BACHELOR OF COLLEGE STUDIES
2016 - 2017

The Bachelor of College Studies (BCS) program meets the individualized needs of students who have a strong desire to finish their Bachelor’s degree, have earned at least 45 hours of college credit, and developed a clear and compelling set of program goals and learning objectives that can be achieved and supported by UMM courses and faculty. The general education and program requirements are broad and flexible enough to give many students the fastest and most affordable route to completing their degree. BCS students may take on-line and/or onsite classes, or a combination of the two.

Working closely with the BCS coordinator and an advisor appropriate to their concentration area, students must develop a Plan of Study that includes overall program objectives, student learning outcomes for the Self-Designed concentration, all course work to be completed in all areas of the program, and the planned capstone experience (i.e. BCS 460 or other equivalent). Once approved, the Plan sets the curriculum for the individualized program.

General Requirements
Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits and achieve a GPA of at least 2.00 to graduate. Forty credits must be at or above the 200 level. While they are not required to meet all University Core requirements, students must take the general education courses listed below. A single course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in general education and self-designed concentration.

General Education Requirements
44-49 credits

I. COMMUNICATION SKILLS
   ENG 101 Composition 9 credits
   SPE 104 Public Speaking/Communication 3
   (or a broad-based communication course) 3
   Additional Writing course* 3

II. AESTHETIC KNOWLEDGE & APPRECIATION
    (from Art, Music, Dance, Theatre, Creative Writing, Interdisciplinary Fine Arts) 3 credits

III. CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS
    Select one course from two different areas listed below, for a total of two courses 6 credits

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IV. HISTORY  
(at least 3 credits of World or non-Western History)  

V. SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS  
Select one course each from two different areas listed below, for a total of two courses.  

Environmental Liberal Arts  
ELA 112 Community & Place  

Behavioral Sciences  
Any course in Psychology (PSY)  

Social Sciences  
Any course from one of the following areas:  
Anthropology (ANT)  
Sociology (SOC)  
Social Sciences (SSC)  
Women’s Studies (WST)  

Political and Economic Studies  
Any course from one of the following areas:  
Economics (ECO)  
Political Science (POS)  

Business Studies  
Any course from one of the following areas:  
Business (BUS)  
Management (MAN)  
Marketing (MAR)  

Ethics and Philosophy  
Any course in Philosophy (PHI)  

VI. MATHEMATICAL LITERACY  
3-6 credits  
Select any two MAT courses at or above the 100-level. One of these courses may be MAT 102 Intermediate Algebra or its equivalent (see below).  

Ways to establish equivalence to MAT 102:  
1. Score at least 500 on SAT math exam or at least 21 on ACT math exam.  
2. Score 50 or better on CLEP College Mathematics or College Algebra exam taken after 7/1/2001 or 500 or better on same exam taken before that date.  
3. Place beyond Intermediate Algebra on Accuplacer placement exam.  

Note: Credit will not be awarded for choices 1 and 3 above.  

VII. NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS  
3-4 credits  
ELA 113 Natural Environments or Any 4-credit lab science  

VIII. GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES  
Any three-credit course that has a global perspective or focus.  
3 credits  
At UMM these courses include:  
ANT 101 Cultural Anthropology  
BUS 334 International Business  
CMY 220 Soliya  
ENG 224 Masterpieces in World Literature  
GEO 101 Intro to Geography  
HTY 115 World History I  
HTY 116 World History II  
HTY 321 World Environmental History
IX. PERSONAL WELLNESS

Select one of the following:

ELA 101 Recreation & Wellness Seminar
PHE 105 Personal Wellness

IX. CORE CAPSTONE

ELA 342 Humans and Nature

2-3 credits

3 credits

* Students must also meet the same Advanced Level Writing requirement as all
UMM students.
This is typically embedded in Program requirements below.

** For transfer courses in area or group studies, a syllabus, course description and/or
reading list
may be requested to show relevance to social sciences.

Self-Designed Concentrations

Students in consultation with their academic advisor will draw up a plan for a concentration,
inecluding the name of the concentration, the goals, the learning outcomes, and the specific courses that
the student will use to complete the concentration. The concentration and plan of study will be unique to
each student. The concentration must be in an area of study that can be supported by UMM faculty and
UMM courses, especially courses at or above the 300-level. The concentration may not duplicate, or be
used to circumvent degree requirements of any degree program at UMM. The proposed Plan of Study
must be approved by the academic advisor, the BCS Coordinator, the BCS Advisory Committee and the
VPAA.

A minimum of 39 credits is required in each self-designed concentration. All course work should
focus on the goals and objectives of the proposed concentration. This may include independent studies,
CLEP, Credit for Prior Learning, etc. A minimum of 12 credit hours in the concentration must be UMM
course work. A minimum of 15 hours must be taken at the 300-level or above; of these 15 hours, a
minimum of 9 hours must be UMM course work. The concentration must include a culminating
integrative experience that clearly demonstrates the linkage between the concentration objectives and
the student’s academic work. This may be accomplished through completion of BCS 460 Senior
Project/Capstone Experience or another appropriate senior seminar or capstone course. The
concentration must also include at least one course which meets the Advanced Level Writing
requirement of the University Core. Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA in self-designed
concentration to qualify for graduation.

All UMM residency requirements apply to BCS students, including a minimum of 30 credits of
UMM coursework.

Note: If a student transfers from the Bachelor of College Studies program to any of the other
baccalaureate degree programs, University Core requirements and the appropriate program requirements
must be completed.