre-college proficiency in three basic skill areas: reading, writing, and mathematics. This must be done within the first **24 semester hours** completed at Bethel College.

Reading Proficiency can be demonstrated in any one of the following ways:

Provide evidence of holding an Associates or Bachelors degree from an accredited college/university.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of 24 semester hours of coursework at C- or better.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a pre-college-level remedial reading course (passed with a C- or better).

Pass the Bethel College prescribed reading test.

Successfully complete the Bethel College course, COL 065, Reading Dynamics, 2 hours.

Writing Proficiency can be demonstrated in any one of the following ways:

Provide evidence of holding an Associates or Bachelors degree from an accredited college/university.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a college-level course in writing (**passed with a C- or better**). This course might also be used to satisfy Written Communication II requirements toward a degree.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a remedial reading pre-college-level course (passed with a C- or better).

Receive a satisfactory score on the SAT-Verbal or ACT-English.

Pass the Bethel College prescribed writing test.

Successfully complete the Bethel College course, COL 060, Written Communication I, 3 hours.

Mathematics Proficiency can be demonstrated in any one of the following ways:

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a college-level course in mathematics (**passed with a C- or better**). This course might also be used to satisfy college math requirements toward a degree.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a remedial mathematics pre-college-level course (passed with a C- or better).

Receive a satisfactory score on the SAT-Quantitative or ACT-Mathematics.

Pass the Bethel College mathematics test.

Successfully complete the Bethel College course, MATH 070, Pre-Algebra, 3 hours.

3. The standard General Studies Program includes the following courses. Some majors may require different or specific courses.

HOURS

a. In Communication Skills:

ENGL	101	Written Communication II (Must earn a "C-" or better grade)	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
		Foreign Language (two semesters)	6

b. In Social Science and History:

PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
HIST		History Elective	3

c. In Fine Arts and Humanities:

FA		Music/Art/Theatre	3
LIT		Literature	3
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1

d. In Natural Science and Mathematics:

MATH		College Level Mathematics	3
		Science with Lab	4

e. In Bible and Religion:

THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3

f. In Physical Education:

PHED	100	Lifelong Physical Awareness	0.5
PHED	112-136	Physical Education Activities	1.5

The **Liberal Studies Major** is designed for the student who wishes to expand his/her knowledge and experience in more than one area while studying at Bethel College. In the true spirit of a liberal arts college, the Liberal Studies student is educated broadly and expansively, pursuing one primary and two secondary concentrations. A wide variety of concentration combinations are possible, and many of our Liberal Studies majors pursue graduate studies and/or employment that enable them to use one or more of their concentrations.

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		HOURS	
General Studies			
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
PHED	100	Lifelong Physical Awareness	0.5
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
		Foreign Language	6
		History Elective	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		Literature	3
		College Level Mathematics	3
		Science with Lab	4
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PHED	112-136	Physical Education Activities	1.5
			<u>54</u>
Major			
		Primary Concentration in one subject area*	15
		Secondary Concentration in one subject area*	12
		Secondary Concentration in another subject area*	9
			<u>36</u>

*All courses in a concentration area must be of the same course prefix letters (with the exception of music concentrations where any two music prefixes may be combined) and may not be required within the General Studies. At least 18 semester hours within the concentration areas must be completed at Bethel College. All courses in concentration areas must received a C- or better.

Electives needed to complete the degree 34

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General Studies			
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
PHED	100	Lifelong Physical Awareness	0.5
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature, or	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	(3)
		Mathematics/Science with Lab	3-4
		Art/Drama/Literature/Music	3

HUMANITIES

			HOURS
PHED	112-136	Physical Education Activity	<u>0.5</u>
			27-28
Major			
		Primary Concentration in one subject area* (At least nine hours must be taken at Bethel in the primary concentration area)	15
		Secondary Concentration in one subject area*	9
		Secondary Concentration in another subject area*	<u>6</u>
			30
		Electives needed to complete the degree	4-5

Humanities Major

A student may appeal to the Committee on the Humanities to count up to 6 hours of (s)electives outside of the listed areas. For a replacement to count, the committee must approve the appeal before the end of the second week of the semester in which the course is taken. No course fulfilling a general studies requirement will be counted toward the Humanities Major. No course taken for the Humanities major may count toward any other minor or major.

General Studies

COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
PHED	100	Lifelong Physical Awareness	0.5
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
		Foreign Language	6
		History Elective	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		Literature	3
		College Level Mathematics	3
		Science with Lab	4
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PHED	112-136	Physical Education Activities	<u>1.5</u>
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Single Major Option:

No more than 15 hours from any single course prefix may count toward the completion of the Humanities major. At least 32 of the 47 required hours for the major must be completed at Bethel.

HIST	(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
LIT	(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
PHIL	(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9

			HOURS
(S)electives from Fine Arts, Foreign Language, HIST, LIT, and/or PHIL (minimum of 6 hours @ the 300-400 level)			18
Fine Arts Courses		(15 hours maximum)	
ART	113	Art History I: Prehistory to the Gothic	(3)
ART	114	Art History II: Gothic to Contemporary Art	(3)
THTR	320	Western Theatre History I	(3)
THTR	321	Western Theatre History II	(3)
THTR	430	World Theatre History	(3)
MULH	243	Music of the Middle Ages & Renaissance	(3)
MULH	244	Music of the Baroque & Classical Periods	(3)
MULH	343	Music of the Romantic Era	(3)
MULH	344	Music of the Twentieth Century	(3)
Foreign Language			(3-15)
			(15 hours maximum, hours must be from a single language)
HIST		(6 hours maximum)	(3-6)
LIT		(6 hours maximum)	(3-6)
PHIL		(6 hours maximum)	(3-6)
HUM	499	Humanities Project	<u>2</u>
			47
Electives required to complete the degree			23

Double Major Option:

At least 20 hours of the required 29 hours must be completed at Bethel. The general studies requirements of the first academic major will be observed. If the other major has abbreviated general studies requirements (e.g., Nursing), certain prerequisites may need to be fulfilled in order to complete the Humanities major (e.g., ENGL102 is a prerequisite for any LIT course, but is not a general studies requirement for the Nursing major).

LIT		(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
PHIL		(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
(S)electives from Fine Arts, Foreign language or HIST (minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)			9
ART	113	Art History I: Prehistory to the Gothic	(3)
ART	114	Art History II: Gothic to Contemporary Art	(3)
THTR	320	Western Theatre History I	(3)
THTR	321	Western Theatre History II	(3)
THTR	430	World Theatre History	(3)
MULH	243	Music of the Middle Ages & Renaissance	(3)
MULH	244	Music of the Baroque & Classical Periods	(3)
MULH	343	Music of the Romantic Era	(3)
MULH	344	Music of the Twentieth Century	(3)
Foreign Language			(3-9)
			(hours must be from a single language)
HIST			(3-9)
HUM	499	Humanities Project	<u>2</u>
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Notes:

- In addition to completion of the above, an additional academic major is selected with a total of at least 130 hours to graduate.