The **purpose** of the *Center for Academic Advising* is to help students in their transition at Murray State University and to help and support them during their college endeavor. To fulfill our purpose we will provide resources and support to inform students of what is required of them as a Murray State University student, as well as, what is required of them for their academic pursuit. We will also equip them with tools to help them in their discovery for the best career path. These tools include assessments, reflective assignments, research opportunities, a transitional class, and individual appointments with their advisor.

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MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Helping Undeclared Students Succeed!

First Year Students

Undeclared Students

The information in this pamphlet summarizes the university studies requirements of a bachelor degree program…

A Bachelor degree has a total of 120-140 credit hours (4 years/8 semesters). The hours consist of:

- University Studies (41-53 credit hours)
- Courses for Major/Area (30-55 credit hours)
- Minor (21-24 credit hours) if applicable
- Transitions course (1 credit hour)

As an undeclared student the focus will be on *University Studies.*

University Studies are organized thematically:

- **Oral and Written Communication,**
- **Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Skills (Math & Science)**
- **Historical, Literary& Philosophical Traditions**
- **Global Awareness**
- **Social and Self-Awareness**
- **Technology**

All students are required to complete at least 1 course from each of the themes:

⇒*There are a variety of courses that students can choose from to fulfill each requirement.*

⇒*Some majors require a specific course for each category.*

Required courses for University Studies regardless of major:

- **ENG 105**
- **COM 161**
- **HUM 211** (*PQ-ENG 105*)
- **CIV 201/202** (*PQ-ENG 105 & sophomore status)*

Admission Status

Unconditional (UC)—ACT composite 18 or above, and satisfied: pre-college curriculum, gpa, and class ranking.

Conditional (CD)—ACT composite below 18, or did not satisfy: pre-college curriculum, gpa, or class ranking. *Conditions requirements:*

⇒Course load limited to no more than 16 hours a semester and must complete the following before becoming a sophomore

- ∗ Pass FYE 098 and ENG 105
- ∗ Complete any required developmental courses or pre-college curriculum deficiencies

First semester focus:

- Transitions
- Any developmental Requirements
- Oral and Written Communication
- Math and/or Science
- Global Awareness
- Social and Self-Awareness or Technology

Undeclared Transitions courses:

⇒ If **admitted *unconditional* take IDC 099**

⇒ If **admitted with *conditions* take FYE 098**

Developmental courses required if:

⇒ English Score is <14 (take ENG 095)

⇒ **English score is <18 [take ENG 100]**

∗If ENG score is >18, but REA is <20 will have to complete REA 100 & 120 before taking ENG 105

⇒ **Reading score <20 [take REA 100 & 120]**

⇒ **Math score is 18 or below:**

- ∗ **<16 [take MAT 095]**
- ∗ **16-18 [take MAT 096]**

Example Schedule (unconditionally admitted-UC)

No developmental courses needed:

Course	Credit Hours
IDC 099	1
ENG 105	4
COM 161	3
Math or Science Elective	3-5
Social Science/Ethics	3
Global Awareness course/Tech course	3
Total Hours	**16-18**

Example Schedule (conditionally admitted-CD)

Developmental courses needed:

Course	Credit Hours
FYE 098	1
ENG 100	3
REA 100	1
REA 120	1
MAT 095 or 096	2 or 3
COM 161	3
Social Science or Global Awareness	3
Total Hours	**14-15**

The classes listed below are introduction courses for different majors:

∗If a student has an idea of a major, it is recommended that they take one of these courses that match their interest

Courses options of interest:

AGR 100—pre-vet, Agscience or Agbusiness
AGR 170—Ag systems and technology
ART 101—Art major
BPA 140—business
CDI 205—speech pathology
CRJ 140—criminal justice, criminal law, etc
CSC 101—computer science or programming
CTE 200—career and technical education
EDU 103—teaching
EGR 101—engineering
EXS 101—athletic coaching, physical therapy, occupation therapy or wellness
FCS 110—early childhood education
GCM 151—graphic design
GCM 153—electronic imaging
HPE 175—health and physical education
ITD 101—design and graphic communication
ITD 107—computer aided drafting
ITD 221—interior design
JMC 168—TV production, public relations, advertising, journalism
MUS 230—music business
NTN 230—nutritionist, or dietician
NTN 220—food safety and sanitation
OSH 192—occupational safety and health
POL 140—politics or law or international affairs
REC 101—recreation and leisure services
SWK 101—social work
THD 111—acting or getting into theatre
TSM 120 or 133—telecommunication systems management
YNL 290—youth and non-profit leadership

∗These courses are each 3 credit hours

∗**FULL TIME** schedule is **12 Credit Hours**
∗∗ **RECOMMENDED** is **15-16 Credit Hours**

PQ=pre-requisite

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