

School of General Studies

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The School of General Studies (SGS) is designed for students who need help strengthening their basic skills and whose high school records show that they thrive as members of small, integrated, and rigorous learning communities. SGS is specifically structured to allow students to strengthen the critical skills of strategic thinking, writing, reading, and analyzing while they complete the required freshman-year course work.

Through the combination of a prescribed curriculum, small classes, low student-teacher ratio, and expert faculty, students follow a program that fits their academic and career goals. SGS faculty provide advice and participate in a “House Plan” in which they share information on each student’s progress.

The School of General Studies is a one-year full-time program for first-year students only. Upon successful completion of the SGS year, students transition as sophomores into their destination Northeastern college. All SGS courses count toward graduation.

In preparation for gaining sophomore status, SGS students follow one of four curriculum tracks: arts and sciences or undecided, business, criminal justice, and health/science.

As with all full-time Northeastern students, SGS students have access to all physical education facilities and cocurricular programs, as well as to the nationally certified SGS Peer Tutoring Program, the Academic Assistance Center, the math and writing centers, and all available personal and academic support networks at the University.

Academic Progression Standards

The School of General Studies, in partnership with all Northeastern University Colleges and the School of Engineering Technology, has established the following criteria for students’ successful transition to sophomore standing:

1. Must have achieved a cumulative 2.000 GPA. (Individual program requirements vary.)
2. Must have earned a minimum of 28 semester hours of credit for sophomore status.
3. Must meet the college/major-specific criteria listed below.
4. Must complete the SGS “Sophomore Petition” form with the SGS adviser.

Students unable to meet the requirements for successful transition will be advised accordingly.

College of Arts and Sciences

- Requirements are major-specific; students will be advised individually.

College of Business Administration

- Cumulative GPA of 2.800 or higher
- Successful completion of the following core courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.800 or higher: CBA U101, ECN U115, and ENG U111
- MTH U130 or higher with grade of B– or higher

Students applying to the Bachelor of Science in International Business (BSIB) program will be advised individually.

College of Computer and Information Science

- Cumulative GPA of 3.000 or higher
- MTH U121
- CS U200 and CS U211

College of Criminal Justice

- Cumulative GPA of 2.000 or higher
- Minimum of one criminal justice course

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

- Requirements are major-specific; students will be advised individually.

College of Engineering/School of Engineering Technology

- Requirements are major-specific; students will be advised individually.

Note: Major/college requirements are subject to change. All SGS students work with the SGS advisers to receive the most up-to-date and accurate information.

Academic Probation

At the close of the first semester, SGS students with a GPA below 2.000 and semester hours below 12 will be placed on academic probation.

Following one semester on academic probation, students may be withdrawn from the University for low scholastic performance should they fail to clear their academic deficiencies.

University Withdrawal, Low Scholastic Performance

At the close of any semester, students may be withdrawn from the University for low scholastic performance due to deficient semester hours, deficient GPA, noncompliance with terms of a signed academic contract, or failure to rectify an extended period of academic probation.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the School of General Studies are the same as for students in the full-time day colleges.

School of General Studies**ARTS AND SCIENCES TRACK****English Requirement**

Complete the following two courses:

ENG U110	Introductory Writing	4 SH
ENG U111	College Writing	4 SH

Mathematics Requirement

Complete the following two courses:

MTH U110	College Algebra	4 SH
MTH U115	Applications of Algebra	4 SH

History Course

Complete the following course:

HST U110	Introduction to World History	4 SH
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Sociology Course

Complete the following course:

SOC U101	Introduction to Sociology	4 SH
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Integrated Language Skills

Complete the following two courses:

SGS U101	Strategic Thinking and Learning	4 SH
SGS U102	Strategic Thinking and Learning Seminar	1 SH

College Elective

Complete one undergraduate course.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRACK**English Requirement**

Complete the following two courses:

ENG U110	Introductory Writing	4 SH
ENG U111	College Writing	4 SH

Mathematics Requirement

Complete the following course:

MTH U115	Applications of Algebra	4 SH
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History Course

Complete the following course:

HST U110	Introduction to World History	4 SH
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Sociology Course

Complete the following course:

SOC U101	Introduction to Sociology	4 SH
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Integrated Language Skills

Complete the following two courses:

SGS U101	Strategic Thinking and Learning	4 SH
SGS U102	Strategic Thinking and Learning Seminar	1 SH

Criminal Justice

Complete the following two courses:

CJ U101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4 SH
CJ U102	Ethics, Values, and Diversity	4 SH

BUSINESS TRACK**English Requirement**

Complete the following two courses:

ENG U110	Introductory Writing	4 SH
ENG U111	College Writing	4 SH

Mathematics Requirement

Complete the following two courses:

MTH U130	College Math for Business and Economics	4 SH
MTH U131	Calculus for Business and Economics	4 SH

History Course

Complete the following course:

HST U110	Introduction to World History	4 SH
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Economics Course

Complete the following course:

ECN U115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 SH
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Integrated Language Skills

Complete the following two courses:

SGS U101	Strategic Thinking and Learning	4 SH
SGS U102	Strategic Thinking and Learning Seminar	1 SH

Management Course

Complete the following course:

CBA U101	Introduction to Business	4 SH
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BOUVÉ HEALTH SCIENCE TRACK**English Requirement**

Complete the following two courses:

ENG U110	Introductory Writing	4 SH
ENG U111	College Writing	4 SH

Mathematics Requirement

Complete the following two courses:

MTH U110	College Algebra	4 SH
MTH U115	Applications of Algebra	4 SH

Integrated Language Skills

Complete the following two courses:

SGS U101	Strategic Thinking and Learning	4 SH
SGS U102	Strategic Thinking and Learning Seminar	1 SH

Chemistry

Complete the following course and lab:

CHM U211	General Chemistry 1	4 SH
with CHM U212	Lab for CHM U211	1 SH

Biology

Complete the following course and lab:

BIO U111	General Biology 1	4 SH
with BIO U112	Lab for BIO U111	1 SH

Science Electives

Complete one course from the following departments: ATP, BIO, CES, CHM, GEO, MLS, MTH, NUR, PHY, PMD, PSC, PTH, SLA, or TOX.