



Johnson County Community College  
Transfer Program to Missouri Western State University  
**General Studies Requirements**  
**2025-2026 Catalog**

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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.

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 (See 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 up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.**

MISSOURI WESTERN GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS (42 hours)			
MWSU Requirements	Hrs	JCCC Equivalents	Hrs
<b>MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES KNOWLEDGE AREA (3 hours minimum)</b>			
MAT 110 Contemporary Problem Solving <b>OR</b>	3	MATH 151 Contemporary Mathematics* <b>OR</b>	3
MAT 111 Introductory Statistics	3	MATH 161 Elementary Statistics* <b>OR</b>	3
<b>OR</b>		MATH 201 Statistics* <b>OR</b>	3
MAT 116 College Algebra	3	MATH 171 College Algebra* <b>OR</b>	3
<b>OR</b>		MATH 173 Precalculus* <b>OR</b>	5
MAT 167 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	5	MATH 241 Calculus I*	5
<b>WRITTEN &amp; ORAL COMMUNICATIONS KNOWLEDGE AREA (9 hours minimum)</b>			
<i>6 hours minimum</i>			
ENG 104 College Writing & Rhetoric	3	ENGL 121 Composition I* <b>OR</b>	3
<b>OR</b>		ENGL 119 College Composition I with Review* <b>OR</b>	5
ENG 108 College Writing & Research <b>OR</b>	3	ENGL 122 Composition II* <b>OR</b>	3
ETC 200 Intro to Technical Communication	3	ENGL 123 Technical Writing I*	3
<i>3 hours minimum</i>			
COM 104 Oral Communications	3	COMS 121 Public Speaking <b>OR</b>	3
		COMS 125 Personal Communication	3
<b>NATURAL SCIENCES KNOWLEDGE AREA</b>			
<b>(7 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines, including one course with a lab component)</b>			
<b>Astronomy:</b>			
PHY 104 Introduction to Astronomy	4	ASTR 122 Astronomy	4
<b>Biology:</b>			
BIO 101 Principles of Biology <b>OR</b>	4	BIOL 121 Introductory Biology for Non-Majors <b>OR</b>	4
BIO 105 Principles of Organismal Biology <b>OR</b>	4	BIOL 125 General Botany <b>OR</b>	5
		BIOL 127 General Zoology <b>OR</b>	5
		BIOL 150 Biology of Organisms* <b>OR</b>	5
BIO 106 Principles of Cell Biology	4	BIOL 135 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4
<b>Chemistry:</b>			
CHE 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b>	4	CHEM 120 Chemistry in Society* <b>OR</b>	4
		CHEM 122 Principles of Chemistry* <b>OR</b>	5
CHE 111 General Chemistry I	5	CHEM 124 General Chemistry I Lecture* <b>AND</b>	4
		CHEM 125 General Chemistry I Lab*	1
<b>Geography:</b>			
GEO 160 Physical Geography	4	GEOS 140 Physical Geography <b>AND</b>	3
		GEOS 141 Physical Geography Lab*	2
<b>Geology:</b>			
ESC 111 Physical Geology	4	GEOS 130 General Geology	5
<b>Life Science:</b>			
BIO 250 Anatomy and Physiology	5	BIOL 140 Human Anatomy <b>AND</b>	4
		BIOL 225 Human Physiology*	4
		<b>OR</b> BIOL 144 Human Anatomy and Physiology*	5
<b>Physical Science: No JCCC equivalent.</b>			
<b>Physics:</b>			
PHY 110 College Physics I <b>OR</b>	4	PHYS 130 College Physics I* <b>OR</b>	5
PHY 210 University Physics I	5	PHYS 220 Engineering Physics I*	5

