At Adelphi, we know that college potential goes beyond grades and test scores.

Our philosophy is that each student is an individual who takes a different path to reach his or her goals. That’s why we created our General Studies Learning Community. For more than 30 years, this one-year, innovative program has provided support for first-year students adapting to college life.

Here you’ll benefit from individual mentoring and counseling to hone your academic abilities, allowing you to move forward with confidence. We’ll work with you to improve your writing, problem-solving and study skills as well as your test-taking strategies.

By the end of your first year, you’ll have gained the knowledge needed to succeed in your remaining undergraduate years—and beyond.
Students should give themselves time to develop both as a student and as an individual because growth happens over time. And when you look back at your first year in General Studies once you’re a senior, you’ll see how far you’ve come.”

—Ashley Vasquez ’13, M.A. ’15, General Studies Learning Community graduate and current counselor
What kind of classes can I take?

You’ll get to pursue your passions in the General Studies Learning Community, where you can discover a host of exciting new subjects.

The coursework is challenging and rigorous, but you won’t be doing it alone—we’ll be there to help you get ahead.

General Studies has benefited me so much with creative thinking and writing skills. If you show interest and apply yourself to your studies, the professors can see how hard you’re working and applying yourself. Professors give their 50 percent and expect you to give your 50 percent as well.”

—Katherine Mendez, senior, Sport Management major General Studies Learning Community
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Our first-year seminar, World of Ideas, anchors the General Studies Learning Community curriculum. Here you’ll explore a fascinating array of ideas in ethics, government, justice, science, faith and art.

You’ll also take two required full-year courses—Freshman Composition and Western Civilization—as well as a one-semester General Psychology course and a one-semester mathematics course: Problem Solving Across the Curriculum.

Learning how to communicate is a cornerstone of our program. You’ll write papers each semester in each of your required writing courses, so that by the end of the academic year, you’ll be able to think and express yourself with imagination, critical skill and clarity. Don’t worry: If you need assistance, faculty mentors are readily available.

Also by the end of your first year, you’ll have met many of your general education requirements in the sciences, humanities and social sciences, leaving you with the freedom to pursue electives outside your field of study.
With the support of the program mentors, counselors and professors, you’ll sharpen your academic abilities and receive invaluable guidance. In fact, many program graduates develop such a strong bond with their counselors during their year in the General Studies Learning Community that they continue to seek their advice and mentorship throughout their time at Adelphi.

Our faculty members are among the University’s most inspiring and committed educators, dedicating their time and energy to both classroom instruction and individual mentoring sessions.
The wonderful faculty members are quick to lend a helping hand to any student, both academically and personally. Without them, I would not have been able to gain so much self-confidence. —J. Michael Ashe O’Toole ’16, General Studies Learning Community graduate

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HOW YOU’LL EXCEL

AS soon as you join the General Studies Learning Community, you’ll be assigned faculty mentors who will help strengthen your basic academic skills: critical reading and writing; problem solving; studying; and test-taking strategies.

We know adjusting to college life involves handling new challenges. So you’ll also participate in counseling sessions, conducted by full-time academic counselors, who can assist with smoothing your journey from high school to higher education.
As part of the General Studies Learning Community, you’ll be supported on your journey to graduate in four years. We’ll help you hit your academic targets and provide key support so you can launch an exciting career. Our students have pursued a wide range of jobs in law, management, finance, medicine, media, education and more.

Successful alumni have also gone on to attend many of the nation’s top graduate, law and medical schools, including:

- Baylor University Medical School
- Columbia University School of Social Work
- Fordham University Law School
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard Business School
- New York University
- St. John’s University Law School
- State University of New York at Stony Brook

Will it take longer to earn my diploma?
Going into Adelphi, I had no idea what I wanted to do as a career. The General Studies Learning Community gave me the confidence to make the most of my four years here. Thanks to GS for helping me break out of my shell and find my voice.”

—Gabriella Alaimo, senior, Business Management major, General Studies Learning Community
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Colleges and universities are required under federal law to publish and make available an annual campus security report, which includes, among other information, statistics on campus crime. The crime statistics for all colleges and universities required to comply with this law are available from the United States Department of Education.

Adelphi University’s annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Adelphi University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus.

The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, emergency response plan, timely warnings, fire statistics, missing students and other matters. The advisory committee on campus safety will provide upon request all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. You may obtain a copy of this report by contacting the Department of Public Safety and Transportation, Levermore Hall, lower level, 516.877.3500 or by accessing administration.adelphi.edu/publicsafety.

The United States Department of Education’s website for campus crime statistics is ope.ed.gov/security.

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The General Studies Learning Community recognizes students' academic abilities by incorporating student self-interests through an interdisciplinary lens. The student-to-faculty ratio is small in order to encourage optimal learning and to maintain the rigor and student-centered learning, which is the foundation of our Learning Community.”

—Daniel Rosenberg, Ph.D., director,
General Studies Learning Community