

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE INFORMATION

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Missouri Western State University offers twelve baccalaureate degrees, with majors in various fields. The baccalaureate degrees offered are:

- Bachelor of Applied Arts
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of General Studies
- Bachelor of Music Education
- Bachelor of Musical Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Education
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Technology
- Bachelor of Social Work

The **Bachelor of Applied Arts (BAA)** degree provides a direct pathway to various arts-related fields. It is an applied learning degree preparing students to learn the skills and competencies associated with a specific career path or position.

The **Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)** degree is considered a professional major degree and is recommended to anyone intending to enroll in graduate study (MFA) or work in the professional world of art.

The **Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)** degree is a degree specifically for adult learners who have delayed or interrupted their studies, or for whom their original major is no longer appropriate. It is designed to be multidisciplinary and have maximum flexibility to suit the needs of the widest variety of students.

The **Bachelor of Musical Arts (BMA)** degree is a flexible degree that allows students to pursue a course of study tailored to their career aspirations, from performance, technology, production, film music, business, and more.

The **Bachelor of Music Education (BME)** degree is designed to prepare individuals for careers in teaching music, primarily in K-12.

The **Bachelor of Science (BS)** degree is based on more concentrated and specialized areas of study in one or more fields and is usually pursued by students who want to pursue a professional area of study or studies in the natural or social sciences.

The **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)** degree is designed for the student who desires a broad foundation in several areas related to business principles as applied in business, industry, or government.

The **Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE)** degree is designed to prepare individuals for careers in teaching.

The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** degree is designed to prepare individuals to practice professional nursing. The graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse.

The **Bachelor of Science in Technology (BST)** degree is designed for the student who has completed a career-oriented associate degree program (AAS or AS) and desires the bachelor's degree with an additional concentration in an approved area of study.

The **Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)** degree is designed for the student whose goal is preparation for professional generalist social work practice.

General Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs

A student must¹:

- Complete the general studies and major requirements;
- 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 a major GPA of at least 2.0;
- 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; and
- Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam.

¹ Some baccalaureate degree programs may require more than 120 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 Education Requirements for Bachelor Degrees

General Studies offered by Missouri Western State University consists of a common core of curriculum that was established through Missouri Senate Bill 997, the Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum Act (Sections 178.785-789 RSMo). This curriculum, called CORE 42, is designed for students to obtain the basic competencies of Valuing, Managing Information, Communicating, and Higher-Order Thinking. CORE 42 is completed through a minimum of 42-semester hours distributed across courses in five knowledge areas.

- Mathematical Sciences
- Written and Oral Communication
- Natural Sciences
- Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Humanities and Fine Arts

A student who has completed general education while attending MWSU will have a notation placed on their transcript.

Missouri Western General Studies (CORE42)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Mathematical Sciences Knowledge Area		
3 credit hours minimum		3
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	
Written & Oral Communications Knowledge Area		
6 credit hours minimum		6
ENG 104	College Writing and Rhetoric	
ENG 108	College Writing and Research	
or ENG 112	Honors Composition and Rhetoric	
ETC 200	Introduction to Technical Communication	
3 credit hours minimum		3
COM 104	Oral Communication	
Natural Sciences Knowledge Area		
7 credit hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines, including one course with a lab component		7
Astronomy:		
PHY 104	Introduction to Astronomy	
Biology:		
BIO 101	Principles of Biology	
BIO 105	Principles of Organismal Biology	
BIO 106	Principles of Cell Biology	
Chemistry:		
CHE 101	Introductory Chemistry	
CHE 111	General Chemistry I	
Geography:		
GEO 160	Physical Geography	
Geology:		
ESC 111	Physical Geology	
Life Science:		
BIO 250	Anatomy and Physiology	
Physical Science:		
PHY 101	How Things Work	
PHY 107	Introduction to Physics	
Physics:		
PHY 110	College Physics I	
PHY 210	University Physics I	
Social & Behavioral Sciences Knowledge Area		
9 credit hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines, including at least one Civics course		9
Civics:		
HIS 140	American History to 1865	
HIS 150	American History since 1865	
PSC 101	American National Government	
Anthropology:		
SOC 120	General Anthropology	
Criminal Justice:		
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
Economics:		
ECO 101	Current Issues in the Economy	
ECO 260	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECO 261	Principles of Microeconomics	

Geography:		
GEO 100	World Geography	
History:		
HIS 120	Modern World History	
Political Science:		
PSC 200	International Politics	
PSC 210	Comparative Political Systems	
Psychology:		
PSY 101	General Psychology	
PSY 240	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	
SBS Communications:		
COM 205	Introduction to Mass Media	
Sociology:		
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 230	Social Problems	
Humanities and Fine Arts Knowledge Area		
9 credit hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines.		9
Art:		
ART 100	Introduction to Art	
ART 205	Survey of Art History I	
ART 255	Survey of Art History II	
Civilization:		
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	
Film:		
CIN 100	Introduction to Film	
Language:		
FRE 100	Elementary French I	
FRE 101	Elementary French II	
SPA 100	Elementary Spanish I	
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish II	
Literature:		
ENG 210	Approaches to Literature	
ENG 211	American Literature	
ENG 212	British Literature	
ENG 213	World Literature	
Music:		
MUS 101	Perspectives in Music	
MUS 103	Fundamentals of Music	
MUS 362	History of Western Music I: Ancient to Classical	
MUS 363	History of Western Music II: Romanticism to the 21st Century	
MUS 415	Jazz History	
Performance (A limit of 3 credit hours of Performance courses can be applied to the Humanities and Fine Arts Knowledge Area and to the total CORE 42):		

ART 110	Beginning Drawing I
ART 140	Ceramics I
ART 180	Fibers
ENG 245	Introduction to Creative Writing
JOU 104	Digital Photography
MUS 140	Community Chorus
MUS 145	Marching Band
MUS 146	Concert Band
MUS 240	Chamber Music Performance: Brass ¹
MUS 241	Chamber Music Performance: Keyboard ¹
MUS 242	Chamber Music Performance: Percussion ¹
MUS 243	Chamber Music Performance: Strings ¹
MUS 244	Chamber Music Performance: Voice ¹
MUS 245	Chamber Music Performance: Woodwinds ¹
MUS 338	Concert Chorale ¹
MUS 339	Chamber Singers ¹
MUS 340	Renaissance Singers ¹
MUS 342	Light Opera Workshop ¹
MUS 343	Brass Ensemble ¹
MUS 344	Jazz Ensemble ¹
MUS 345	Percussion Ensemble ¹
MUS 346	Orchestra
MUS 347	Wind Ensemble ¹
MUS 349	Chamber Winds ¹
MUS 350	Woodwind Ensemble ¹
THR 126	Stage Movement Workshop
THR 221	Technical Production 1
THR 224	Voice and Diction
THR 228	Acting I
THR 275	Script Analysis
Philosophy:	
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
Religion:	
REL 150	Religions of the World
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
Theatre:	
THR 113	Introduction to Theatre

Additional Hours

5 additional credit hours from courses listed above or 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. 5

Interdisciplinary Area

EXS 101	Fitness and Wellness
Total Credit Hours	
42	

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 CORE 42 at another Missouri institution unless the student completes the entire general education curriculum at Missouri Western.

State Certification or Statutory Requirements

In the process of earning a degree, students must complete requirements for that degree and any necessary state certification requirements.

If certification or statutory requirements change and additional requirements become effective during the time a student is enrolled in a program, the new requirements take precedence over previously existing degree or certification standards.