
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.