# University Core and Graduation Requirements

## University Core Requirements:

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*THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (7–10 hours overlap)

## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0
This is a Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) program. Please contact the BGS office at 1-888-298-3137 or (801) 422-4351.

Have 30 hours of campus residency.

Complete a minimum of 10 hours in the emphasis after formal admission to the BGS program.

Thirty of the 120 hours including 15 hours in the emphasis must be 300-level or above courses.

Students must earn a minimum 2.0 BYU grade point average, a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and a minimum 2.0 emphasis grade point average.

The program must be completed in eight years or less.

All emphasis courses taken after admission to BGS must be BYU courses.

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 1 course

**PREREQUISITE COURSE (MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE TAKING ANY OTHER COURSES, INCLUDING PREPARING ACADEMIC PLAN WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE PROCEEDING):**

STDEV 100 - Essential College Skills

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 2 options

**CORE COURSES:**

- PSYCH 111 - Introduction to Psychological Science
- PSYCH 210 - A History of Psychology
- PSYCH 308 - Psychological Statistics
- PSYCH 350 - (Psych Soc) Introduction to Social Psychology
- PSYCH 381 - Behavioral Neurobiology

**OPTION 2.1** Complete 5 courses

- *PSYCH 111 - Introduction to Psychological Science* 3.0
- *PSYCH 210 - A History of Psychology* 3.0
- *PSYCH 308 - Psychological Statistics* 4.0
- PSYCH 350 - (Psych Soc) Introduction to Social Psychology 3.0
- PSYCH 381 - Behavioral Neurobiology 3.0

**OPTION 2.2** Complete 1 course

- PSYCH 320 - Developmental Psychology: Childhood 3.0
- PSYCH 342 - Abnormal Psychology 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 11.0 hours from the following option(s)

**ELECTIVE COURSES:**

Complete 11 hours from the following (including any courses not used for core above):

- **OPTION 3.1** Complete up to 11.0 hours from the following course(s)
  - ANTHR 101 - Social/Cultural Anthropology 3.0
  - PSYCH 306 - Psychology of Gender 3.0
  - PSYCH 307 - Writing Within Psychology 3.0
  - PSYCH 330 - Organizational Psychology 3.0
  - PSYCH 338 - Sport Psychology 3.0
  - PSYCH 341 - Personality 3.0

**PSYCH 353 - LDS Perspectives and Psychology** 3.0
**PSYCH 358 - Leadership Development** 3.0
**PSYCH 361 - Principles of Learning** 3.0
**PSYCH 365 - Motivation** 3.0

BYU undergraduate courses (including Salt Lake Center classes) in psychology may be used to fill emphasis electives.

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 1 course

**COMPLETE A CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (LAST COURSE TO BE COMPLETED):**

STDEV 490 - Bachelor of General Studies Capstone

**THE DEGREE:**

The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree offers former BYU students who are no longer able to attend BYU an opportunity to complete their bachelor’s degrees from home. Applicants must have already completed 30 credit hours at the BYU campus in Provo as an admitted day student and must abide by the BYU Code of Honor and receive an annual ecclesiastical endorsement. This program is not available to current BYU students.

The Bachelor of General Studies degree is designed to help former BYU students utilize as much as possible of their previously earned credit. It uses the same BYU curriculum offered on campus and requires the same general education, religious education, and campus residency as on-campus degrees. However, up to 90 of the required 120 credit hours can be earned through Independent Study. The major is general studies, with an emphasis in one of six areas of study. The emphasis adds a measure of specialization. Students may earn only one emphasis and do not have the option of creating custom-made areas of study. However, within the number of general electives available, students can utilize credit previously earned in a former major or choose to take courses in a particular concentration.

**COURSE AVAILABILITY:**

Courses listed are generally available through BYU Independent Study, however, due to ongoing course development, some classes may be currently unavailable. If students need a course before it is available, they should work with BGS advisors to select another class.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applications complete the admissions procedure through the Bachelor of General Studies Office and pay a fee of $35. Admission to the BGS program is open to former BYU students who meet all of the following criteria.

- Have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of BYU on-campus credit as an admitted day student (exam credit excluded).
- Have not completed any courses as a BYU day-continuing student in the last two years or have completed a minimum of 90 credits (exam credits excluded).
- Never completed a bachelor’s or higher degree.
- In good standing (academic, financial, etc.) at all universities attended.
- Have a 2.0 or higher BYU and cumulative GPA. (If any academic disciplinary action—warning, probation, or suspension—has been taken against you, contact the BGS Office before proceeding with the application process.)
- Will abide by the BYU Code of Honor and receive an annual ecclesiastical endorsement.
- Have been approved by the BGS admissions committee.
- Have successfully completed the Student Development 100 course (1-credit Independent Study course taken after provisional acceptance into program).

Note: BGS students who discontinue or who have previously discontinued the program for any reason and apply for readmission must meet all admission and graduation requirements in place at the time of reapplication. Regulations, policies, fees, curricula, courses, and other requirements are subject to change at any time.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**
The requirements for the university core and for individual emphases are found on the MAP on the reverse side of this sheet. Additional instructions regarding credits necessary for graduation are as follows:

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**
Religious education hours are a requirement at BYU, but the actual number of hours varies for students with transfer credit. Contact the BGS Office for details regarding individual circumstances. No more than 18 total hours of religion may be counted toward the BGS degree.

**ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:**
Completing the university core and emphasis requirements will not necessarily provide sufficient credits for students to meet the overall BYU minimum credit hours needed for graduation. Students should be aware of the number of elective hours needed (preferably from the upper division level) in order for them to graduate.

**MAP DISCLAIMER**
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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