

General Studies BGS

Integration Of Concepts And Content Related To Academic Minors

Goal Description:

Students enrolled in UNIV 4301 will submit a research paper that integrates content and concepts from at least two, preferably three, of their minor fields of study.

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Capstone Paper

Learning Objective Description:

Students enrolled in UNIV 4301 will demonstrate integrative writing skills by writing a paper integrating content and concepts from at least two of the three minors.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Capstone Paper Evaluation

Indicator Description:

The capstone paper objective will be evaluated using the career exploration rubric provided.

Criterion Description:

Ninety percent of BGS students will demonstrate a minimum level of critical thinking and writing ability by achieving a score of at least 75% on the integrated minor paper.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Career Exploration

Learning Objective Description:

Students enrolled in UNIV 4301, the Bachelor of General Studies capstone course, will identify three professional career opportunities available upon completion of their BGS degree and provide employment trends and outlook, salary expectations, and potential employers for those careers.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Career Exploration Evaluation

Indicator Description:

The career exploration objective will be evaluated using the career exploration rubric provided.

Criterion Description:

Ninety percent of BGS students enrolled in UNIV 4301 will complete the career exploration assignment with a score of 8 or greater as scored by the career exploration rubric.

Investigation Of Career Opportunities

Goal Description:

Students will use employment outlook resources to conduct an investigation of potential professional career settings that might be pursued with their specific Bachelor of General Studies degree.

Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

The Bachelor of General Studies degree is still a relatively new degree option at SHSU. While the number of students choosing the BGS degree option is growing, it is still a small program. However, more and more students indicate that the program is meeting their need of attaining a bachelor’s degree and that the option of completing it on-line is convenient and effective for them. Annual curriculum reviews of the BGS degree options have recently resulted in new requirements for degree completion, the addition of two new on-line minor options (sociology and psychology) and the removal of one on-line minor option (English). The addition of more on-line minors is under exploration.