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 25 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 $325.25 per credit hour for 2015-16. 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.

Statistics:

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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 program through SDSU.
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, Engineering and Math
Courses such as biology, chemistry, construction management, 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

Why did you choose to earn your SDSU degree online?
I chose to finish my degree online because I have a wife and 5 kids, along with my job. The online program allowed me to continue with all of my “normal” activities, while at the same time being able to finish my degree, something that I have always wanted to do.

How has the continuing education faculty and staff enhanced your online learning experience?
My advisor, Carey Kilmer, made things so much more manageable for me by helping to map out what requirements I needed. Thank you, Carey!

What is your favorite or most memorable SDSU experience?
I would have to say that my most memorable experience was when my diploma arrived in the mail. I have always wanted to finish my bachelor’s degree and now, at 42 years old, it is something that I am very proud of. I have continued to be a husband, father, friend, employee and coach, while finishing my degree, and was able to maintain straight A’s while doing all of that.

Where do you see yourself in the future?
Well, I see myself in the same place geographically, but since I finished my degree there are so many more doors open now that were previously closed. I am excited about the opportunities yet to come.