General Studies Overview

The curriculum in general studies in human environmental sciences enables students to integrate knowledge from all areas of the field and prepares them for employment or further study. The general studies option is designed for those interested in careers in cooperative extension, government, human services, utility companies or an area of the communications field. Courses are selected in consultation with an advisor.

The purpose of this program is to give the student with specific career goals an opportunity to develop an innovative program of study with a focus on at least one area within the College. Each student majoring in general human environmental sciences is expected to file a program of study prior to the completion of 100 hours and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The proposed course of study must include 120 hours (including the statewide general studies requirements), The University of Alabama Core Curriculum requirements and the College of Human Environmental Sciences core requirements.
- The proposed course of study must give evidence that the student has built a cohesive structure of interrelated ideas around a focus within the College of Human Environmental Sciences and must include a minimum of 35 hours of coursework offered by the College of Human Environmental Sciences.
- The proposal must demonstrate that the proposed plan of study could not be better served by an existing major program within the College.
- The proposal must indicate that the student has examined the consequences of the proposed program in relation to career goals and post-graduation plans.

PROPOSAL TO DECLARE MAJOR IN GENERAL STUDIES

To submit a request to declare a major in General Studies, please attach a typed response to the following statements:

Please be mindful that this MUST be a well written, thoughtful and reflective response (not in bullet format) that is required to be a minimum of one page long.

- What are your career goals?
- List at least two areas of study that you will pursue related HES coursework (i.e. clothing, textiles and design, consumer sciences, food and nutrition, health sciences, hospitality management, human development and family studies) and explain how they will contribute to your career goals.
- Describe how your life experiences and academic experiences have prepared you for a role in this field.
- Explain how courses within these focus areas will help you accomplish your career goals.
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Return this form, attached to your typed proposal to declare a major in General Studies to HES Student Services located in 206 Doster Hall. You may also email the proposal to hesstudentservices@ches.ua.edu. You must meet with an Academic Advisor to have your major officially changed to General Studies.

Name: ________________________________    CWID: __________________________

Email: ________________________________ @crimson.ua.edu

Current Major: _______________________________   UA GPA: ___________________

Prospective advisor:

☐ Carpenter
☐ Wilson
☐ Hudson
☐ Humber

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Date Received: __/__/____
Proposal Attached: __________
Received By: ___________