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Degrees

Murray State University confers the following degrees:

- **Associate:** Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), and Associate of Science (A.S.);
- **Baccalaureate:** Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Arts in Business (B.A.B.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Integrated Studies (B.I.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.S.A.), Bachelor of Science in Business (B.S.B.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), and Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.);
- **Master:** Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Information Systems (M.S.I.S.), Master of Music Education (M.M.E.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Arts (M.A.), and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.);
- **Specialist:** Specialist in Education (Ed.S.).

Definitions of Area, Major and Minor

The University approved academic programs of study listed in the collegiate chapters in this bulletin are the only ones that may be declared by students eligible to follow this catalog. The minimum number of hours indicated below must be unduplicated for each.

Courses may not be shared between a minor and a major or a minor and an area or multiple minors or multiple majors and areas to meet the minimum requirements for each.

- **Area.** An area is an approved program of study that requires no fewer than 48 hours of credit in addition to University Studies courses, and can be completed in lieu of a major-minor combination.
- **Major.** A major is an approved program of study that requires no fewer than 30 semester hours of credit in addition to University Studies courses and must be accompanied by a unique minor or second major.
- **Minor.** A minor is an approved program of study of no fewer than 21 semester hours of designated work that must be completed in conjunction with at least a major to apply toward a degree.

General Degree Requirements

Degree Credit. The following **do not count** toward the credit hours required for graduation but **are included in calculating GPAs.** Other courses may be added in the future. ENG 095, ENG 100, ENG 109, ENG 110, GUI 096, GUI 097, INT 110, MAT 095, MAT 100, MAT 105, MAT 118, REA 095, REA 100; courses in which a student earned a grade of E, I, X, or WE; BIS courses, if the student does not complete a BIS degree; and multiple enroll-

ments in a course that exceed the number of permissible attempts specified in the course description of a course that may be taken more than once for credit. **Note:** Prior to a degree being conferred, if a student repeats a course for the purpose of improving a grade, the following rules apply: **1)** the grade in the first attempt is removed from the record and does not count in the GPA; **2)** any one subsequent attempt may apply toward graduation requirements if the grade received meets the graduation requirements for that course and the student's program; **3)** although no other attempts apply toward graduation requirements, they are used in calculating a student's GPA. **The GPA that is calculated at the time a degree is conferred and recorded will not be changed by subsequent coursework, including repeated courses.** Grades of *I* or *X* must be changed within two weeks of grade time for students seeking graduation or else graduation will be delayed until the next semester. Student choosing to graduate with incomplete grades will not be able to change them after the degree is conferred. The following **do not count** toward the credit hours required for graduation, and **are not included in GPA calculations:** audited courses; courses with a grade of *R*, *W*, or *WP*; courses approved for Academic Second Chance; and courses taken at another institution that are determined to be nontransferable.

Residence Credit for Graduation. Undergraduate residence credit is any academic credit awarded by Murray State University and placed on students' transcripts after they enroll with Murray State University. Nonresidence credit is any academic credit which Murray State accepts as transfer credit from another college or university, including credit through the National Student Exchange and the International Student Exchange programs. (See section on Transfer Credit.)

Associate Degree. A candidate for an associate degree must complete a prescribed, planned specialty program with 18 semester hours chosen from the University Studies component. The minimum amount of credit required for an associate degree is 64 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 2.00. A minimum of 24 semester hours must be earned in residence at Murray State. Ten of the last 16 hours must be earned in residence at Murray State. The associate degree candidate must have a scholastic standing of at least 2.00: (1) in credits presented for graduation whether earned at Murray State or elsewhere; (2) in all credits completed at Murray State; (3) in the courses completed for the planned specialty program; and (4) in the courses completed at Murray State for the planned specialty program.

Second Associate Degree. A student who has earned or is seeking an associate degree from Murray State may earn a second degree in a different planned specialty program upon meeting course requirements for that degree and upon completing at least 24 additional hours in residence at Murray State, over and above requirements for the first degree. The student may be required to complete additional University Studies courses if they are specifically required for the intended second degree. Nine hours must be completed toward a new planned specialty program and a 2.00 grade point average must be earned for all course work presented for the degree.

All students seeking a second degree must apply for admission/re-admission to Murray State University and must get a specific

program plan pre-approved by the department chair and dean of their new area or major and by the Registrar's Office. Failure to seek approval in advance from these three parties will likely result in a second degree not being awarded as not all areas and majors will be possible for those seeking the second degree.

