

INFORMATION SYSTEMS, BSGS

Curriculum

The bachelor's degree requirements are 45 units total and include distribution, writing, and elective courses, and the major requirements.

Course	Title
CIS 110-CN	Introduction to Computer Programming
CIS 313-CN	Telecommunications and Computer Networks
CIS 317-CN	Database Systems Design & Implementation
CIS 394-CN or ORG_BEH 368-CN	Project Management Concepts Project Management
MATH 202-CN	Finite Mathematics
STAT 202-CN	Introduction to Statistics
ORG_BEH 307-CN	Leadership Principles and Practices
ENGLISH 205-CN	Intermediate Composition
<i>6 additional courses from:</i>	
CIS 130-CN	Tools and Technologies of the World Wide Web
CIS 212-CN	Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming
CIS 323-CN or CIS 323-DL	Python for Data Science Python for Data Science
CIS 324-CN or CIS 324-DL	Applied Data Science Applied Data Science
CIS 345-CN	Information Security
CIS 330-CN	Human Computer Interaction
CIS 365-CN	Enterprise Software Development
CIS 370-CN	System Analysis and Design
CIS 380-CN	Information Architecture
CIS 385-CN	Programming for the Web

Degree Requirements

SPS programs lead to one of three Northwestern University bachelor's degrees: the bachelor of philosophy (BPhil), the bachelor of science in general studies (BSGS), and the bachelor of philosophy in communication (BPhilCom), which is conferred by the School of Communication (<https://www.communication.northwestern.edu/>).

The bachelor of philosophy (BPhil) and the bachelor of science in general studies (BSGS) degrees are conferred by the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (<https://www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/>). The primary difference between the two degrees is that the BPhil includes a modern language requirement. Some majors offer a choice of the BPhil or the BSGS degree.

Bachelor of Science in General Studies

To earn the BSGS degree, students must complete 45 units, including a writing requirement, distribution requirements, a major, and electives. Minors are optional.

Courses	Units Earned
English 111 or 205 and 113	2
Humanities	4
Science	4
Social Sciences	4
Major Requirements	10-20

Electives	Up to 21
Total	45

About the Writing Requirement

The writing requirement ensures that students have the skills necessary to meet the rigorous writing demands of subsequent SPS courses in all majors and disciplines. The expository writing courses provide the tools to meet the demands of advanced academic writing; the courses may not be audited or taken on a pass/no credit basis.

Transfer and performance-based admission students must fulfill the writing requirement through one of two options:

Option 1: Complete an English composition course at SPS.

Demonstrate successful completion of English 111 or 205. A grade of C or higher is required.

Option 2: Successfully appeal the writing requirement via the Student Affairs Petition Form (<https://sps.northwestern.edu/main/login.php>).

Students who believe they have the writing skills necessary for university-level research and analytical papers may appeal the SPS writing requirement.

A successful appeal does not result in credit for the writing course. Students must complete another course in its place according to the needs and guidelines of their program. Writing will be evaluated for standards of good expository writing, including: a fully developed thesis; sound logic and adequate evidence in support of the thesis; effective organization, coherent structure and an overall unity; correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Appeal materials must be submitted by the quarter deadline (<https://sps.northwestern.edu/part-time-undergraduate/important-dates.php>) before entry.

About the Distribution Requirements

Students complete course work in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences to obtain a broad experience in the liberal arts. Courses that satisfy these distribution requirements include the following areas:

Humanities

Art history, classics, comparative literary studies, English literature, foreign languages (up to two units), history, music history, philosophy, religion, and some courses in African American studies, foreign languages with literature, gender studies, performance studies, radio/television/film, and theatre.

Sciences

Astronomy, biological sciences, chemistry, earth and planetary sciences, engineering, geography, information systems, mathematics, physics and some courses in anthropology, communication sciences and disorders, psychology, radio/television/film and statistics.

Social Sciences

Anthropology, economics, history, linguistics, political science, sociology, and some courses in African American studies, communication sciences and disorders, gender studies, psychology and statistics.