

GENERAL STUDIES (GEN)

GEN101 Questions of Life: Entering the Judson Conversation (2 course hours)

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Pre-requisites: First-time students only

Course offered: FA, SP

GEN101H Questions of Life: Entering the Judson Conversation - Honors (2 course hours)

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Intended for Honors Program students only

Pre-requisites: First-time students only

Course offered: FA

GEN103 Faith and Learning I (3 course hours)

This course challenges students to understand what it means to attend a Christian liberal arts college, focusing on their holistic development.

GEN104 Faith and Learning II (2 course hours)

This course continues to challenge students to understand what it means to attend a Christian liberal arts college, focuses on holistic development, and serves as conclusion to liberal arts program.

GEN105 Survey of the Bible (3 course hours)

This course presents a historical overview of the Bible-from Creation in the book of Genesis to Consummation in the book of Revelation. Students will study the key events, people, themes, and doctrines that emerge throughout the Bible's storyline.

GEN126 Foundation of the Spiritual Life (3 course hours)

This course explores the foundations, processes, and practices of spiritual growth and development. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own spiritual experiences, history, and traditions in light of the Christian tradition.

GEN203 Peer Leadership Development (1 course hour)

Developing peer leaders on campus who will create a personal leadership framework out of which they will lead. In developing this framework, students will interpret, engage, demonstrate and implement leadership skills that relate to the whole person.

Course offered: FA, SP

GEN401 The Good Life: Continuing the Conversation (3 course hours)

This course aims to help students draw together the various strands of their educational experience as they continue to explore the 'good life' they will pursue upon graduation. In this liberal arts capstone for the Judson undergraduate experience students will continue the 'good life' conversation by drawing upon their developing understanding of who they are and their place in world, their faith commitments, their disciplinary expertise, and their broader liberal arts awareness. The course will help students articulate a personal vision for a 'good life' that is both local and global in scope. Building from a closer examination of the Christian faith and their own vocation within wider culture, students will work together in creative research and problem solving as they offer helpful suggestions for addressing issues of global and local concern both to Christians and humanity as a whole. REGISTRATION: GEN301 or substitute approved by GEC should be completed prior to taking GEN401
Upperclass students only

Course offered: FA, SP

GEN499 Advanced Basket Weaving (3 course hours)