

General Studies Information

Missouri Western State University

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Program Description

Students who have completed an Associate of Arts degree (AA), a bachelors degree, or the Missouri 42-hour general education block (must be noted on the transcript or other official document) from a regionally-accredited institution, is considered to have satisfactorily completed Missouri Western's general studies requirements. Completion of general studies requirements does not waive departmental major pre-requisites.

Admission Requirements

A student must complete the general studies and major requirements listed below to earn a baccalaureate degree at MWSU:

- Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable)
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 in those courses needed to satisfy the requirements of the selected major
- Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses (numbers in the 300s and 400s). Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement
- Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination)
- Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments
- Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement
- Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam
- Please note: some baccalaureate degree program may require more than 120 credit hours, may require a higher GPA, may have minimum grade requirements and may have additional certification requirements (Visit the actual degree program for specific requirements.)

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Transfer Requirements

Missouri Western General Studies Requirements (42 hours)

Mathematical Sciences Knowledge Area

(3 hours minimum)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
Select one of the following:					
MATH 151	Contemporary Mathematics *	3	MAT 110	Contemporary Problem Solving	
MATH 161	Elementary Statistics *	3	MAT 111	Introductory Statistics	3
MATH 201	Statistics *	3	MAT 111	Introductory Statistics	3
MATH 171	College Algebra *	3	MAT 116	College Algebra	3
MATH 173	Precalculus *	5	MAT 116	College Algebra	3
MATH 241	Calculus I *	5	MAT 167	Calc w/Analytic Geometry I	5

Written & Oral Communications Knowledge Area

(9 hours minimum)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
6 hours minimum					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I *	3	ENG 104	College Writing Rhetoric	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review *	5	ENG 104	College Writing Rhetoric	3
ENGL 122	Composition II *	3	ENG 108	College Writing Research	3
ENGL 123	Technical Writing I *	3	ETC 200	Intro Technical Communication	3
3 hours minimum					
Select one of the following:					
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COM 104	Oral Communication	3
COMS 125	Personal Communication	3	COM 104	Oral Communication	3

Natural Sciences Knowledge Area

(7 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines, including one course with a lab component) Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Life Science, Physical Science, Physics.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
Astronomy:					
ASTR 122	Astronomy	4	PHY 104	Introduction to Astronomy	4

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Biology:					
Select one of the following:					



BIOL 121	Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4	BIO 101	Principles of Biology	4
BIOL 125	General Botany	5	BIO 105	Prin of Organismal Biology	4-5
BIOL 127	General Zoology	5	BIO 105	Prin of Organismal Biology	4-5
BIOL 150	Biology of Organisms *	5	BIO 105	Prin of Organismal Biology	4-5
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BIO 106	Principles of Cell Biology	4

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Chemistry:

Select one of the following:

CHEM 120	Chemistry in Society	4	CHE 101	Introductory Chemistry	4-5
CHEM 122	Principles of Chemistry	5	CHE 101	Introductory Chemistry	4-5
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture * and General Chemistry I Lab *	4	CHE 111	General Chemistry I	5

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Geography:

GEOS 140 & GEOS 141	Physical Geography and 3 Physical Geography Lab *	3	GEO 160	Physical Geography	4
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Geology:

GEOS 130	General Geology	5	ESC 111	Physical Geology	4
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Life Science:

Select one of the following:

BIOL 140 & BIOL 225	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology *	4	BIO 250	Anatomy/Physiology	5
BIOL 144	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5	BIO 250	Anatomy/Physiology	5

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Physics:

Select one of the following:

PHYS 130	College Physics I *	5	PHY 110	College Physics I	4-5
PHYS 220	Engineering Physics I *	5	PHY 210	University Physics I	5

Physical Science: No JCCC equivalent.

