

## **General Studies (off campus) • College of Continuing & Professional Studies**

### **About the Program**

#### *Overview*

Adults who wish to pursue a well-rounded education by challenging themselves with stimulating courses in the social sciences, philosophy, literature, art and music may find the bachelor of general studies (BGS) degree is the perfect choice for them. The BGS degree is a baccalaureate program that enables highly motivated students to enjoy more flexibility and more opportunities for interdisciplinary experiences than a traditional university major.

BGS students work with a faculty advisor and develop a unique Plan of Study and rationale, culminating in an interdisciplinary project in the senior seminar. Courses are offered:

- at your worksite
- on campus: day, night, weekends
- TV/videotape
- internet
- combinations of the above

Typically, students in the program are mature, self-directed, and capable of clearly articulating their educational, personal and career goals. **The General Studies program is designed as a degree completion program for those individuals who have an associate's degree or equivalent.**

#### *Program Specifics*

The BGS degree requires 120 semester hours total. Forty-five semester hours must be earned in upper division courses (3000 level or above). Three specific courses are required:

- BGS Topics Seminar (BGS 3000)
- Advanced Composition and Research (ENG 3100)
- BGS Senior Seminar (BGS 4950)

General education requirements for Madonna University degrees apply.

### **Typical Program for Individual with an Associate's Degree Courses Offered Off-Campus or at Your Worksite\***

<b>Year 1</b>	
<b>Themes</b>	<b>Classes</b>
<i>Fall Term</i>	
Multi-Disciplinary Readings	General Studies Seminar
Writing Skills	Writing Workshop I
Educational Planning	Workshop: Educational Planning
<i>Winter Term</i>	
Philosophical Questions	Philosophy, Technology and Human Concern
	The Idea of Justice
<i>Spring/Summer Term</i>	
Music	Music through the Ages
<b>Year 2</b>	
<i>Fall Term</i>	
Writing Skills	Writing Workshop II
Literature	Voices and Visions telecourse
<i>Winter Term</i>	
Research/Writing Skills	Advanced Composition and
Research	
Science	Human Nutrition telecourse
<i>Spring/Summer Term</i>	
Science	Principles of Astronomy
<b>Year 3</b>	
<i>Fall Term</i>	
History	Race, Ethnicity and Social Class in American Life
Social Sciences	Organizational Behavior
<i>Winter Term</i>	
History	Emerging Nations/ Vietnam telecourse
Social Sciences	International Relations
<i>Spring/Summer Term</i>	
Religious Studies	Marriage and Family
<b>Year 4</b>	
<i>Fall Term</i>	
Religious Studies	Life and Death Issues
<i>Winter Term</i>	
Individual Project	Senior Seminar*

The off-campus program adds up to 60 semester hours. Additional courses available on campus (day, evening, weekend) or via the internet.



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## Off-Campus Sites

- ◆ Madonna University  
Downriver Center  
(Southgate, Michigan)

## The Faculty

**James Novak, Dean, College of  
Continuing and Professional  
Studies**  
(*B.A. Boston College; M.A., Ph.D.,  
University of Michigan*)  
Teaches BGS 3000; BGS Faculty  
Advisory Committee Member;  
On-Campus Advisor (Summer)

**Gerald Charbonneau,  
Sociology/Social Work**  
(*B.A., Portland State College;  
M.S.W., Ph.D., Wayne State  
University*)  
Teaches BGS 3000/4950  
Member of Academy of Certified  
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**Kevin West, Service Learning  
Director, Off-Campus BGS  
Coordinator** (*B.A., Michigan;  
M.A., Ph.D., Candidate, Wayne  
State University*)  
Teaches BGS 4950; BGS  
Faculty Advisory Committee;  
Off-Campus Advisor

## Selected Course Offerings

**Topics Seminar: BGS 3000**  
An interdisciplinary exploration of  
topics or themes related to global,  
technological or societal issues,  
focusing on the pervasive long-  
term implications these issues will  
have for the future, as well as the  
human dilemmas that will emerge.  
Emphasis will be placed on  
developing critical thinking and  
interdisciplinary problem-solving  
skills, particularly in the context of  
information access and  
management. This is a writing  
intensive course, which will  
provide students with a variety of  
active learning opportunities:  
interviews with guest speakers,  
journal writing, class presentations  
and group projects.

**Senior Seminar: BGS 4950**  
Culmination of the BGS student's  
Plan of Study resulting in an  
interdisciplinary project, requiring  
a research paper or  
interdisciplinary/multi-genre  
portfolio and an oral presentation.  
Students must demonstrate  
competency in writing, critical  
thinking, interdisciplinary  
problems-solving skills, and  
information management skills.

**Advanced Composition and  
Research Strategies: ENG 3100**  
Application of advanced writing  
strategies with emphasis on  
argumentation; assignments  
corresponding to research and  
writing demands of varied  
academic disciplines including  
humanities, natural science, social  
science and business; use of word  
processing and editing software for  
writing.