Program Benefits
General studies is a program designed for students who are undecided about a major. General Studies is NOT a major. This undecided category is an area where students can explore major areas of interests. Students in the area are encouraged to declare a major upon completing 30 credits. Failure to do so may require additional semesters to complete degree requirements. If you’re not yet certain about your career path, general studies could be a viable option to start your college career.

Statistics show that 75 percent of students will change their majors during their academic careers, which clearly indicates that many students aren't sure what they want to do. You’re not alone!

Selecting an Area of Interest
When you choose General Studies, you have two options:
• General studies in Science and Technology
• General studies in Liberal Arts

If you know you want to do something related to science, business, engineering technology or computer science, then general studies in Science and Technology would be a great option. If you are interested in the humanities — writing, politics, art, philosophy, theatre or foreign languages, for example — then you might choose general studies in Liberal Arts.

University Resources
Eventually, you will want to select a major — a field of study that will prepare you for your chosen career. Cal U has a number of resources to assist you in exploring your options and making that choice:

• XCP 194 is a one-credit career-planning course. Although it is intended primarily for general studies students, the course is open to any student who is interested in career planning.

The course outlines the testing available for students who are trying to figure out a major or students who want to make a career change. The goal of the course is to help you understand your interests, match interests with a major area and set goals for achieving your career objective.

• Career Services can help you choose a major and explore career options. The Career Advantage Program, open to all students, is a series of individualized activities designed to help you determine where to start to discover a major and career options that are a perfect fit for you.

You can meet with a career adviser to talk about your interests and complete a career assessment. Your career adviser can help you define your interests, skills and values, explore majors and career options, and plan some action steps to begin to "test out" your major, such as job shadowing and co-op experiences.

• The mission of the Office of Academic Success is to foster and support students in all phases of their academic endeavors by providing comprehensive programs, resources and assistance. Student Success Facilitators are located in 210 Noss Hall and will assist students in the general studies category with registration recommendations. The office is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Academic resources are also available at the Math Lab, Reading Clinic and Writing Center on the first floor in Noss Hall.

General Education Requirements
Students in every major are required to take 40-41 credits of general education courses. As an undecided student in the general studies program, this is where you should begin.

Here is a breakdown of general education courses and the number of credits required in each area:
• Building a Sense of Community - 1 crs.
• Composition – 3 crs.
• Public Speaking - 3 crs.
• Mathematics & Quantitative Literacy - 3 crs.
• Health and Wellness – 3 crs.
• Technological Literacy – 3 crs.
• Humanities – 3 crs.
• Fine Arts – 3 crs.
• Natural Sciences - 3 crs.
• Social Sciences - 6 crs.

Developmental courses do not count toward credits necessary for graduation, but developmental courses are calculated in a student's overall grade-point average (GPA).
BACHELOR'S DEGREES
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS AND CONCENTRATIONS

Anthropology
Forensic Anthropology
Archaeology
Arabic Language & Cultures
Art
Art Studio
Athletic Training
Biology
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Chiropractic Medicine
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Osteopathic Medicine
Mortuary Science
(co-op program)
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Podiatric Medicine
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Business Administration
Human Resource Management
Accounting
Business Economics
Finance
Marketing
Management
Information Technology
Management
Chemistry
Commercial Music Technology
Communication Disorders
Communication Studies
Public Relations
Radio & TV
Speech Communication
Computer Engineering Technology
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science

Criminal Justice
Homeland & International Security
Criminology
Law & Justice
Forensic Science
Earth Science
Meteorology
Environmental
Environmental Hazards
Education
Certification for Secondary Schools
- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Earth & Space Science
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish

Technology Education K-12
Childhood Education PreK-4
Childhood Education PreK-4/Special Ed
Middle Level Education Grades 4-8
- Language Arts/Reading
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Math & Language Arts/Reading
- Math & Science

Middle Level Education Grades 4-8/Special Ed
- Language Arts/Reading
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Middle Level Education Grades 9-12
- Language Arts/Reading
- Mathematics
- Science

English
Creative Writing
Journalism
Language & Literacy
Literature

Environmental Studies
Conservation Ecology
Fisheries & Wildlife Biology
Environmental Science
Leadership and Management
Natural Resource Management
and Policy

Geography
Climatology
GIS & Emergency Management
Tourism Studies

Geology
Gerontology
Graphic Design
Graphics & Multimedia
History
International Studies
Jurisprudence with concentration in Land Management
Jurisprudence with concentration in Legal Studies
Liberal Studies
Mathematics
Statistics

Mechatronics Engineering Technology
Nursing (BSN) for RNs
Nursing (BSN) for RNs Online
Parks & Recreation Management

Physics
Political Science
Pre-Law
Psychology

Social Science
Social Work
Sociology

Applied Sociology
Science and Technology Multidisciplinary

Studies

Spanish
Sport Management Studies
Professional Golf Management
Wellness & Fitness (online)
Technology Management
Theatre
Undecided in Education
Undecided in Liberal Arts
Undecided in Science & Technology

ASSOCIATE DEGREES
Accounting
Computer Engineering Technology
Computer Science Technology
Computer Information Systems
Early Childhood
Electrical Engineering Technology
Graphics & Multimedia
Industrial Technology
Nursing (RN) co-op with CCAC

Degree issued by CCAC
Physical Therapist Assistant
Radiologic Technology
Robotics Engineering Technology
Technical Studies

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
Land Management

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