Social & Behavioral Sciences Knowledge Area

(9 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines, including at least one Civics course) Civics, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, SBS Communications, Sociology.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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Civics:					
Select one of the following:					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HIS 140	American History to 1865	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HIS 150	American History Since 1865	3
POLS 124	American National Government	3	PSC 101	American National Government	3
Anthropology:					
Select one of the following:					
ANTH 125	Cultural Anthropology	3	SOC 120	General Anthropology	3
ANTH 130	World Cultures	3	SOC 120	General Anthropology	3
Criminal Justice:					
CJ 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	CRJ 100	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
Economics:					
Select one of the following:					
ECON 132	Survey of Economics	3	ECO 101	Current Issues in the Economy	3
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECO 260	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECO 261	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Geography:					
GEOS 145	World Regional Geography	3	GEO 100	World Geography	3
History:					
HIST 152	World History: Modern World	3	HIS 120	Modern World Hist	3

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Political Science:

Select one of the following:

POLS 135	International Relations	3	PSC 200	International Politics	3
POLS 132	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	PSC 210	Comparative Political Systems	3

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Psychology:

Select one of the following:

PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101	General Psychology	3
PSYC 218	Human Development *	3	PSY 240	Lifespan Developmental Psych	3

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SBS Communications:

JOUR 120	Mass Media and Society	3	COM 205	Introduction to Mass Media	3
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Sociology:

Select one of the following:

SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 125	Social Problems	3	SOC 230	Social Problems	3

Humanities and Fine Arts Knowledge Area

(9 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines) Art, Civilization, Film, Language, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Theatre.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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Art:

Select one of the following:

ARTH 180	Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3	ART 205	Survey of Art History I	3
ARTH 182	Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3	ART 255	Survey of Art History II	3

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Civilization:

Select one of the following:

HIST 125	Western Civilization: Ancient World to the Renaissance	3	HIS 200	Ancient Medieval Civilizatn	3
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HIST 151	World History: Traditional	3	HIS 210	Early Modern Civilization	3
HIST 126	Western Civilization: Scientific Revolution to the Modern Age	3	HIS 210	Early Modern Civilization	3
HIST 130	European History Since 1789	3	HIS 230	Modern Europe: 1789 to Present	3
HUM 145	World Humanities: Ancient to Medieval	3	HUM 203	Humanities: Ancient Medieval	3
HUM 122	Introduction to Humanities	3	HUM 205	Hum: Middle Ages to Fren Revol	3
HUM 146	World Humanities: Renaissance to Modern	3	HUM 205	Hum: Middle Ages to Fren Revol	3

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Film:					
FMS 100	Intro to Film	3	CIN 100	Introduction to Film	3

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Language:					
Select one of the following:					
FL 165	Elementary Chinese I	5		General Studies Humanities Elective	
FL 166	Elementary Chinese II *	5		General Studies Humanities Elective	
FL 140	Elementary French I	5	FRE 100	Elementary French I	3
FL 141	Elementary French II *	5	FRE 101	Elementary French II	3
FL 120	Elementary German I	5		General Studies Humanities Elective	
FL 121	Elementary German II *	5		General Studies Humanities Elective	
FL 130	Elementary Spanish I	5	SPA 100	Elementary Spanish I	3
FL 131	Elementary Spanish II *	5	SPA 101	Elementary Spanish II	3

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Literature:					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 130	Introduction to Literature *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 214	Environmental Literature *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 227	Introduction to Poetry *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 230	Introduction to Fiction *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 232	Children's Literature *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 235	Drama as Literature *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 243	Literature of Science Fiction *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 254	Masterpieces of the Cinema *	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
HUM 155	Classical Mythology	3	ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	3
ENGL 215	U.S. Latino and Latina Literature *	3	ENG 211	American Literature	3



ENGL 216	African-American Literature *	3	ENG 211	American Literature	3
ENGL 244	Literature of American Popular Music *	3	ENG 211	American Literature	3
ENGL 246	American Literature I *	3	ENG 211	American Literature	3
ENGL 247	American Literature II *	3	ENG 211	American Literature	3
ENGL 236	British Literature to 1800 *	3	ENG 212	British Literature	3
ENGL 237	British Literature after 1800 *	3	ENG 213	World Literature	3
ENGL 251	World Literature to 1620 *	3	ENG 213	World Literature	3

