



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
School of Continuing Studies

# Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Program



# Your Future Begins at Georgetown.

Earn your bachelor's degree through a flexible program that helps you balance work and life.

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Featuring a curriculum of dynamic interdisciplinary courses, Georgetown University's part-time Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BALS) program works with your schedule to provide you with the tools you need to achieve your goals and advance your career. Enjoy the benefits of our personalized advising sessions, world-renowned faculty, and convenient downtown Washington, D.C., location as you develop your skills and work toward your degree.

Whether you have previous college experience or are looking to start your bachelor's degree for the first time, our program will help you take that next step forward in your personal and professional life. Set yourself apart and expand your possibilities with a degree from one of the world's leading academic institutions.

### SCS Resources

- Writing Center
- Academic Resource Center
- Writing Boot Camps
- Library Services
- Advising with Program Staff

### State-of-the-Art Facility

- Innovative Study and Learning Spaces
- Bookstore
- Library
- Media Center
- Broadcast Studio

"I believe that a Georgetown education is priceless and that I will be even better prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges with the strong liberal arts foundation that the BALS program provides."

- Alan Murphy, BALS Student



"The education that I received at Georgetown University in the BALS program impacted my decision to work for the Federal government and serve in the public sector. The source of inspiration came from knowing that [graduates of Georgetown University have] included those who successfully became U.S. presidents, legislators, ambassadors, and prominent global leaders."

- Gabriela Morales, BALS Alumna



## ABOUT THE DEGREE

To earn your degree, you must complete 120 credit hours, including:

- 12 core courses and one interdisciplinary writing course
- 16 courses in a chosen concentration
- Seven general elective courses
- An optional thesis course in your chosen concentration

Hone your skills in one of 15 distinctive concentrations:

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| • American Studies                              | • Entrepreneurship                         |
| • Classical Civilizations                       | • Leadership                               |
| • Ethics and the Professions                    | • Organizational Leadership                |
| • Humanities                                    | • International Affairs                    |
| • Literature and Society                        | • Social and Public Policy                 |
| • The Theory and Practice of American Democracy | • Urban Analysis and Community Development |
| • Communications                                | • Catholic Studies                         |

Religious Studies Students may also work with the associate dean to create a custom-designed Individualized Studies concentration.

## WHY GEORGETOWN?

Georgetown's BALS program equips you with the contemporary tools you need to become a successful leader in today's workforce. We offer a number of distinctive features to enrich your learning experience and ease your transition back into the classroom:

- **Seamless Transfers.** We accept up to 64 transfer credits from accredited institutions, allowing you to build from any previous collegiate experience.
- **Interdisciplinary Curriculum.** We combine numerous disciplines of study to help you develop a comprehensive toolset that prepares you for success.
- **Distinguished Faculty.** Scholars and industry experts bring their experience and expertise directly into the classroom to create an engaging learning environment.
- **Personalized Advising.** We offer in-depth advising sessions to assist you in not only earning your degree, but also reaching your personal and professional goals post-graduation.
- **Small Classes.** The program features small class sizes to ensure that you receive more personal attention from your instructors.
- **Accessible Learning.** Our downtown Washington, D.C., campus offers a state-of-the-art learning environment filled with collaborative study and learning spaces, all within a four-block radius of six Metrorail lines, countless bus stops, and more than 3,000 parking spaces.
- **Flexible Schedules.** Our classes are held during the day, in the evenings, and on Saturdays, so you can earn your degree at a pace that suits your needs without interrupting your career.
- **Lasting Connections.** Build meaningful industry connections and a lifelong network with the students, faculty, and alumni you meet during the program.
- **Online Courses.** Many courses are available in an exclusively online format, allowing students to listen to lectures and complete assignments on their own schedules.



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Learn more at:

[scs.georgetown.edu/balsdegree](https://scs.georgetown.edu/balsdegree)

## VISIT OUR CAMPUS

Interested in applying? Come visit us! Schedule a tour of our downtown campus or step into a classroom and sample one of our many interesting course offerings. We are located in the heart of bustling downtown Washington, D.C., and just a few city blocks from many area attractions.



## ADMISSIONS & APPLICATION INFORMATION

Our program accepts up to 64 transfer credits, including:

- Relevant courses from accredited institutions with a grade of “C” (2.0) or better.
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests with a score equivalent to a grade of “B.”
- Military training and experience that meets the requirements of the American Council on Education.

In reviewing applications, we look at your overall record rather than just focusing on one or two elements. This program provides opportunities for those who did not previously achieve their academic potential to prove themselves in a supportive and nurturing academic environment, designed around the needs of adults returning to school. Our application requires the following items:

- HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT(S) OR GED CERTIFICATION**
- COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT(S)**
- TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
- PERSONAL ESSAY**



## MILITARY BENEFITS

Georgetown University is ranked the No. 1 College for Veterans by *U.S. News & World Report*. We proudly accept the GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program benefits for full payment of tuition for qualified veterans enrolled in the BALS program. For more information about veterans benefits, please visit [scs.georgetown.edu/balsveterans](https://scs.georgetown.edu/balsveterans).

## FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Students admitted to the School of Continuing Studies may be eligible for federal financial aid. To determine eligibility for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Georgetown’s Federal Student Aid code is 001445. Students should also complete and submit the SCS Supplement Form. For more information regarding the financial aid process, please visit [finaid.georgetown.edu](https://finaid.georgetown.edu).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

For qualified current and prospective students who can demonstrate financial need and are passionate about continuing their education, we offer several scholarship opportunities:

**Osher Reentry Scholarships**—priority for new, incoming students but returning students will also be considered.

**Walter Cizek Scholarships**—dedicated to existing students in the BALS program.

**LaFarge Scholarships**—dedicated to transfer students from Northern Virginia Community College and Prince George’s Community College.

To learn more about the eligibility criteria, please visit [scs.georgetown.edu/bals-scholarships](https://scs.georgetown.edu/bals-scholarships).

## LEARN MORE

For more information on our program, please visit [scs.georgetown.edu/balsdegree](https://scs.georgetown.edu/balsdegree). You can also contact us at [bals@georgetown.edu](mailto:bals@georgetown.edu) to schedule a tour of our downtown campus or sit in on a class and experience our program firsthand.

## OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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Call us today to speak with a dedicated advisor who will guide you through the admissions process and answer any questions you may have.