

University Studies

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
career-advising.ndsu.edu/ (<http://career-advising.ndsu.edu/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.U.S.

General Studies Option

The Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.) degree is a baccalaureate degree program offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, and is advised through the Career and Advising Center. The General Studies Option is for adults with prior college credits looking to return to school to finish their bachelor's degree. Students are able to take classes on campus or online, depending on their needs.

The Program

The Bachelor of University Studies: General Studies option allows for a flexible degree path for students looking to return to finish their bachelor's degree. Students must meet all general education requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>) and graduation requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) as set by NDSU. An academic advisor from the Career and Advising Center will work with each student to determine eligibility of the program, remaining requirements, and the best path to degree.

Program Qualifications

Students who would like to pursue the Bachelor of University Studies: General Studies option, need to be eligible for and enrolled in the NDSU Degree Completion Program. Qualifications for this program are as follows:

- Students who do not hold a prior Bachelor's degree
- Students who have not been enrolled in an institution for a minimum of 2 years (24 consecutive months)
- Students who have earned a minimum of 60 credits
- Students who have a minimum 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Students who qualify for this program and have not attended NDSU for a minimum of 2 years are eligible to apply for Academic Forgiveness (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/academic-standing/#academicforgiveness>).

Advising and Support

All students who are enrolled in the Degree Completion Program and working towards the General Studies Option of the B.U.S degree will be assigned an Academic Advisor and Career Coach from the Career and Advising Center. The Advisor and Career Coach will provide support to the student to make sure all academic and career needs are being met.

For more information, please visit the NDSU Degree Completion Program website: <https://career-advising.ndsu.edu/> (https://career-advising.ndsu.edu/?page_id=29695&preview=true) **degree-completion-program/**. Contact Jessica Bauer, Assistant Director, Student Success Initiatives, Career and Advising Center, 306 Ceres Hall, 701-231-6313 or email: jessica.m.bauer@ndsu.edu.