



Springfield College Sequencing Guide General Studies Major (GEST) ▼ 2019-2020

If you matriculated to Springfield College in 2019-2020 and **intend to graduate with a General Studies major**, use this as a guide for planning your courses. If you **hope to switch to another major**, refer to the Sequencing Guide for that major for more information about its requirements.

If you follow it through to graduation, the General Studies major allows you to design your own major. It requires both breadth and depth of study, with three major components:

1. General Education Requirements (typically 43 to 46 credits)
2. General Studies Core (24 credits)
3. General Studies Concentration (24 credits)

You are also required to complete two Writing across the Curriculum courses and 30 credits of upper-level courses. Because there is so much flexibility in which courses to take and when, requirements are simply listed below by category.

General Education Program (GEST)

All students must fulfill the following General Education Program requirements. (Courses used for GenEds can NOT also be used for your GEST Core or Concentration.)

- College Writing (6 credits)
 - ENGL 113 - College Writing I
 - ENGL 114 - College Writing II
- Computing/Technology (3 credits)
- Arts and Humanities
 - Literary Studies (3 credits)
 - Visual and Performing Arts (3 credits)
 - Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions (3 credits)
- Analytical and Natural Sciences
 - Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)
 - Natural Sciences (4 credits)
- Social Sciences
 - Historical/Cultural Studies (3 credits)
 - Behavioral and Social Sciences (3 credits)
- International/Multicultural Studies (3 - 6 credits) – one of the following:
 - 3 credits of an intermediate-level language
 - 6 credits of elementary language (same language)
 - 3 credits of a Multicultural Perspectives within America course AND 3 credits of a Global Studies course
 - An approved study abroad program
- Social Justice (3 credits)
- Physical Education
 - HLTH 100 - Wellness: A Way of Life (3 credits)
 - Physical Activity (3 credits)

Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Requirements

All students must complete **6 credits** of WAC requirements. They must be completed here at SC, and CAN also be used to fill other GEST requirements.





General Studies Major Core

GEST majors must complete at least **24 credits** of GEST Core courses, selected from **at least four of the categories** listed below. A minimum of 3 credits and a maximum of 9 credits can be used in each category. Courses used for the Core can NOT also be used for your GenEds or GEST Concentration. (For more information about which courses fit in which categories, see your on-line degree audit or the GEST major description in the College catalog.)

1. Arts and Humanities

4. International/Multicultural Studies

2. Analytical and Natural Sciences

5. Social Justice

3. Social Sciences

6. Physical Education and Health Studies

General Studies Major Concentration

GEST majors must complete an approved concentration—at least **24 credits** of coursework in a particular discipline or a multi-disciplinary area. (Depending on courses taken, students can also use those courses to fulfill an official minor.) Courses used for the GEST Concentration can NOT also be used for your GEST Core or your GenEds.

General Studies Upper-Level Course Requirements

GEST majors must complete **at least 30 credits** of upper-level classes, preferably at the 300-level or above. Upper-level courses CAN also be used to fill your GenEds, WAC, GEST Core, or GEST Concentration.

Electives and College Requirements

In addition to the requirements previously listed, you must complete:

- Enough elective credits to **total at least 120 credits**
- A **minimum cumulative GPA** of 2.000 or higher
- The **residency requirement**—45 credits taken at Springfield College (including 15 of your last 30)

Requirements listed on this guide are subject to change—use your on-line degree audit for the most accurate information. Always confirm your plans with your advisor, and consult your advisor or chairperson if you have any questions.