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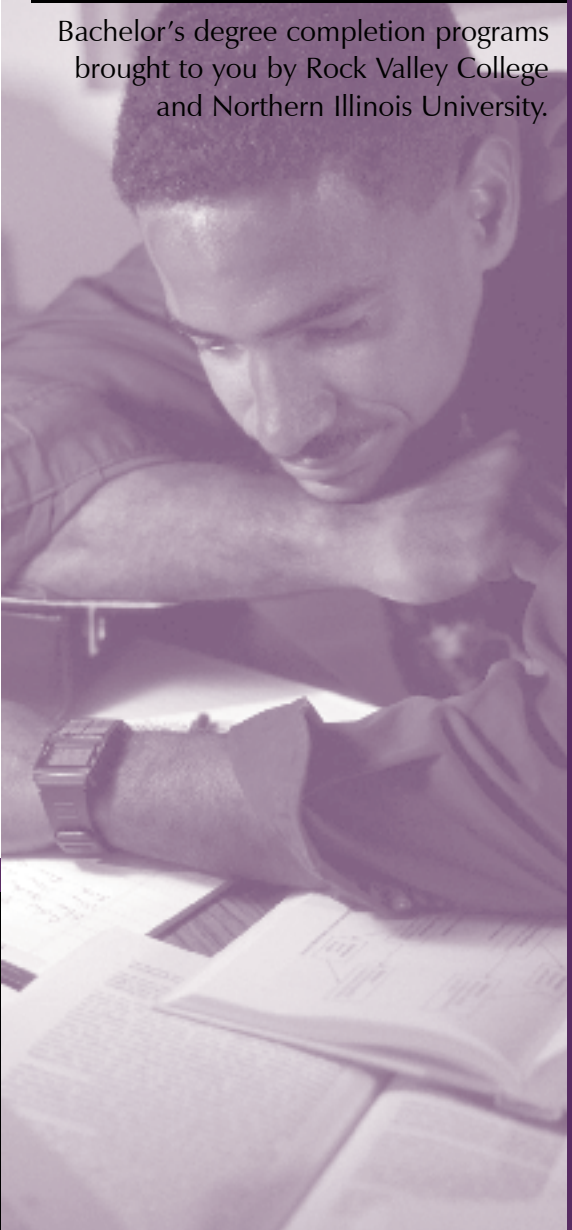
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ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES IN LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES PROGRAM

The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) in Liberal Arts and Sciences program provides students with diversified backgrounds an opportunity to complete a college degree. The degree has been tailored to the needs of adult students with personal and work obligations that preclude them from enrolling as full-time students.

An individual with at least 60 semester hours of course work or a baccalaureate-oriented associate degree (A.A. or A.S.) from an Illinois community college is eligible to begin taking classes. Students benefit from a variety of courses across the disciplines - including humanities, social sciences, and sciences - that make this program intellectually stimulating.

Student enrolled in the B.G.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences program will enjoy these benefits:

- High-quality courses from a broad range of disciplines taught by dedicated NIU faculty
- One-on-one, personalized advising that is locally accessible to Rockford-area students
- Convenient evening, weekend and online courses that allow busy adults to pursue their degrees part-time
- Valuable critical thinking, writing and discussion skills in preparation for future, higher-level study or employment in many public and private sector positions
- Credit, where applicable, for courses taken at various institutions
- The flexibility to take up to 25 hours in a specific area of interest such as political science, communications or physical sciences

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate students must successfully complete 120 semester hours and attain a minimum 2.00 grade point average to graduate from NIU. B.G.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences program. Students must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum of 85 semester hours in courses offered or approved by the NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with at least 30 of these hours in upper-division courses
- A minimum of 15 semester hours of courses in each of three major categories of knowledge: the humanities; behavioral and social sciences; and life, mathematical and physical sciences
- At least 30 semester hours after formal admission to the program
- No more than 25 semester hours in any one department

ADMISSION

If you've completed, or are in the process of completing, an associate's degree, you can easily continue your education through the RVC-NIU Partnership B.G.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences program. Simply apply to NIU and send all official transcripts. An NIU admissions counselor will review your course work and send you an official evaluation. Then, you are encouraged to meet with a B.G.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences adviser to discuss your academic goals and plans for completing an NIU degree.

If you took or are taking classes through the RVC-NIU dual admissions program, you're already on your way! This seamless transfer process lets you automatically receive NIU credit for certain RVC courses. You will receive updates on your academic progress and understand which RVC courses will transfer for credit to NIU. Your admissions counselor can fill you in on the details.

COST

Tuition and fees are the same as courses held at any of the NIU Outreach Centers and vary by year. Visit www.rvc.niu.edu for current rates.

Financial aid packages are available to eligible students. Consult the NIU Office of Admissions at 1-800-892-3050 for details.

COURSE LOCATION

Courses are offered at the Rock Valley College Stenstrom Center or online.

CONTACT

Interested in learning more? Visit www.niu.edu/clasep for complete course titles, descriptions and additional information.

Have a specific question? Contact Judy Santacaterina, program adviser, at (815) 753-7961 or jsantaca@niu.edu for information or to set up an advising appointment at NIU Rockford.

For additional information, consult the NIU Undergraduate Catalog at www.reg.niu.edu/ugcat/ or call (800) 892-3050.

