General Studies/Field Majors/Associate of Arts Degrees

If you wish to focus your degree work in more than one department and have interdisciplinary interests, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) at Wichita State University offers several program plans, which provide the freedom to design your own program of study with the assistance of a departmental advisor.

The Bachelor of Arts Field Major allows you to formulate a program of study that may cross departmental or even college lines. These interests may be thematically or occupationally related. This degree allows you to become a generalist, while you integrate contents from a minimum of three academic disciplines. It may provide pre-professional or nontraditional career students greater flexibility in planning for your unique future.

Specific pre-structured field majors offered by LAS include biochemistry, chemistry-business, classical studies and international business.

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Degree provides a structure similar to the BA Field Major except that a foreign language is not required in the general education component of the BGS.

The interdisciplinary nature of this program plan provides many applications in today’s employment market.

For both of the above programs, an advisor in the academic department of primary interest will assist you in developing a plan of study including courses from the primary department and at least two other departments, one of which must also be in arts and sciences.

Graduates with this degree are prepared to enter positions, which require a broad background of knowledge.

The LAS advising center, located in room 155 of Grace Wilkie Hall, provides academic advising for these degree options. The phone number is 316-978-3700.

Admission

When you choose to study a general studies option at Wichita State University, you’ll be admitted to Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty advisor who will help you to develop your program of study and who will outline specific requirements for meeting the general education requirements for the college and the University.

Related Opportunities

Because of the versatility of this degree, you’re encouraged to participate in any professional / departmental organization you choose. If eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Cooperative education, internships and directed readings or studies will help expand your experience and build effective background for further education or employment. Because WSU is in a metropolitan setting, cooperative education placements and internships are readily available in many areas.

Related Programs

A variety of certificate programs are also offered in a number of LAS departments including Strategic Communication, Computer Competency and Information Technology, Corrections, Cross Cultural Communications in Criminal Justice, Forensic Criminology, Law Enforcement, Great Plains Studies and Substance Abuse and Counseling.
GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS
The General Education Program, an integral component of degree requirements in all Wichita State University undergraduate colleges, comprises approximately one-third of the total credit hours necessary for graduation. The goals of the program include the following:
• To study and apply basic mathematical principles
• To study and apply principles of written and oral communication
• To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources
• To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and humanities and fine arts
Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements supplies the elemental knowledge and skills for life-long learning in an ever-changing, global world. Education empowers us to become masters, not merely users, of our unfolding destiny.

Detailed outlines of General Education Program Requirements are provided in the University Catalog, each semester’s Schedule of Courses and on the website: http://webs.wichita.edu/success/general_edu_program/generaleducation.htm. When you enter the university, your academic advisor will assist in selecting GFP courses appropriate to your choice of major and degree.

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