New Degree Requirement for Associate and Bachelor Degrees  
(Effective with Fall 2015 major declaration forms)

**Policy (changes highlighted):**

**General Requirements for Associate Programs**

A student must*:

- Complete the general studies and major requirements;
- Earn a minimum of 62 credit hours (100 level and above, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable);
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0;
- Earn 20 of the last 30 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination);
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 in those courses needed to satisfy the requirements of the Selected major; and
- Participate in required departmental and campus-wide assessments.
- **Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.**

**General Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs**

A student must*:

- Complete the general studies and major requirements;
- Earn a minimum of 124 credit hours, including 60 from a senior college for the following departments: Art; Biology; Chemistry; Communication & Journalism; Theatre, Cinema & Dance; Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics; Economics, Political Science, and Sociology; English & Modern Languages; History and Geography; Philosophy and Religion; Music and Psychology (100 level and above, 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 12 credit hours in one foreign language for all Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees;
- Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination); and
- Participate in required departmental and campus-wide assessments.
- **Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.**

**Explanation:**

This requirement has been in effect for many years, but has now been officially added to the degree requirements in order to adequately account for transfer students fulfilling the Missouri constitution learning objectives. Students meet this requirement by taking MWSU’s HIS140, HIS150 or PSC101. Beginning with Fall 2015, a student who is transferring in the equivalent of HIS140, HIS150 or PSC101 from a school outside of Missouri or for a student who is bringing in an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from another state will have to comply with this requirement.

The specifics of how a student will fulfill the Missouri constitution curriculum is currently being worked on and will be rolled out very soon. The communication with all the details will come from the Registrar’s Office in the next month or two, including an informational website. Current students who previously transferred to MWSU and have already declared a major will still adhere to the degree requirements listed on their current major declaration form. Griffon GPS will reflect this new degree requirement beginning Fall 2015.

**Questions:** Registrar’s Office