Graduation honors are not posted for associate degrees.

Baccalaureate Degree. A candidate for a baccalaureate degree must complete a minimum of 120 degree credit semester hours. A minimum of 32 hours must be earned in residence at Murray State and at least 20 of the last 32 semester hours required for graduation must be earned in residence at Murray State.

At least 42 semester hours of the 120 hours required for a baccalaureate degree must be earned in courses at the 300 level or above. Course credit level for transfer work is based on the course level at the sending institution. No more than six hours in cooperative education courses will apply toward minimum graduation requirements (some departments have further restrictions). Other courses with limits on their application toward graduation are so designated in their course descriptions.

A student completing a degree in a field that is a non-AACSB accredited business program may not take more than 25 percent of the total hours required for that degree in any combination of the following business prefixes: ACC, BPA, CIS, FIN, MGT, MKT, OSY, RES, or LST 240 and LST 540.

All students seeking a baccalaureate degree must complete the University Studies requirements as outlined later in this chapter. **Transfer students should refer to the transfer section in Chapter 2 of this *Bulletin* for important information on University Studies courses.** Also, each candidate for a baccalaureate degree must complete either a major of at least 30 semester hours plus a minor of at least 21 semester hours, or an area of at least 48 semester hours. Courses of an appropriate nature may apply toward University Studies requirements and either a major or a minor without additional courses being required in that major or minor. ***A minimum of nine hours in the major and six hours in the minor, or 15 hours in the area, must be in upper-level courses completed in residence at Murray State.***

The baccalaureate degree candidate must have a scholastic standing of at least 2.00: (1) in all credits presented for graduation whether earned at Murray State or elsewhere; (2) in all credits completed at Murray State; (3) in the courses for each major, minor or area; and (4) in the courses taken at Murray State for each major, minor or area.

Professional Degree Transfers. A student who completes three years (90 semester hours) of appropriate pre-professional courses at Murray State and then enters an accredited professional school to pursue an advanced degree in dentistry, engineering, medicine, optometry, theology or veterinary science may apply the courses from the first year of professional school (up to 32 semester hours) toward a Murray State baccalaureate degree. All MSU University Studies, departmental and other graduation requirements must be met.

Second Baccalaureate Degree. Students who have earned or are seeking a baccalaureate degree may earn a second baccalaureate degree in a different major or area. The student must complete a minimum of 32 semester hours in residence at Murray State University, exclusive of hours taken toward requirements of the first degree, including any specific departmental requirements, prerequisites, and co-requirements. A student completing a new major toward a second degree is not required to complete a new minor. Fifteen semester hours of upper-level courses must be earned in completion of the new area or major. The student may be required to complete additional University Studies courses if they

are specifically required for the intended second major or area. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 or above must be earned for all coursework presented in the new program. (Some areas or majors may require a higher GPA for graduation.) Cumulative GPAs are not posted to the transcript of a student completing a second baccalaureate degree or any other work subsequent to the first degree.

All students seeking a second degree must be appropriately admitted/readmitted to Murray State University and must get a specific program plan pre-approved by the department chair and dean of their new area or major and by the Registrar's Office. Failure to seek approval in advance from these three parties will likely result in a second degree not being awarded as not all areas and majors will be possible for those seeking the second degree.

Second Degree Honors. Students seeking an honors designation for their second degree must additionally follow the honors requirements for a first degree, including the completion of a total of 45 new hours, 32 of which must be upper-level. Be sure to see the "Academic Honors for Graduation" listing for complete information. Since a second degree is not possible without the first degree, all undergraduate hours completed (including transfers) will be included in the GPA calculations for the second degree honors notation.

Master's and Ed.S. Degrees. Consult Murray State's *Graduate Bulletin*.

MSU Academic Progress (MAP) Report

The MSU Academic Progress (MAP) report is available to undergraduate students seeking associate or first baccalaureate degrees to clarify the steps and courses needed to achieve a degree. This report incorporates the requirements found in this *Bulletin*, and presents updated information as courses and requirements change after the *Bulletin* is published.