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Music:

Select one of the following:

MUS 121	Introduction to Music Listening	3	MUS 101	Perspectives in Music	3
MUS 125	Introduction to Jazz Listening	3	MUS 101	Perspectives in Music	3
MUS 126	Introduction to World Music	3	MUS 101	Perspectives in Music	3
MUS 128	History of Rock and Roll Music	3	MUS 101	Perspectives in Music	3
MUS 123	Introduction to Music Fundamentals	2	MUS 103	Fundamentals of Music	2-3

Performance

(A limit of 3 hours of Performance courses can be applied to the Humanities and Fine Arts Knowledge Area and to the total CORE 42)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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ART 130	Drawing I	3	ART 110	Beginning Drawing I	3
ENGL 223	Introduction to Creative Writing *	3	ENG 245	Intro to Creative Writing	3
JOUR 145	Photojournalism	3	JOU 104	Digital Photography	3
PHOT 124	Digital Photography	3	JOU 104	Digital Photography	3
MUS 151	Mixed Vocal Ensemble I * ^1	1	MUS 338	Concert Chorale	1
MUS 152	Mixed Vocal Ensemble II * ^1	1	MUS 338	Concert Chorale	1
MUS 153	Mixed Vocal Ensemble III * ^1	1	MUS 338	Concert Chorale	1
MUS 154	Mixed Vocal Ensemble IV * ^1	1	MUS 338	Concert Chorale	1
MUS 176	Jazz Band I * ^1	1	MUS 344	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS 177	Jazz Band II * ^1	1	MUS 344	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS 178	Jazz Band III * ^1	1	MUS 344	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS 179	Jazz Band IV * ^1	1	MUS 344	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUS 191	Concert Band I *	1	MUS 146	Concert Band	1
MUS 192	Concert Band II *	1	MUS 146	Concert Band	1



MUS 193	Concert Band III *	1	MUS 146	Concert Band	1
MUS 194	Concert Band IV *	1	MUS 146	Concert Band	1
THEA 137	Movement for the Stage	3	General Studies Theater Elective		
THEA 140	Basic Stagecraft	3	General Studies Theater Elective		
THEA 131	Voice and Speech	3	General Studies Theater Elective		
THEA 130	Acting I *	3	General Studies Theater Elective		
THEA 209	Script Analysis	3	General Studies Theater Elective		

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Philosophy:

Select one of the following:

PHIL 121	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHL 210	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 124	Logic and Critical Thinking	3	PHL 219	Reasoning Argumentation	3
EVRN 250	Bioethics in Science and Research *	3	PHL 230	Ethics	3
PHIL 143	Ethics	3	PHL 230	Ethics	3
CJ 255	Ethics and Criminal Justice	3	PHL 230	Ethics	3
EVRN 155	Bioethics *	3	PHL 231	Healthcare Ethics	3
PHIL 155	Bioethics *	3	PHL 231	Healthcare Ethics	3
PHIL 140	Business Ethics	3	PHL 232	Business Ethics	3

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Religion:

Select one of the following:

REL 120	Exploring World Religions	3	REL 150	Religions of the World	3
REL 125	Asian Religions	3	General Studies Religion Elective		
REL 126	Religions of the West	3	General Studies Religion Elective		

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Theatre:

THEA 120	Introduction to Theater	3	THR 113	Introduction to Theatre	3
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Additional hours

Select 5 additional hours from courses listed above (or EXS101 listed below) in order to meet the minimum 42 credit hour requirement. Credit hours from the above areas that exceed the minimum requirement can count in the Additional Hours.

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HPER 202	Personal Community Health	3	EXS 101	Fitness and Wellness	
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* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^ Does not count toward MWSU upper-division requirement.



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- ¹ The identified Music courses are not included in the state's version of the CORE 42 curriculum but will count as a Missouri Western general studies course. The courses will not, however, count within CORE42 at another Missouri institution unless the student completes the entire general education curriculum at Missouri Western.

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