B.U.S. — University Studies

About this Major

The Bachelor of University Studies degree is designed for students who want to customize their experience to fit their academic and career goals. It may be a good fit for those unsure of what they would like to pursue. This major allows students to develop a personalized degree program, and provides the ability to focus directly on individual goals, earn a four-year-degree, and move into the professional world successfully.

The Bachelor of University Studies program at VCSU ensures the opportunity to graduate with a four-year degree for students who began higher education with one plan, but those plans had to change for various reasons. This degree allows students to change majors but still graduate on time. This major adheres to the academic rigor befitting a four-year bachelor's degree and creates an objective of flexible career readiness. *To complete this degree, a student must complete a program of study that is approved by the program director and Vice President for Academic Affairs.*

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General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
English Composition		
Select one of the following:		6
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
or ENGL 12!	Introduction to Professional Writing	
or		
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
or ENGL 12!	Introduction to Professional Writing	
ENGL 210	College Composition III: Persuasive Writing	
Speech Communication		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	
Mathematics		
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 103	College Algebra	
MATH 104	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 107	Precalculus	
MATH 110	Mathematics in Society	
MATH 165	Calculus I	
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	
Lab Science		
Select two of the following, one must come from the Natural and Physical Sciences category		8
Natural and Physical Sciences (ND:LABSC)		
BIOL 111	Concepts of Biology	
BIOL 150	General Biology I	
BIOL 151	General Biology II	
BIOL 170	General Zoology	
CHEM 115	Introductory Chemistry	
CHEM 116	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 122	General Chemistry II	
GEOL 100	Introduction to Earth Science	
GEOL 106	The Earth Through Time	
PHYS 100	Concepts of Physics	
PHYS 110	Introductory Astronomy	
PHYS 211	College Physics I	
PHYS 212	College Physics II	
PHYS 251	University Physics I	
PHYS 252	University Physics II	
Additional Sciences (ND:SCI)		
PSYC 240	Cognition and Brain Science	
TECH 161	Technology, Engineering, and Design	
TECH 165	Technology Solutions for Society	
Wellness		
Select one of the following:		2
HPER 100	Concepts of Fitness and Wellness	
HPER 212	Introduction to Stress Management	
Computer Science and Literacy		

Select one of the following: 3

CIS 147	Principles of Information Security	
CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems [1]	
CSCI 120	Introduction to Programming	
CSCI 127	Introduction to Programming in Java	
CSCI 160	Introduction to Structured Programming I	
CSCI 289	Social Implications of Computer Technology [1]	
SE 110	Discovering Computing	

Digital Literacy

Select one of the following:

CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems [1]
CSCI 289	Social Implications of Computer Technology [1]

Humanities

Literacies

Select one of the following: 3

ASL 101	American Sign Language I
ASL 102	American Sign Language II
COMM 211	Oral Interpretation
ENGL 220	Introduction to Literature
ENGL 225	Introduction to Film
ENGL 231	Bible as Literature
ENGL 232	Mythology
ENGL 236	Women and Literature
ENGL 241	World Literature I
ENGL 242	World Literature II
ENGL 261	American Literature I
ENGL 262	American Literature II
HUM 201	Civilization, Thought, and Literary Heritage
PSYC 200	Ethics and Philosophy of Science
SPAN 101	1st Year Spanish I
SPAN 102	1st Year Spanish II
SPAN 201	2nd Year Spanish I
SPAN 202	2nd Year Spanish II
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts

Art and Music

Select one of the following: 3

ART 110	Introduction to the Visual Arts
ART 115	Introduction to Digital Media
ART 210	Art History I
ART 211	Art History II
ART 233	History of Craft
HUM 202	Fine Arts and Aesthetics
MUS 100	Music Appreciation
MUS 101	Music Fundamentals
MUS 201	World Music
MUS 207	History of Popular/Rock Music

Social Science

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change
COMM 114	Human Communication
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics
GEOG 151	Human Geography
HIST 103	United States to 1877
HIST 104	United States to Present
HIST 211	World Civilizations to 1500
HIST 212	World Civilizations since 1500
HIST 267	Environmental History
HIST 270	Native American Studies
POLS 115	American National Government
POLS 116	State and Local Government
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 111	Introduction to Anthropology

Additional Humanities or Social Science

Select one additional course from Humanities or Social Science   2
or select from the following:

ART 122	Two-Dimensional Design
ART 130	Drawing I
ART 150	Ceramics I
ART 180	Photography I
ART 182	Art With a Smartphone
GEOG 111	Survey of Geography
MUS 104	Group Piano for Non-Majors
MUS 105	Group Piano for Non-Majors
MUS 130	Valkyries
MUS 131	Concert Choir
MUS 140	Athletic Band
MUS 141	Concert Band
PHYS 275	Planetarium Science
THEA 201	Theatre Practicum

Total Credits	**39**

[1] CIS 170 and CSCI 289 may be used to satisfy both the Computer Science and Literacy and the Digital Literacy requirement for Gen Ed.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
UNIV 491	University Studies Capstone	2
Upper Division Credits		34
Total Credits		**36**

The student must complete a program of study that is approved by the program director and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Total General Education 39 Hrs
Total Major Requirement 36 Hrs
Total Credits Needed to Graduate 120 Hrs

For degree and graduation requirements, visit degree requirements and graduation requirements (http://catalog.vcsu.edu/undergraduate-catalog/academic-affairs/degree-requirements/).

Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
English Composition (Gen Ed)	3	Art and Music (Gen Ed)	3
Mathematics (Gen Ed)	3	English Composition (Gen Ed)	3
Speech Communication (Gen Ed)	3	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
Computer Science and Literacy (Gen Ed)	3	Lower Division	3
Wellness (Gen Ed)	2	Social Science (Gen Ed)	3
UNIV 150	1		
	15		**16**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	Additional Humanities or Social Science (Gen Ed)	2
Literacies (Gen Ed)	3	Lower Division	3
Lower Division	3	Lower Division	3
Lower Division	3	Lower Division	3
Social Science (Gen Ed)	3	Upper Division	3
	16		**14**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Lower Division	3	Lower Division	3
Lower Division	3	Lower Division	3
Lower Division	3	Lower Division	3
Upper Division	3	Upper Division	3
Upper Division	3	Upper Division	3
	15		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Lower Division	3	Lower Division	3
UNIV 491	2	Upper Division or Internship	3
Upper Division or Internship	3	Upper Division	3
Upper Division	3	Upper Division	3
Upper Division	3	Upper Division	3
	14		**15**

Total Credits 120

Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will develop the reflective skills necessary to understand their own development as students, professionals, and adults.
2. Students will learn the essential academic skills necessary to be successful at VCSU.
3. Students will develop the hard skills specific to their desired career goals and outcomes. In addition, students will work on developing dispositional attributes that are specific to the modern work climate.