

**Presentation to  
IU Kokomo  
Staff Council**



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# Why a General Studies Degree?

- Designed with the adult student in mind
- Does not have required courses - only required areas of learning
  - For example math and a foreign language is not specifically required
- Choose courses from a variety of schools and divisions on campus
- Allows you the flexibility to design a degree that fulfills your own personal and professional goals



# What are people doing with a General Studies Degree?

- Academic Advisor
- Admissions Counselor
- Teaching – with required endorsement
- Office Management /Supervisors
- Going on for Master's Degree in Adult Ed, Social Work, Counseling, Law School, Physician Assistant and many more
- Just about any job requiring employees to have a Bachelors degree!

# Ways to earn credit to complete your degree

- On-campus courses and/or transfer credit from accredited Colleges and Universities (old credits accepted)
- The ACCELErated Evening College
- IU Independent Study (including correspondence, videotaped, televised and web-based courses)
- Credit for military service

# Ways to earn credit...continued

- Credit awarded by ACE for passing: CAP<sup>®</sup> Exam, among others
- Self-Acquired Competency Portfolio: earn credit hours for life experience, such as, but not limited to: EMT Certification, Safety Health Codes and Standards, paramedic certification
- Credit by exam (Academic Department Exams, DANTES and/or CLEP)

# What is the ACCELerated Evening College?

- A degree completion program designed for adults
- Shorter courses (8 wk-terms instead of 15/16 wks)
- One evening per week
- Many classes are available as 50% face-to-face (6-8:30 p.m.) and 50% online (Oncourse)



# Credits from the CAP exam

(If taken November 2004-Present)

CAP Exam	ACE recommendation (cr hr)	IUK Course
<b>I. Office Systems &amp; Technology</b>	3 in Computer Concepts	CSCI-UN 100
	3 in Information System	CSCI-UN 100
<b>II. Office Administration</b>	3 in Business Communications	SPCH-UN 200
	3 in Records Management	COAS-UN 100
<b>III. Management</b>	3 in Human Resource Management	BUS-UN 300
	4 in Management or Supervision	BUS-UN 300
	1 in Accounting	BUS-UN 100
<b>IV. Advanced Organizational Management</b>	3 in Organization Behavior	BUS-UN 300
	3 in Communications	SPCH-UN 300
	3 in Leadership	BUS-UN 300
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>29 (16 of the 29 hours in upper level)</b>	

# How many credits can I use from the CAP Exam?

**You can use all 29 hours for both the AAGS and the BGS. As long as you have 15 IU hours for the AAGS and 30 IU hours for the BGS and have met the distribution requirements in the Arts and Sciences**

**NOTE:** You can only have 15 hours in any one department or school area for AAGS and 21 in any one department for BGS (Ex: CSCI, ENG) and up to 30 hours from a school for BGS (Ex: BUS, NURS)

**For example** – if you already have 10 hours in Business and take the CAP exam – you could only apply 5 of the 14 BUS CAP exam hours available for the AAGS, but could use all toward your BGS



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# DANTES Tests

- DANTES are tests in many different subject areas that can be used to test out of courses that you may already have a basic knowledge or understanding of through work, life experiences, or interests
- Current cost: \$70 to DANTES and \$20 to IU Kokomo = \$90 total (less than the cost of some textbooks)

# Where Do I go From Here?

- Apply for admission to Indiana University and pay the \$30 application fee (if not already admitted to the University).
- Fill out General Studies Application and return to Lori Collins
- Take placement tests
- Request all transcripts: High School/GED, Colleges and Universities

# Where do I go...continued

- Collect training records and certificates
- CALL the General Studies office at ext. 455-9426 to schedule your appointment with the advisor
- Meet with the advisor to see how your prior credits fit into your degree program and what you may be able to test out of for credit



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# Questions?

**Contact Lori Collins**  
**Academic Advisor**  
**General Studies Degree Programs**



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