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NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL FORM

Sponsoring Institution(s): Missouri Western State University

Program Title: Applied General Studies

Degree/Certificate: Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)

Options: N/A

Delivery Site(s): Main Campus, Northlands Campus, Online

CIP Classification: 30.9999

Implementation Date: Fall 2012

Cooperative Partners: N/A

Expected Date of First Graduation: May 2014

AUTHORIZATION



Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs March 28, 2012

Name/Title of Institutional Officer

Signature

Date

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A. Total credits required for graduation: 124

B. Residency requirements, if any:

- 30 of the last 45 Credit hours must be earned at Missouri Western
- 15 hours 300 level or above must be earned at Missouri Western
- 45 hours must be earned at a senior college
- Credits more than 10 years old may not be counted in the component areas/fields of study unless approved by the relevant department.

C. General education: Total credits: 42-46

Courses (specific courses OR distribution area and credits):

Standard institutional General Studies requirements will apply

D. Major requirements: Total credits: 36-48

This degree requires completion of two components.

- One component must consist of the coursework from an existing minor program (18-24 hours)
- The second component can consist of either the coursework from a second existing minor program or a custom concentration modeled after a major or minor program at another accredited institution (min 18 hours with at least 9 hours upper level).
- 30 credits of upper level (300+) courses are required
- At least one component must have a credit bearing applied learning component (internship, practicum, service learning, undergraduate research, study away).
- The student must have a minimum 2.0 GPA in each component. No more than two grades of D can count towards the concentrations.

E. Free elective credits: 30-46 (Sum of C, D, and E should equal A.)

F. Requirements for thesis, internship or other capstone experience:

At least one component must have a credit bearing applied learning component (internship, practicum, service learning, undergraduate research, study away).

G. Any unique features such as interdepartmental cooperation:

The BGS degree is designed to be multidisciplinary and have maximum flexibility to suit the needs of the widest variety of students. This degree is not designed to serve the needs of any single profession or body of knowledge or represent deep knowledge in any single profession or body of knowledge.

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PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS

Institution Name Missouri Western State University

Program Name Applied General Studies

Date March 28, 2012

Student Preparation

- Any special admissions procedures or student qualifications required for this program which exceed regular university admissions, standards, e.g., ACT score, completion of core curriculum, portfolio, personal interview, etc. Please note if no special preparation will be required.

This program is designed as a completion degree. Therefore, admission requirements are tailored to attract students who have successfully completed a significant number of credit hours but have not earned a degree. A substantial amount of additional coursework, time, and money would be required for the student to earn a degree in a more traditional major.

Must have successfully completed 75 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher before admission to the program.

Must have successfully completed General Studies Math and English Composition requirements with grades of C or better before admission to the program.

- Characteristics of a specific population to be served, if applicable.

This degree is designed to serve individuals who have a substantial number of credits completed and are looking to earn a 4 year degree in a format that is convenient to them.

This degree is designed to serve individuals who have completed a substantial number of credits but who have opted out or been unsuccessful in a chosen major. Due to the large number of credit hours completed, it may not be feasible for the student to redirect to a different major but they definitely wish to complete a baccalaureate degree. This degree would provide an academically sound mechanism for degree completion in a reasonable amount of time.

Faculty Characteristics

- Any special requirements (degree status, training, etc.) for assignment of teaching for this degree/certificate.
- Estimated percentage of credit hours that will be assigned to full time faculty. Please use the term "full time faculty" (and not FTE) in your descriptions here.
- Expectations for professional activities, special student contact, teaching/learning innovation.

This degree will utilize 100% existing courses on their normal offering schedule. Therefore, teaching assignments, etc. will be equivalent to the other degrees on campus. 89% of Western's Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty have terminal degrees. In the Fall of 2011 Western offered 1477 sections of courses. 1087 (73.6%) of those sections were taught by Full-Time Faculty.

Enrollment Projections

- Student FTE majoring in program by the end of five years.
- Percent of full time and part time enrollment by the end of five years.

The 2005-2009 American Community Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau found that 20.3 percent of the population had attended college but had no degree. Nationwide, there is a growing emphasis on increasing degree attainment. The governors of Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, and Washington set 2011 goals to increase degree completion (National Governors Association, 2011). In Missouri, Governor Jay Nixon set a specific target of 60% degree attainment in his 2011 State of the State Address.

At Missouri Western State University alone, there are 1326 degree seeking students who have attended the University since 2005, have more than 75 hours completed, have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, but are not currently enrolled and have not earned a degree from Missouri Western. Western seeks to be proactive in providing a process and programs that enable students in Missouri who have started a degree and demonstrated success in collegiate coursework to complete a degree.

Student and Program Outcomes

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Majors	10	20	30	30	30	30
Graduates		5	10	15	15	15

Program Accreditation

- Institutional plans for accreditation, if applicable, including accrediting agency and timeline. If there are no plans to seek specialized accreditation, please provide reasons.

There are no plans to seek accreditation for this degree because such accreditation does not exist.