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<b>SOCIAL &amp; BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES KNOWLEDGE AREA</b> <b>(9 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines, including at least one Civics course)</b>			
<b>Civics:</b>			
HIS 140 American History to 1865 <b>OR</b>	3	HIST 140 U.S. History to 1877 <b>OR</b>	3
HIS 150 American History since 1865 <b>OR</b>	3	HIST 141 U.S. History Since 1877 <b>OR</b>	3
PSC 101 American National Government	3	POLS 124 American National Government	3
<b>Anthropology:</b>			
SOC 120 General Anthropology	3	ANTH 125 Cultural Anthropology <b>OR</b>	3
		ANTH 130 World Cultures	3
<b>Criminal Justice:</b>			
CRJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJ 121 Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
<b>Economics:</b>			
ECO 101 Current Issues in the Economy <b>OR</b>	3	ECON 132 Survey of Economics <b>OR</b>	3
ECO 260 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b>	3	ECON 230 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b>	3
ECO 261 Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 231 Principles of Microeconomics	3
<b>Geography:</b>			
GEO 100 World Geography	3	GEOS 145 World Regional Geography	3
<b>History:</b>			
HIS 120 Modern World History	3	HIST 152 World History: Modern World	3
<b>Political Science:</b>			
PSC 200 International Politics <b>OR</b>	3	POLS 135 International Relations <b>OR</b>	3
PSC 210 Comparative Political Systems	3	POLS 132 Introduction to Comparative Government	3
<b>Psychology:</b>			
PSY 101 General Psychology <b>OR</b>	3	PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology <b>OR</b>	3
PSY 240 Life-Span Development Psychology	3	PSYC 218 Human Development*	3
<b>SBS Communications:</b>			
COM 205 Introduction to Mass Media	3	JOUR 120 Mass Media and Society	3
<b>Sociology:</b>			
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b>	3	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b>	3
SOC 230 Social Problems	3	SOC 125 Social Problems	3

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<b>HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS KNOWLEDGE AREA (9 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines)</b>			
<b>Art:</b>			
ART 205 Survey of Art History I <b>OR</b>	3	ARTH 180 Art History: Ancient to Medieval <b>OR</b>	3
ART 255 Survey of Art History II	3	ARTH 182 Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3
<b>Civilization:</b>			
HIS 200 Ancient and Medieval Civilization <b>OR</b>	3	HIST 125 Western Civilization: Ancient World to the Renaissance <b>OR</b>	3
HIS 210 Early Modern Europe <b>OR</b>	3	HIST 151 World History: Traditional <b>OR</b>	3
		HIST 126 Western Civilization: Scientific Revolution to the Modern Age <b>OR</b>	3
HIS 230 Modern Europe: 1789 to the Present <b>OR</b>	3	HIST 130 European History Since 1789 <b>OR</b>	3
HUM 203 Humanities: Ancient and Medieval <b>OR</b>	3	HUM 145 World Humanities: Ancient to Medieval <b>OR</b>	3
HUM 205 Humanities: American Revolution to the Present	3	HUM 122 Introduction to Humanities <b>OR</b>	3
		HUM 146 World Humanities: Renaissance to Modern	3
<b>Film:</b>			
CIN 100 Film Appreciation	3	FMS 100 Intro to Film	3
<b>Language:</b>			
General Studies Humanities Elective <b>OR</b>	3	FL 165 Elementary Chinese I <b>OR</b>	5
General Studies Humanities Elective <b>OR</b>	3	FL 166 Elementary Chinese II* <b>OR</b>	5
FRE 100 Elementary French I <b>OR</b>	3	FL 140 Elementary French I <b>OR</b>	5
FRE 101 Elementary French II <b>OR</b>	3	FL 141 Elementary French II* <b>OR</b>	5
General Studies Humanities Elective <b>OR</b>	3	FL 120 Elementary German I <b>OR</b>	5
General Studies Humanities Elective <b>OR</b>	3	FL 121 Elementary German II* <b>OR</b>	5
SPA 100 Elementary Spanish I <b>OR</b>	3	FL 130 Elementary Spanish I <b>OR</b>	5
SPA 101 Elementary Spanish II	3	FL 131 Elementary Spanish II*	5
<b>Literature:</b>			
ENG 210 Approaches to Literature <b>OR</b>	3	ENGL 130 Introduction to Literature* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 214 Environmental Literature* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 227 Introduction to Poetry* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 230 Introduction to Fiction* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 232 Children's Literature* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 235 Drama as Literature* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 243 Literature of Science Fiction* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 254 Masterpieces of the Cinema* <b>OR</b>	3
		HUM 155 Classical Mythology <b>OR</b>	3
ENG 211 American Literature <b>OR</b>	3	ENGL 215 U.S. Latino and Latina Literature* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 216 African-American Literature* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 244 Literature of American Popular Music* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 246 American Literature I* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 247 American Literature II* <b>OR</b>	3
ENG 212 British Literature <b>OR</b>	3	ENGL 236 British Literature to 1800* <b>OR</b>	3
ENG 213 World Literature	3	ENGL 237 British Literature after 1800* <b>OR</b>	3
		ENGL 251 World Literature to 1620*	3
<b>Music:</b>			
MUS 101 Perspectives in Music <b>OR</b>	3	MUS 121 Introduction to Music Listening <b>OR</b>	3
		MUS 125 Introduction to Jazz Listening <b>OR</b>	3
		MUS 126 Introduction to World Music <b>OR</b>	3
		MUS 128 History of Rock and Roll Music <b>OR</b>	3
MUS 103 Fundamentals of Music	3	MUS 123 Introduction to Music Fundamentals	2

