

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

Associate Degree Programs

The Associate of Science (AS) degree is designed for the student who desires a concentrated program (usually technical in nature) in preparation for employment in health, industry or public service. The degree is available with majors in Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies. An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is available with majors in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Physical Therapist Assistant.

General Requirements for Associate Programs

A student must¹:

- Complete the general studies and major requirements;
- Earn a minimum of 62 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable);
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0;
- Earn a major GPA of at least 2.0;
- Earn 20 of the last 30 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; and
- Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.

¹ Some associate degree programs may require more than 62 credit hours, may require a higher GPA, may have minimum grade requirements and may have additional certification requirements. (See actual degree program for specific requirements.)

General Studies Requirements for Associate Degrees

The required general studies curriculum consists of a common core which assures that all associate degree-seeking students will be provided the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills to:

- Think critically and reason analytically;
- Write and speak clearly and effectively;
- Function as an enlightened citizen of our democratic society;
- Develop an appreciation of the cultural aspects of civilization;
- Appreciate the means for gaining and maintaining mental and physical health.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Category One - Mathematical Science		
Select one of the following courses:		3-5
MAT 110	Contemporary Problem Solving	
MAT 110E	Contemporary Problem Solving	
MAT 111	Introductory Statistics	
MAT 111E	Introductory Statistics	
MAT 112	Finite Mathematics	
MAT 116	College Algebra	
MAT 147	Applied Calculus	
MAT 167	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	

Category Two: Written Communications		3
ENG 104	College Writing and Rhetoric	
Category Three: Oral Communications		3
COM 104	Oral Communication	
Select three credit hours from two of the following groups		
Group One - Natural Sciences		4-5
BIO 101	Principles of Biology	
BIO 105	Principles of Organismal Biology	
BIO 106	Principles of Cell Biology	
BIO 250	Anatomy and Physiology	
CHE 101	Introductory Chemistry	
CHE 111	General Chemistry I	
ESC 111	Physical Geology	
GEO 160	Physical Geography	
PHY 101	How Things Work	
PHY 104	Introduction to Astronomy	
PHY 107	Introduction to Physics	
PHY 110	College Physics I	
PHY 210	University Physics I	
Group Two - Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
HIS 140	American History to 1865 ¹	
HIS 150	American History since 1865 ¹	
PSC 101	American National Government ¹	
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
ECO 101	Current Issues in the Economy	
ECO 260	Principles of Macroeconomics	
GEO 100	World Geography	
HIS 120	Modern World History	
PSC 200	International Politics	
PSC 210	Comparative Political Systems	
PSY 101	General Psychology	
PSY 240	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 120	General Anthropology	
SOC 230	Social Problems	
Group Three - Humanities and Fine Arts		3
ART 100	Introduction to Art	
ART 205	Survey of Art History I	
ART 255	Survey of Art History II	
HIS 200	Ancient and Medieval Civilization	
HIS 210	Early Modern Europe	
HIS 230	Modern Europe: 1789 to the Present	
HUM 203	Humanities: Ancient and Medieval	
HUM 204	Humanities: Middle Ages to the French Revolution	
HUM 205	Humanities: American Revolution to the Present	
CIN 100	Introduction to Film	
FRE 100	Elementary French I	
FRE 101	Elementary French II	
SPA 100	Elementary Spanish I	
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish II	

ENG 210	Approaches to Literature
MUS 101	Perspectives in Music
MUS 103	Fundamentals of Music
MUS 415	Jazz History
ART 110	Beginning Drawing I
ART 140	Ceramics I
ART 180	Fibers
ENG 245	Introduction to Creative Writing
MUS 140	Community Chorus
MUS 145	Marching Band
MUS 146	Concert Band
MUS 346	Orchestra
THR 126	Stage Movement Workshop
THR 221	Technical Production 1
THR 224	Voice and Diction
THR 228	Acting I
THR 275	Script Analysis
PHL 210	Introduction to Philosophy
PHL 219	Reasoning and Argumentation
PHL 220	Symbolic Logic
PHL 230	Ethics
PHL 231	Healthcare Ethics
PHL 232	Business Ethics
REL 250	Religions of East Asia and Oceania
REL 251	Religions of the West
REL 252	Religions of South Asia and Africa
REL 260	Introduction to Biblical Studies
REL 263	Religion of the Hebrew Bible
REL 265	Religion of the New Testament
THR 113	Introduction to Theatre

Total Credit Hours **15-19**

¹ This course will meet the Missouri Constitution requirement.

One-Year Certificates

Missouri Western State University offers certificates in Legal Assistant and in Health Information Technology. To earn the certificate, students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. Specific course requirements are listed under the department administering the program.

General Requirements for One-Year Certificates

A student must¹:

- Complete the required courses for the certificate;
- Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable);
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0;
- Earn a major GPA of at least 2.0;
- Earn 9 of the last 15 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination); and
- Participate in required departmental and campus-wide assessments.

¹ Some certificates may require more than 30 credit hours, may require a higher GPA, may have minimum grade requirements and may have additional certification requirements. (See actual degree program for specific requirements.)

Microcredential

Microcredentials verify and validate that specific skills and/or competencies have been achieved. They are designed to be delivered in a shorter and/or more flexible timespan and are available to both degree-seeking and non-degree seeking students. Microcredentials represent credit-bearing study in response to rapidly changing workforce demands. They will contain 9-13 semester credits with a rolling admission for entry. Areas offering one or more microcredentials are the departments of Chemistry, Communication, Education and Psychology.

Students who have completed all microcredential requirements will be identified at the end of each semester or summer term and subsequently issued a certificate of completion. Microcredentials will not be recorded on the student's Missouri Western transcript.

General Requirements for the Microcredential

A student must¹:

- Complete the required courses for the microcredential;
- Earn a minimum of 9 credit hours (transfer coursework will not be accepted);
- Earn a GPA of at least 2.0 in the required coursework;
- Degree-seeking students cannot earn a microcredential in the same area as their major, emphasis, or concentration;
- Degree-seeking student must earn a minimum of 3 credit hours beyond their major, emphasis, concentration, and general studies requirements;
- Participate in required departmental and campus-wide assessments.

¹ Some microcredentials may require more than 9 credit hours, may require a higher GPA, may have minimum grade requirements and may have additional certification requirements. (See actual degree program for specific requirements.)