What is General Studies?

All students who are seeking a college degree must complete two years of general education which will introduce students to the core areas of knowledge that are central to becoming an educated person. General education attempts to foster intelligent inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, and the integration and synthesis of knowledge; it strives for literacy in writing, reading, speaking, and listening; it provides knowledge of mathematical structures, acquainting students with practical and abstract knowledge about numbers; it encourages an understanding of science and scientific inquiry; it provides a historical consciousness, including an understanding of one’s own heritage as well as respect for other people and cultures; it fosters an appreciation of the arts; and general education provides the breadth necessary to have a familiarity with the various branches of human understanding.

Mission:

The Mission of the General Studies program is to provide a rigorous breadth of study in major fields of knowledge that will prepare students for a seamless transition into a perspective major or to transfer to another four-year university with junior standing. The vision of the General Studies Department at the National Hispanic University is to facilitate the acquisition of the knowledge, abilities, and attitudes that will form a foundation for lifelong learning among its students. This foundation includes the capacity to engage in inquiry and critical thinking, to use various forms of communication for learning and expression, to gain an awareness of the broader human experience and its environment, and appreciate the responsibilities of persons to themselves, to each other, and to their community.

Who Should be in the General Studies Program?

Students who participate in the general studies program are students who would like to finish their general education requirements at NHU and transfer to another four-year institution with junior standing and those students who are undecided as to what particular field of study they would like to pursue. One of the goals of general education is to provide students with a wide breadth of study in major fields of knowledge to enable students to make an informed choice as to what type of degree to pursue.

Transferring to the California State University?

To be eligible to transfer to the CSU system with full junior status, a minimum of 60 transferable units must be completed, 40 of which must fulfill specific GE area requirements, with a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average (“C” average).

Want more Information?

Call (408) 273-2703 to make an appointment with a General Studies Advisor.