BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Description and Outcomes

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies (BSPr) degree 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.

The BSPr is a CustomTrack program designed to offer you the opportunity to create a customized degree plan to meet your unique professional goals, both through your choice of either an independent or a term-based collegiate model for your program, and through your selection of electives with the guidance of your faculty advisor. (For more information on CustomTrack and its independent and term-based models, see Learning Paths in the Approach to Learning (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/) section of the Catalog.)

Upon completion of this degree, you may find career options available in a variety of fields based on the individual design of your program.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/) for details.

Concentrations

Concentrations in leadership, supply chain logistics, and organizational/industrial psychology are available within the BSPr and are designed to prepare you with knowledge and skills to become a leader in your career field.

Program Length

The BSPr program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Knowledge and Skills: Demonstrate mastery of fundamental concepts in a professional field of interest.
2. Problem Solving: Evaluate information from multiple sources to provide solutions to problems in diverse professional contexts.
3. Strategic Thinking: Develop long- and short-term plans for success in the workplace.
4. Continuous Improvement: Apply data-driven approaches to making decisions and improving professional practice.
5. Career Outcome: Chosen by faculty and student. Based on student's area of study; student works with a Faculty Advisor to create a program-specific outcome matching the student's professional area of interest.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

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 a 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.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course

of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Degree Plan

The 🌐 icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	🌐 College Composition I	5
CM220	🌐 College Composition II	5
100/200 Level	Mathematics Course	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Course	5
100/200 Level	Science Course	5
100/200 Level	Speaking and Listening Course	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Course	5
100/200 Level	Diversity and Culture Course [1]	5
100/200 Level	Ethics Course [1]	5
Total Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		
100/200/300/400 Level	Communication Course [1]	5
100/200 Level	Major Electives [1]	20
300/400 Level	Major Electives	42
PR499	Bachelor's Capstone in Professional Studies	6
Total Major Requirements		73
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives		62
Total Open Elective Requirements		62
TOTAL CREDITS		**180**

[1] These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/) for details.

Concentration Requirements

Concentration courses are completed within the major electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration.

Leadership

Code	Title	Credits
CM460	Strategic Communication	6
LI410	Leadership in Practice	6
MT302	🌐 Organizational Behavior	6
MT340	🌐 Conflict Management and Team Dynamics	6
TOTAL CREDITS		**24**

Supply Chain Logistics

Code	Title	Credits
MT433	Global Supply Chain Management	6
MT438	Supply Chain Analytics	6
MT434	Logistics and Distribution Management	6
MT437	Strategic Warehouse Management	6
TOTAL CREDITS		**24**

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
PS390	Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology	6
PS391	Psychology of Leadership	6
PS392	Attitudes and Motivation in the Workplace	6
PS451	Selection and Assessment in Organizations	6
TOTAL CREDITS		**24**