

Griggs University (GU) and Weimar College (WC)

GU Degrees

Griggs University offers the following degrees:

- A.A./A.S. General Studies
- A.A. Personal Ministries
- B.A. General Studies
- B.A. Religion
- B.A. Theological Studies
- B.S. Religious Education
- B.S. Business Management

Available minors include

- Business
- English
- History
- Religious Education

GU also offers a one-year certificate in Pastoral Ministry, a three-year certificate in Religion or Theological studies, and SDA Certification for teachers who have received an education outside of the SDA school system and have held/hold certification.

General Information

Weimar College has been affiliated with GU since 2001. Griggs University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council, a national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. federal government. It is also accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventy-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities, a recognized member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation. Griggs University is a member of The University Continuing Education Association, The International Council for Distance Education, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, The American Council on Education, and Associate of Christian Continuing Education Schools and Seminars. Griggs University is listed in Accredited Institutions of Post-Secondary Education by American Council of Education.

Students interested in obtaining a degree from Griggs University most commonly pursue either an A.A. or B.A. in General Studies, regardless of the area of emphasis they studied at Weimar College.

The procedure includes the following:

- Apply to Griggs University (forms can be obtained from the Registrar's Office)
- Submit transcripts from other universities, if applicable
- Once you have been accepted by Griggs University, you will receive a degree audit

If the degree audit shows that you are missing courses, confirm with Griggs University your plans to complete the requirements and confirm Weimar College equivalents where applicable

From hereon, Griggs University will be referred to as GU and Weimar College as WC.

GU A.A./A.S. in General Studies

A total of 24 semester credits is required for an emphasis and 5 semester credits in electives. Including the general education requirements, these come to a total of 60 semester credits required for graduation. A certain percentage of these credits must be upper division and a certain percentage must also be GU approved courses. There may be overlap between the general education and emphasis courses. For example, if student X is receiving an emphasis in Religion, they may count their general education requirements towards the religion emphasis. Students interested in a degree from GU must understand that there may be additional coursework required by GU beyond WC's requirements.

GU B.A. in General Studies

A total of 120 semester credits are required for graduation. Students must choose one of two options for their emphasis. They may either choose one emphasis of 24 semester hours and two secondary interests of 18 semester hours or they may choose two emphases of 24 semester hours each. The remaining hours are fulfilled by general education requirements and electives. As for the A.A./A.S., a certain percentage of the credits taken must be upper division and a certain percentage must also be GU approved courses. Again, there may be overlap between the general education and emphasis courses. Students interested in a B.A. from GU must understand that there may be additional coursework required by GU beyond WC's requirements.

Challenge exams

If a student needs to take a class for GU that is not offered at WC (for example they are a senior and need an extra science class), they may opt to challenge a GU course. There are a limited number of pre-approved courses that GU will allow a student to challenge. A student is allowed to challenge no more than one course. GU will send the textbook and study guide, the student has up to a year to study the material, and then a proctor administers the challenge exam. This exam is often the final exam for the course. The fee involved includes the textbook fees, an exam fee, and a recording fee that is figured per semester hour.

GU Transfer Credit

GU accepts approved 200+ level courses as off-campus credit and indicates such on their transcript as off-campus credit. All 100-level courses, with the exception of Anatomy & Physiology and Life and Teachings, may be accepted as transfer credits. GU does not accept as GU credit WC's paraprofessional courses such as massage, kinesiology, hydrotherapy and gardening. A list of approved GU courses is available from the Registrar's Office upon request. Once a course has been submitted to GU for GU credit, the credit must stand as a GU credit. WC will not retroactively issue a transcript for a course if the course has already been submitted by WC to GU for GU

off-campus credit. GU cannot retroactively issue a transcript for a course if the course has already appeared on a WC transcript as a WC credit. If a WC course has been approved by GU for credit, but WC records that course as a WC credit and issues an official transcript showing it as WC credit, that course must remain a WC credit. The student is responsible for confirming that all transcripts released in their possession accurately reflects their transfer credit.

GU Transcripts

A recording fee for this charge is included in the student's fees each semester. All students enrolled in the 2009-2010 school-year will receive a GU transcript for each semester that they are enrolled at WC and are taking GU approved courses. This transcript will be kept on file and released as the student's account is cleared and current. This transcript includes all WC courses that are accepted by GU and is put on it as accepted GU off-campus credits with the courses listed separately. Transfer credits that are not approved GU off-campus credits are only accepted by GU for students who will pursue a GU degree. They do not appear on the GU transcript but approved 100-level courses may be counted towards graduation. Upon leaving WC, students receive two transcripts: one from WC and one from GU.

Foreign Students

Foreign students may take up to 3 quarter credits in correspondence courses and have that count towards their 12 required credits per quarter to be considered a full-time student. This means that they may choose to take a regular correspondence course from GU and, provided they complete it during the prescribed quarter, they would only have to take 9 credits from WC.

Miscellaneous Questions

1. Is the GU emphasis, (such as English or Religion) considered a minor? Why does GU title it an emphasis?

An emphasis or concentration is more than a minor. In most cases a minor is 18 semester hours, but an emphasis is at least 24 semester hours and a major tends to be 30 hours. When a student earns a bachelor in general studies they are required to have at least one area that concentrates on one topic, such as English or Religion or Education.

2. What area of emphases does GU offer?

Religion, English, Health, Psychology, History, Education, and Natural Science.

3. Are GU credits accepted easily by other mainstream SDA colleges for transfer students and for those pursuing an MA?

GU credits are accepted easily by our SDA colleges. There should be no trouble getting an advanced degree as the student would then be focusing on one area. However, if they are in the medical field, such as having a two-year nursing degree or med tech, etc., they would have to have all their clinicals licensed in order to earn a General Studies degree and get into Loma Linda for their Masters. Because GU is not regionally accredited, most outside colleges, especially Ivy League colleges, probably would not accept their credits.