New Transfer Policy resulting in MWSU general studies complete
~For students who have earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree~
(Effective with Fall 2015 graduates)

Policy (changes highlighted):

College Transfer
To be admitted in this category, applicants must provide:
1. Completed application for admission form.
2. Official transcript from each undergraduate college and university attended. Student transcripts received from other colleges and universities become the property of MWSU, and are not reissued to the student or to another institution.
3. If you have earned less than 24 credit hours you will be required to submit official high school transcript and ACT scores.

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, are considered to have satisfactorily completed MWSU’s general studies requirements (some exceptions apply which will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis). Completion of general studies requirements does not waive departmental major pre-requisites. A transfer student who has completed any other degree will have their courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

MWSU accepts unlimited lower division transfer hours (100-200 level) from accredited two-year colleges. Graduation requirements which may impact a transfer student include:
• Earn a minimum of 124 credit hours (including 60 hours from a senior college in the following departments: Art; Biology; Chemistry; Communication and Journalism; Theatre, Cinema and Dance; Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics; Economics, Political Science and Sociology; English and Modern Languages; History and Geography; Philosophy and Religion; Music; and Psychology).
• Earn a minimum of 30 credits in upper-division coursework (300-400 level)
• Earn 30 of the last 45 credits at MWSU in institutional coursework

Refer to www.missouriwestern.edu/transfer for transfer credit equivalencies and guidelines.

MWSU adheres to the guidelines of the Missouri Articulation Agreement. Transfer course work is evaluated and awarded on the same basis as credit awarded at MWSU. Consequently, criteria used to evaluate currently enrolled MWSU students is equally applicable to transfer students. Applicants who are considering transferring to MWSU may refer to the Table of Academic Standards contained in this catalog to determine their academic status for transfer admission purposes.

Appeal Procedure for Transfer Credits
A student has the right to appeal a denial of transfer credit at MWSU.

The student wishing to appeal must:
1. File a written appeal with the Admissions and Graduation Committee (see Registrar’s Office, Eder 102).
2. Explain in writing the reason for the appeal
3. If appealing coursework from an institution not regionally accredited, must also submit course descriptions, a course syllabus and the credentials of the instructor for each class that is being appealed.

If after all appeal steps internal to MWSU have been exhausted, transfer students can appeal to the state level committee on transfer and articulation.

Explanation:
Effective with Fall 2015 graduates, students who have earned an Associate of Arts (AA) from any regionally accredited institution will have their MWSU general studies marked as complete. The indicator will be added to currently enrolled students by March 1st so there can be appropriate advising completed later in the month. Please reference the student’s GPS audit as all general studies will be marked complete. There will be a comment at the top of the General Studies block and an entry will be added to the Notes section of the student’s GPS record.

Questions:
Admissions Office or Registrar’s Office

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