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<b>HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS KNOWLEDGE AREA <i>cont.</i> (9 hours minimum from at least 2 disciplines)</b>			
<b>Performance: (<i>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</i>)</b>			
ART 110 Beginning Drawing I <b>OR</b>	3	ART 130 Drawing I <b>OR</b>	3
ENG 245 Introduction to Creative Writing <b>OR</b>	3	ENGL 223 Introduction to Creative Writing* <b>OR</b>	3
JOU 104 Digital Photography <b>OR</b>	3	JOUR 145 Photojournalism <b>OR</b>	3
		PHOT 124 Digital Photography <b>OR</b>	3
MUS 338 Concert Chorale <sup>1</sup> <b>OR</b>	1	MUS 151 Mixed Vocal Ensemble I* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 152 Mixed Vocal Ensemble II* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 153 Mixed Vocal Ensemble III* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 154 Mixed Vocal Ensemble IV* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
MUS 344 Jazz Ensemble <sup>1</sup> <b>OR</b>	1	MUS 176 Jazz Band I* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 177 Jazz Band II* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 178 Jazz Band III* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 179 Jazz Band IV* <sup>^</sup> <b>OR</b>	1
MUS 146 Concert Band <b>OR</b>	1	MUS 191 Concert Band I* <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 192 Concert Band II* <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 193 Concert Band III* <b>OR</b>	1
		MUS 194 Concert Band IV* <b>OR</b>	1
General Studies Theater Elective <b>OR</b>	2	THEA 137 Movement for the Stage <b>OR</b>	3
General Studies Theater Elective <b>OR</b>	3	THEA 140 Basic Stagecraft <b>OR</b>	3
General Studies Theater Elective <b>OR</b>	3	THEA 131 Voice and Speech <b>OR</b>	3
General Studies Theater Elective <b>OR</b>	3	THEA 130 Acting I* <b>OR</b>	3
General Studies Theater Elective	3	THEA 209 Script Analysis	3
<b>Philosophy:</b>			
PHL 210 Introduction to Philosophy <b>OR</b>	3	PHIL 121 Introduction to Philosophy <b>OR</b>	3
PHL 219 Reasoning and Argumentation <b>OR</b>	3	PHIL 124 Logic and Critical Thinking <b>OR</b>	3
PHL 230 Ethics <b>OR</b>	3	EVNR 250 Bioethics in Science and Research* <b>OR</b>	3
		PHIL 143 Ethics <b>OR</b>	3
		CJ 255 Ethics and Criminal Justice <b>OR</b>	3
PHL 231 Healthcare Ethics <b>OR</b>	3	EVNR/PHIL 155 Bioethics* <b>OR</b>	3
PHL 232 Business Ethics	3	PHIL 140 Business Ethics	3
<b>Religion:</b>			
REL 150 Religions of the World <b>OR</b>	3	REL 120 Exploring World Religions <b>OR</b>	3
General Studies Religion Elective <b>OR</b>	3	REL 125 Asian Religions <b>OR</b>	3
General Studies Religion Elective	3	REL 126 Religions of the West	3
<b>Theatre:</b>			
THR 113 Introduction to Theatre	3	THEA 120 Introduction to Theater	3
<b>Additional hours:</b> 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.			
EXS 101 Fitness and Wellness	3	HPER 202 Personal Community Health	3

\*JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

<sup>^</sup>Does not count toward MWSU upper-division requirement.

<sup>1</sup>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.