



# Bachelor of General Studies

CONTINUING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

**Set a foundation for the future you envision.** With flexible times, locations and course options, the General Studies degree helps you easily move towards your goals.

The Bachelor of General Studies appeals to students for a variety of reasons: it opens up new career possibilities, provides a path for upward mobility with your current employer and allows you to continue your education at the graduate level.

With over 30 ways to personalize your program, your degree can take you anywhere!

## PERSONALIZING YOUR PROGRAM

If you are an adult and returning student who has already completed at least 60 college credits and want to earn a baccalaureate degree, this program is designed to fit you.

The General Studies program provides you with the opportunity to earn your degree while specializing in 3 focus areas that interest you. Develop your communication, critical analysis and problem-solving skills while gaining knowledge to set you apart in your career. Complete your courses wherever you choose: online, on campus, or through a university center (Capital University Center, University Center – Sioux Falls or University Center – Rapid City). Your coursework will culminate in a capstone project that pulls together everything you have learned in order for you to apply it in a real-world context.

## CONSIDERING YOUR FINANCES

Courses in General Studies cost \$335.00 per credit hour for 2017-18. Cost may change on an annual basis. This price includes all tuition and fees. Books and other course materials are not included.

Financial Aid is available for qualified students. Make sure to complete your FAFSA to determine your grant and loan opportunities. Call SDSU's Financial Aid Office for additional inquiries: 605-688-4695 or 800-952-3541.



1 With distance learning at SDSU you receive instruction from the same professors who teach at our campus in Brookings.

2 Contact the Career Development Office for one-on-one assistance with employment opportunities. We'll also help you work on your resume and job interviewing skills.

3 After your bachelor's, consider an online graduate degree program through SDState Online.

### Statistics >

Bureau of Labor Statistics reports average annual wages:

\$42,840 for jobs requiring a high school diploma

\$84,000 for occupations requiring a bachelor's degree

*With a High School Diploma*  
Avg. Unemployment: 7.4%

*With a Bachelor's Degree*  
Avg. Unemployment: 2.7%



# Focusing On Your Goals

COMPLETE 15 CREDITS IN AT LEAST THREE OF THESE FOCUS AREAS,  
FOR A TOTAL OF 45 CREDITS, FOR YOUR DESIRED EMPHASES:

## For the Healer—Allied Health

Courses such as anatomy, athletic training, health sciences

## For the Entrepreneur—Business

Courses such as business administration, consumer affairs, economics,  
ag econ, entrepreneurial studies

## For the Helper—Education

Courses such as early childhood education, art education, ag education

## For the Artist—Fine Arts

Courses such as art, art history, interior design, theater, music

## For the Scholar—Humanities

Courses such as foreign languages, English, religion, philosophy,  
mass and speech communication

## For the Listener—Social Science

Courses such as anthropology, human development, political science,  
psychology, sociology

## For the Researcher—Science and Math

Courses such as biology, chemistry, mathematics

## For the Techie—Technology

Courses such as agricultural systems technology, computer science, electrical  
engineering technology

## For the Coach—Wellness

Courses such as health, physical education and recreation, wellness

## For the Outdoor Enthusiast—Agriculture/Natural Resource Management

Courses such as animal science, plant science, range science

## For the Builder—Engineering

Courses such as architecture, construction management, physics, engineering

## MORE INFORMATION

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## MEET A GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT



**Rick  
Fox**

**Graduation Year:**  
Fall 2016  
**Hometown:**  
Andover, MN

### Why did you choose to earn your degree online?

The online part was the easy decision. Working full time, house, kids, granddaughter, I had to have the flexibility of learning at literally any hour of the day. I really, really wanted to finish what I had started at SDSU and that was made possible by the expanded online course selection (it's huge) that SDSU offers today and I did not have to worry about credits transferring. The cost per credit to finish was really a pleasant surprise as well. I was expecting much higher costs.

### How has the continuing education staff enhanced your online learning experience?

The team in Distance Education at SDSU has been absolutely terrific. "Re-entry" into learning would not have been nearly as smooth, not even close, without their assistance. They check all the boxes with being easy to get a hold of, timely, resourceful, knowledgeable, responsive...and patient. They truly want my success.

### What is your favorite or most memorable SDSU experience?

There are a number of good ones, but the top one is I am still married to the girl I met there my freshman year in 1981.

### Where do you see yourself in the future?

That's hard to say. I am excited about what it could bring because I will be able to say I have a Bachelor's degree from SDSU. (Seriously) There will be doors opened that could never be opened before.

### What advice do you have for students considering this program?

This program is absolutely terrific. Let's see, I was pre-med, pre-vet, pre-law, psych major and lastly commercial economics major when I was there. This program would have been awesome back then. (I would have graduated 30 years ago if this would have been around). I still think it is extremely valuable today; it is a very, very well rounded education that prepares you for just about anything. You will be exposed to a wide variety of classes and thinking.



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