The MAP reports are prepared for individual students and use file information and transcript courses to monitor a student's progress toward any specific degree program. MAP reports are distributed each semester prior to pre-scheduling to provide students with a current statement of remaining requirements for graduation. They are powerful advising tools which are also available on request as students wish to explore the requirements needed should they change degree objectives or add or delete areas, majors, minors, or teacher education or other curricula.

MAP reports should be used in conjunction with information from the student's advisor and the *Undergraduate Bulletin* to ensure that all graduation requirements are being met. It is the student's responsibility to verify that all requirements have been completed.

Graduation Requirements

A student must apply for graduation and be recommended for the degree to the Board of Regents of Murray State University before any degree is conferred. Graduation requirements for a student are defined by one specific catalog. A student is assigned to the latest catalog in effect at the time they apply for admission but may choose to move to a more current catalog or be required to move to a more current catalog if they switch majors. Each catalog expires in August of the seventh year from the year of publication. No student will be graduated under the requirements of a catalog that has expired. This *Bulletin* expires in August 2014.

Degrees are awarded in December, May and at the end of the summer term. Students must apply to graduate. Students planning to graduate in December must apply in April; May graduates must apply in November; and summer graduates must apply in March. (See the University Calendar in the *Schedule of Classes* for spe-

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cific dates.) Formal commencement exercises are held at the end of the spring and fall semesters. August graduates may participate in the graduation ceremony in May or December of the same year. The names of the August graduates will appear only in the December program. Necessary academic attire may be purchased at the University Store.

All candidates for undergraduate degrees are expected to make formal application and pay a \$20 degree fee by the deadline specified for each term in the University Calendar. The student is expected to complete a graduation packet which is to be checked and signed by the student's advisor(s), and submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline posted. A notice of graduation status is furnished to the student and advisor by the Registrar's Office after each packet is checked. If a student applies for a degree but does not complete the requirements by the term indicated, the applicant must contact the assistant registrar to change the expected completion date. A \$5 degree reinstatement fee will be assessed. Once a degree is conferred the GPA of record will not be altered by any grade changes or subsequent coursework, including repeated courses.

Diplomas: Diplomas will be mailed to graduates after degree requirements have been checked and verified. A student must have satisfied all debts to the university or the diploma will be withheld until the student's account is cleared. Diplomas are 11x14 inches and contain the name of the graduate (no nicknames), the degree received, and honors if applicable. Details about areas, majors, and minors appear on the transcript only.

Academic Honors for Graduation: Baccalaureate degree candidates are considered for graduation honors if they have earned a minimum of 45 semester hours at Murray State University, 32 hours of which must be in upper-level courses, and also must have earned the required GPA indicated below as calculated (1) on Murray State course work alone, (2) on all transfer work, and (3) overall. *Summa cum laude* - minimum of 3.80. *Magna cum laude* - 3.60 - 3.79. *Cum laude* - 3.30 - 3.59.

Students graduating in August or at the end of the fall semester will have their honor status published and announced at December Commencement. These students may purchase at the University Store an honors cord to wear at the ceremony. Academic honors for graduation will be recorded on the student's record at the time the degree is posted.

Honors Day: Each year an Honors Day program is held to recognize scholastic excellence and achievement by students in various colleges, departments, and organizations. Numerous awards are presented to students making significant contributions to Murray State University.

Departmental Requirements

Individual departments, with the appropriate university approval, may set admission or graduation standards which are higher (but not lower) than the minimum university-wide standards. It shall be the responsibility of the department to inform students of these more stringent requirements, to publish them in the *Bulletin*, and to monitor their completion.

Mandatory Developmental Courses

All Kentucky state-supported colleges and universities are required by the Council on Postsecondary Education to enroll freshmen in a subject-specific developmental course when the student's ACT score in English or mathematics or reading is 17 or below. **At this time, we are permitted to pull scores from multiple ACT testings.**

MSU meets this mandate with the following courses:

ENGLISH - Students *Admitted with Restrictions* must enroll

in ENG 095; all other MSU students with an English ACT score below 18 **must** enroll in ENG 100 with lab.

MATH - For the 2009-2010 academic year, all students with a mathematics score below 18 **must** enroll in MAT 100; MAT 105 is still strongly recommended for students with a mathematics score of 18 or 19. Beginning in the fall of 2010, all students with a mathematics score below 19 must enroll in MAT 100; MAT 105 is still strongly recommended for students with a mathematics score of 19.

