
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. Proficiency in basic skills must be demonstrated by test achievements or by passing the required courses within the first 24 semester hours at Bethel College. These skills and their requirements are:

Reading: A satisfactory score on the Bethel College reading test, or COL 065, Reading Dynamics, two hours, must be taken in the first semester.

Writing: A satisfactory score of 450 on the SAT Critical Reading or Writing section, or the ACT-English (17), or COL 060, Written Communication I, three hours, must be taken in the first semester.

Mathematics: A satisfactory score on the SAT-Quantitative (450) or the ACT-Mathematics (17), or COL 070, Basic Mathematics, three hours, must be taken.

These basic skills courses may not be counted toward a degree or hour requirements.

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
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			HOURS
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.

Liberal Studies Major

B.A. Degree

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
			54
Major			
Primary Concentration in one subject area*			15
Secondary Concentration in one subject area*			12
Secondary Concentration in another subject area*			9
			36

*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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A.A. Degree

			HOURS
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
PHED	112-136	Physical Education Activity	0.5
			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*	6
			30
Electives needed to complete the degree			4-5

Department of Visual Arts

Mission Statement

The mission of the art program is to apply a course of study in the visual arts that supports, integrates, and contributes to the mission of Bethel College. The program affirms and nurtures the creative spirit of each individual while providing the knowledge and the structural vehicles fundamental to promoting an appreciation and understanding of art as a discipline and of its contributions to the culture and history of humanity. Each person is encouraged to develop a unique vision and to come to a greater understanding and appreciation of the diverse responses and contributions of others. Students will explore how and why they work creatively as well as develop appreciation for art in a historical context. Students further learn to foster their relationship with God through the process of creation.

Goals of the Department of Visual Arts

Students shall graduate possessing:

- A comprehension, understanding, and appreciation for the historical trajectory and relevance of the visual arts in everyday life.
- A broad knowledge and experience with each of the artistic mediums taught by the many skilled faculty of the Department of Visual Arts.