SCHOOL OF GENERAL EDUCATION

Mission Statement
The School of General Education supports the academic, social, personal, and professional development of learners throughout their engagement with the University. It also provides a learning experience that is engaging, enjoyable, and applicable to students’ personal and professional lives while preparing students to meet expectations in chosen fields of study. Purdue Global is committed to professional and career preparation for all graduates. As an institution and an educational community, we commit to graduating “thinkers who can work and workers who can think.”

General Policies
During the first term of study (or first two months of study if enrolled in the independent model), you will develop an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) under the guidance of a faculty advisor, including the sequencing of coursework. The ILP contains a career goal statement and outlines the coursework you will complete as part of your degree plan. With the assistance of your faculty advisor, you will choose up to two focus areas that align with your professional and personal goals. You will be required to write a one-paragraph goal statement explaining your rationale for choosing the area(s) of focus and submit it to your faculty advisor for approval.

You may fulfill any program requirement, with the exception of the capstone course, via any combination of prior learning. You must complete a traditional, for-credit capstone course as the final element of your coursework.

Independent Model Policies
While enrolled in a CustomTrack (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/) program on the independent model, you will be held to all of Purdue Global’s policies as outlined in this Catalog, unless expressly stated otherwise in this section.

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/).

If you have completed prior collegiate-level coursework from an accredited institution, you must submit unofficial transcripts prior to enrollment. Prior to final approval of your Individualized Learning Plan, you must provide the University with an official copy of all unofficial transcripts presented to the University. The transcripts must show evidence of having at least two courses that you expect will transfer to the University from other institutions.

Progression Requirements
- You must complete four professional competency tutorials (PCTs). Upon completion of a PCT, the faculty member assesses your mastery of the associated Purdue Global professional competency and assigns a grade of pass or fail. You will be withdrawn from the program if unable to successfully complete the required PCTs.
- You may attempt an Assessment of Skills and Knowledge no more than two times. If you are unable to achieve a passing score on the second attempt, you may only receive credit for the course via transfer credit from an accredited institution or by taking the course at Purdue Global. Exceptions to this policy may be made only at the discretion of the Dean.
- You are not subject to the standard satisfactory academic progress standards. Instead, you must earn 10 quarter-hour credits every 12 months from your start date through any combination of Purdue Global courses, Assessments of Skills and Knowledge, experiential credit, or credits transferred in from an approved provider. You will be academically dismissed should you not meet this requirement. If you are academically dismissed, you may appeal directly to the Dean for readmission.

Graduation Requirements
In addition to Purdue Global’s general graduation requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/), you must successfully complete 100 percent of the required courses for your program of study and obtain minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Attendance
You are exempt from Purdue Global’s attendance policy unless enrolled in the capstone course in the final term of your program.

Academic Grades and Marks
Assessment credit ("AC"), transfer credit ("TC"), and experiential credit ("EC") do not contribute to a grade point average (GPA). Therefore, as you progress through your academic program, you may not have a GPA. Only courses taught through Purdue Global will appear with letter grades and will contribute toward a GPA.

When withdrawing from an attended course during a term, the course will receive a "W" grade. You are ineligible for temporary "IP" grades while enrolled in an independent model program.

Leave of Absence
You may request a leave of absence if you have completed two full months of enrollment at the University and can demonstrate extenuating circumstances beyond your control. A leave of absence will begin on the last day of a month, and you will return to school on the first day of a month.

You may request up to five months of leave in a calendar year. Your request must be approved prior to the requested start date of the leave.

Programs
In addition to the programs below, see Additional Offerings (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/additional-offerings/) for information about other enrollment opportunities. For a list of additional offerings by subject, see the Area of Study index (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/bulletin/#areaofstudyindextext) of the Micro-credential Bulletin (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/bulletin/).
Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies (BSPr) is an excellent choice if you are a student with prior learning from an assortment of accredited sources such as transfer credit, portfolio credit, open course credit, credit by exam, or credit for military training or other experiential learning. The BSPr is an interdisciplinary program that meets the needs of working professionals while addressing both academic rigor and flexibility.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education/professional-studies-bs/)

Associate of Science in Professional Studies

The Associate of Science in Professional Studies (ASPr) degree is designed to create a customized foundation for future studies through pursuit of a higher degree. The ASPr is an interdisciplinary program that meets the needs of working professionals while addressing both academic rigor and flexibility.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education/professional-studies-as/)

General Education Certificate

The General Education Certificate program is designed to build a strong educational foundation through coursework in communication, mathematics, science, social science, and humanities. Additionally, the courses in this certificate program will provide you with the skills that will further your professional career goals. These career skills include critical thinking, communication, diversity and inclusion, teamwork, and leadership.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education/general-education-certificate/)