READING - Students *Admitted with Restrictions* status **must** enroll in REA 095. For the 2009-2010 academic year, all other (non-restricted) students with a reading ACT score below 18 **must** enroll in REA 100 **and** REA 120. Beginning in the fall of 2010, all other (non-restricted) with a reading ACT score below 20 must enroll in REA 100 and REA 120. Strong MSU placement test scores can be considered for allowing students to advance to higher-level courses in each of the three disciplines.

NOTE: Credit earned in ENG 095, ENG 100, MAT 100, MAT 105, REA 095, or REA 100 does not apply toward the hours required for graduation but letter grades received in the appropriate classes will count in a student's grade point average.

Composition Registration

Students fulfill a portion of the Oral and Written Communication category of University Studies by the successful completion of ENG 105 Critical Reading, Writing, and Inquiry. Because ENG 105 is a prerequisite for subsequent University Studies requirements, student should enroll in the course during their first year. Students qualify for ENG 105 on the basis of credits earned or the English subscore of the ACT examination. Students with ACT English score of 18 or above may enroll in ENG 105. Students with an ACT English score of 17 or below are required to enroll in and successfully complete ENG 100 Basic Writing prior to taking ENG 105.

Composition credit may also be earned through the Advanced Placement Program. A score of 3 on the AP English Language/Composition exam will give the student credit for ENG 101 (3 hours), but the student must still complete ENG 105. A score of 4 or 5 on the AP English Language/Composition exam will give the student credit for ENG 105. A score of 3, 4, or 5 on the AP English Literature/Composition exam does not satisfy the Composition requirement, but the student receives credit for ENG 201.

A student who submits a CLEP English general exam score of at least 42 or an English subject exam score of at least 50 may be considered for composition credit by writing an essay for evaluation by the Department of English and Philosophy. Passing the essay in addition to the CLEP results will give the student ENG 101 credit. A student who has an eleventh-grade or twelfth-grade writing portfolio with a KIRIS performance level of "Distinguished" or "Proficient" may write an essay to be assessed for possible credit for ENG 101. A \$15 fee is assessed to student receiving ENG 101 based on KIRIS or CLEP scoring.

University Studies Program

The University Studies program at Murray State University (MSU) grew out of the national movement to establish General Education programs at American colleges and universities during the late 1970s, with initiatives from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the U. S Commissioner of Education, and Harvard University. MSU's initial University Studies program was established in 1995, and was reviewed most recently during the 2007-2009 academic years.

As the result of an extensive review of several aspects of the program, a truly interdisciplinary approach emerged, one that reinforces the *Characteristics of the MSU graduate*. The new program relies on a thematic structure that places emphasis on the connectedness of learning, rather than on the more traditional discipline-centered approach to knowledge. University Studies, for example, sets the stage for helping students learn how to communicate in the twenty-first century by requiring all students to take COM 161, Public Speaking as well as the newly created four hour ENG 105 course in Critical Reading, Writing, and Inquiry. In addition, all academic majors have designated writing and technology intensive courses within their programs so that students will continue to write throughout their academic careers.

Courses within the program encourage students to understand the ways in which important ideas straddle many disciplines, and to experience and value the unique lens of each one. Students learn to think independently and creatively while applying sound standards of information gathering, analysis, and evaluation to reach logical decisions. These foundational approaches provide the basis for students to write well and to speak clearly and coherently.

Through a broad array of course selections in mathematics and the physical and life sciences, Murray State University undergraduates will become familiar with the roles and applications of science and technology for imagining solutions of the problems facing a complex and changing world. In addition, students will gain a critical understanding of the world’s historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic traditions. To ensure this dynamic perspective, students will now be required to take a newly designed 200-level World Civilization course to compliment the required sophomore-level Humanities course. To emphasize the importance of developing cross-cultural awareness, knowledge of a second world language will hold a key place in all B.A. degrees awarded at Murray State; and taking a course in a foreign language is also an option for the B.S. degrees.

In other thematic categories, students will be able to select from among a number of courses that will help them to better understand the complexity of cultural diversity, of competing economic and political systems, and of complex moral and ethical issues in our increasingly interconnected world. Learning how to live an ethical life and to assume social responsibility are also built into the program through a number of selected courses in another thematic area.

In keeping with the mission of the university, the University Studies program seeks to reflect contemporary concerns in the academic world, but equally to prepare our students for the larger world.

