

APPLIED GENERAL STUDIES (BA)

Department Website (<https://www.sps.nyu.edu/homepage/academics/bachelors-degrees/ba-in-applied-general-studies.html>)

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Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Applied General Studies addresses the demand for an interdisciplinary major that allows students to design their own plan of study and combine courses across disciplinary boundaries.

Central to an NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) education is a strong foundation in the liberal arts. An academic requirement that all DAUS students must fulfill, the 32 to 34 credits of liberal arts core courses provide critical information and develop a broad range of competencies that afford the basis for more specialized and professionally oriented study. The curriculum is enriched by DAUS's access to the exceptional cultural, economic, political, creative, technical, and business resources of New York City.

Alongside peers and faculty members, in and outside the classroom, you will engage in, learn from, and lead dynamic intellectual explorations and shared experiences. You will learn to communicate complex ideas effectively through core courses that will help you to develop precise and persuasive writing skills. The core curriculum provides broad conceptual understanding and critical insights—in science, history, culture, and the arts—that strengthen creative and analytical thinking and reasoning abilities. The knowledge and the skills that you will acquire will provide the context and the methodological approaches essential to understanding and to solving the real-world challenges that you will face in almost all professional arenas.

Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) Admissions

Admission to undergraduate programs in the NYU School of Professional Studies Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies (DAUS) requires completion of a high school diploma or GED. Admissions decisions are made through a holistic review process. Visit the SPS Admissions website (<https://www.sps.nyu.edu/homepage/admissions/admissions-criteria-and-deadlines/undergraduate-programs.html>) for detailed application requirements and deadlines.

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 128 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
Writing		
The following courses may be required based on a writing placement 8-10 assessment, and should be successfully completed within the first three semesters:		
EXWR1-UC 7501	Introduction to Creative and Expository Writing	
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	

EXWR1-UC 7503 Writing Workshop II

Critical Thinking		
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
Quantitative Reasoning		
Students, in close consultation with their adviser, select Math 1 and Math II or one of the following other courses based on a math placement assessment:		
MATH1-UC 1101 & MATH1-UC 1141	Math I and Math II	
MATH1-UC 1105	Mathematical Reasoning	
MATH1-UC 1171	Precalculus	
MATH1-UC 1174	Calculus W/Applications to Business & Economics	
Scientific Issues		
Select one of the following:		
SCNC1-UC 2001	Human Biology	4
SCNC1-UC 3203	Environmental Sustainability	
SCNC1-UC 3207	Stars, Planets, & Life	
Historical Perspectives		
Select one of the following:		
HIST1-UC 5804	Renaissance to Revolutn	4
HIST1-UC 5820	The American Experience	
HIST1-UC 5821	Classical & Medieval World	
HIST1-UC 5822	Contemporary World	
Global Perspectives		
Select one of the following:		
ANTH1-UC 5011	World Cultures: Africa	4
ANTH1-UC 5012	World Cultures: Middle East	
ANTH1-UC 5013	World Cultures: Asia	
ANTH1-UC 5014	World Cultures: Latin America & The Caribbean	
Literary and Artistic Expressions		
Select one of the following:		
ARTS1-UC 5438	History of Music	4
ARTH1-UC 5443	Visual Expressions in Society	
LITR1-UC 6201	Contemporary Global Literature	
Foundation Courses		
Foundation Elective Credits (by advisement)		16
Major Requirements		

Major Elective Credits (by advisement)	60
Free Electives	
Other Elective Credits (by advisement)	16
Graduation Project	
Select one of the following: (by advisement)	4
HUMN1-UC 7992 Snr Project: Internship Humanities	
SOCS1-UC 7992 Sr Project Internship: Social Sciences	
HUMN1-UC 7991 Senior Project: Humanities	
SOCS1-UC 7991 Senior Project Seminar: Social Sciences	
Total Credits	128

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Historical Perspectives		4
Foundation Course 1		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
Scientific Issues		4
Literary and Artistic Expressions		4
Foundations Course 2		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
Foundations Course 3		4
Foundations Course 4		4
Major Course 1		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
Major Course 2		4
Major Course 3		4
Major Course 4		4
Major Course 5		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
Major Course 6		4
Major Course 7		4
Major Course 8		4
Major Course 9		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Major Course 10		4
Major Course 11		4
Global Perspectives		4
Free Elective 1		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Major Course 12		4
Major Course 13		4
Free Elective 2		4
Free Elective 3		4
Credits		16

8th Semester/Term	
Major Course 14	4
Major Course 15	4
Free Elective 4	4
Graduation Project	4
Credits	16
Total Credits	128

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Construct logical and evidence based arguments.
2. Critically analyze primary and secondary texts.
3. Reason in quantitative terms.
4. Identify current scientific developments.
5. Explain the role of historical and global developments in shaping the contemporary world.
6. Analyze social issues from a range of disciplinary perspectives.
7. Explain the significance of artistic expression.
8. Integrate academic learning across disciplinary boundaries.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

School of Professional Studies Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the School of Professional Studies academic policy page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/academic-policies/>).