



**CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER
GENERAL STUDIES: ARTS, NATURAL
SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCE
MAJOR GUIDE SHEET**

WHAT IS GENERAL STUDIES?

General studies is an academic field that aims to provide students with a multi-disciplinary approach to learning. It encompasses a range of subjects from math to science to arts, attempting to highlight the connection between seemingly very different fields. General studies encourages discovery and independent thinking. Due to its diverse and wide-ranging nature, it is ideal for this fast-changing world. General studies also is focused on developing important soft skills such as communication, leadership, and critical thinking.

INTERESTS

*(THINGS YOU
LIKE TO DO)*

- Learning about a broad range of subjects
- Teaching others
- Making connections between different subjects
- Reading and writing
- Participating in class discussions
- Thinking independently

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SKILLS

*(THINGS YOU WILL
LEARN & USE)*

- Communication skills
- Analytic skills
- Self-motivation
- Critical thinking
- Public speaking
- Patience
- Teaching skills
- Broad base of knowledge

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED:

The General Studies major represents three degrees; Art, Natural Science, and Social and Behavioral Science. General education guides students to an understanding of the artistic, physical and social world. These degrees are for students to explore different areas, but to also apply it to the real world. LAVC offers the following degrees:

- **General Studies: Arts (AA)**
 - This program represents a broad based degree in the arts
- **General Studies: Natural Science (AA)**
 - Emphasis is placed on students using methodologies of science as an investigative tool
- **General Studies: Behavioral Science (AA)**
 - Students will study about themselves and others as members of a larger society

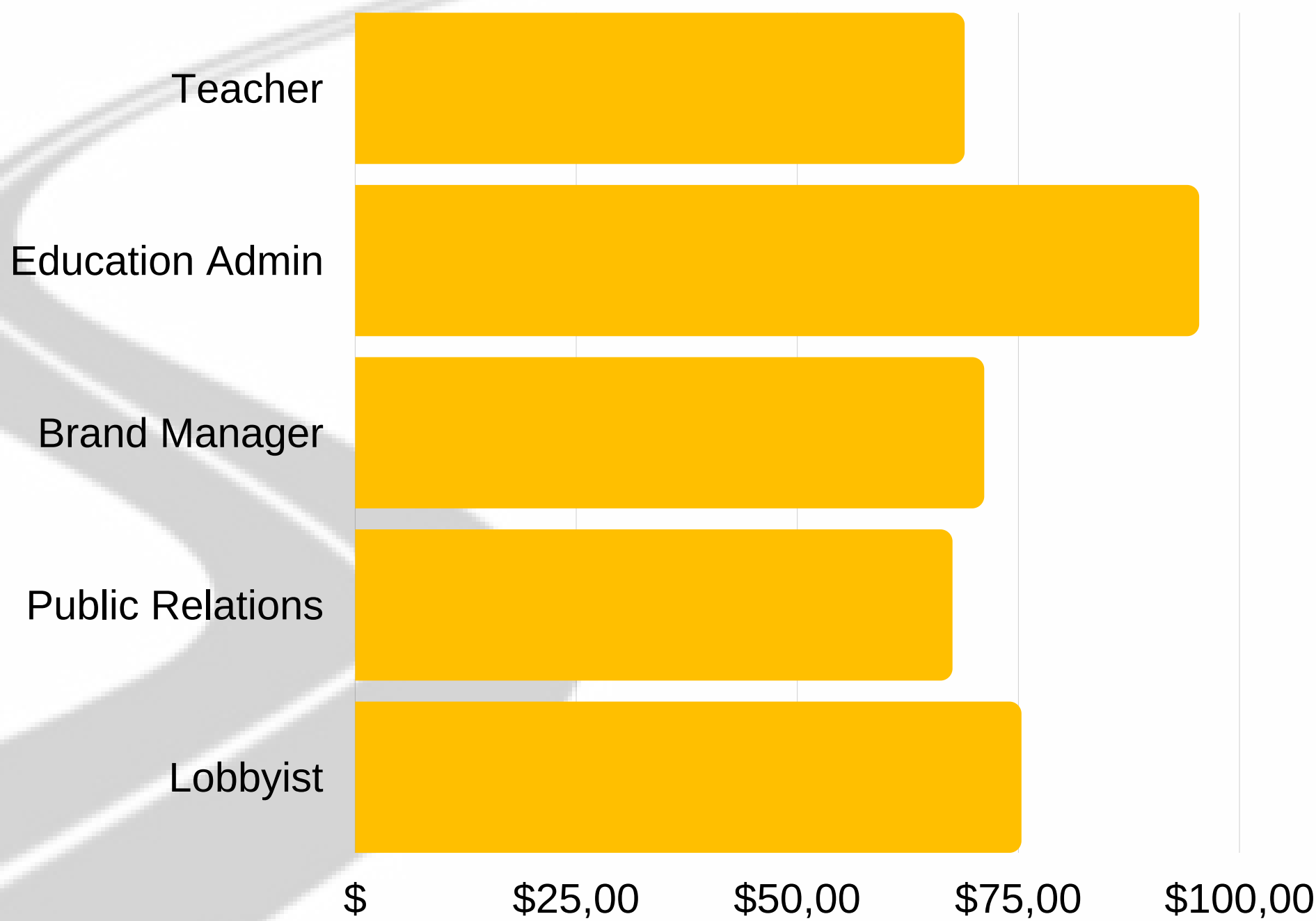
TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS:

- **CSU Bakersfield:** Interdisciplinary Studies- General Studies, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Ethnic Studies
- **Chico State:** Liberal Studies- Liberal Arts
- **CSU Fullerton:** Liberal Studies- General
- **CSU Northridge:** Liberal Studies- Interdisciplinary Studies
- **CSU Northridge:** Liberal Studies- Precredential Program
- **Cal Poly Pomona:** Liberal Studies: General Studies
- **UC Berkeley:** Interdisciplinary Studies
- **UC Riverside:** Interdisciplinary Studies
- **UC Santa Barbara:** Interdisciplinary Studies



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EARNINGS*



*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- www.lavc.edu/transfer
- www.lavc.edu/counseling/General-Degrees-Certificates/General-Studies-Social-Behavioral-Sciences.aspx
- www.assist.org
- www.eureka.org
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.onetonline.org
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Educational administrator
- Advertising executive
- Teacher
- College professor
- Journalist
- Lobbyist
- Human resources manager
- Social worker
- Brand manager
- Public relations director



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Law firm
- Advertising firm
- Non-profits
- Human services
- Colleges and universities
- Elementary, middle and high schools
- Retail
- Social media companies

This general information is provided by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center. For specific information about majors and careers please make an appointment to see a counselor either online, in person at the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex) or by phone at (818) 947-2474.