Students seeking teaching certification are required to complete specific University Studies courses. For detailed information concerning University Studies courses for teacher certification, see Chapter 6, College of Education.

Transfer students should refer to the section on transfer of credits in Chapter 2 for important additional University Studies information as they may not be required to complete all of the courses specified below.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

University Studies Requirements44-47 hrs

All Bachelor of Arts degree candidates should follow the course of University Studies instruction indicated below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

Oral and Written Communication7
 COM 161 3
 ENG 105 [or ENG 104]..... 4

***Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World’s Artistic Traditions*9**

Six hours in a single foreign language,..... 6¹
 culminating in proficiency at 202-level or above
 One University Studies elective in this category..... 3

***Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills*..... 7-10**

One University Studies science course with lab..... 4-5
 One University Studies mathematics course 3-5

***Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship*6**

One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course 3
 One Social Science category course..... 3

***World’s Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions*.....9**

CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202] 3
 HUM 211 [or honors course HON 251] 3
 One University Studies elective in this category..... 3

***University Studies Approved Electives*6**

Choose from the list of University Studies courses.
 No more than two courses from one thematic category and no more than one course from the Enrichment Electives category.

¹To reach proficiency at the 202-level, a student may have to complete up to six hours of 100-level prerequisites.

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Bachelor of Science (B.S., B.S.A., B.S.N., B.S.V.T.E.)

University Studies Requirements41-46 hrs

All Bachelor of Science degree candidates should follow the course of University Studies instruction indicated below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter.

Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.

<i>Oral and Written Communication</i>	7
COM 161 [or HON 165]	3
ENG 105 [or ENG 104].....	4

<i>Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions</i>	3
One University Studies elective in this category.....	3

<i>Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills...</i>	10-15
One University Studies science course with lab.....	4-5
One University Studies mathematics course	3-5
One University Studies science or mathematics course	3-5

<i>Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship</i>	6
One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course.....	3
One Social Science category course.....	3

<i>World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions</i>	6
CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202]	3
HUM 211 [or HON 251]	3

<i>University Studies Approved Electives</i>	9
Choose from the list of University Studies courses.	
No more than two courses from one thematic category and no more than one course from the Enrichment Electives category	

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Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.S.A.)

University Studies Requirements41-46 hrs

All Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree candidates should follow the course of University Studies instruction indicated below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

<i>Oral and Written Communication</i>	7
COM 161 [or HON 165]	3
ENG 105 [or ENG 104].....	4

<i>Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions</i>	3
One course in foreign culture, multiculturalism, study abroad, international affairs, or fine arts.....	3

<i>Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills...</i>	10-15
One University Studies science course with lab.....	4-5
One University Studies mathematics course	3-5
One University Studies science or mathematics course	3-5

<i>Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship</i>	6
One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course.....	3
One social science category course	3

<i>World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions</i>	6
CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202]	3
HUM 211 [or HON 251]	3

<i>University Studies Approved Electives</i>	9
Choose from the list of University Studies electives.....	9
No more than two courses from one thematic category and no more than one course from the Enrichment Electives category.	

Bachelor of Arts in Business (B.A.B.)

University Studies Requirements48-49 hrs

All Bachelor of Arts in Business degree candidates pursuing an AREA program and all candidates for bachelor's degrees with a MAJOR in business administration should follow the course of University Studies instruction indicated below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

<i>Oral and Written Communication</i>	7
COM 161 [or HON 165]	3
ENG 105 [or ENG 104].....	4

<i>Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions</i>	9
Six hours in a single foreign language..... ⁶	6 ¹
culminating in proficiency at 202-level or above	
One University Studies elective in this category.....	3

<i>Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills...</i>	11-12
One University Studies science course with lab.....	4-5
MAT 140.....	4
MAT 220.....	3

<i>Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship</i>	6
One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course.....	3
ECO 230	3

<i>World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions</i>	9
CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202]	3
HUM 211 [or HON 251]	3
One University Studies elective in this category.....	3

<i>University Studies Approved Electives</i> ²	6
CSC 199.....	3
ECO 231	3

¹To reach proficiency at the 202-level, a student may have to complete up to six hours of 100-level prerequisites.

²Students pursuing an area in accounting are required to also take ENG 224 in addition to the courses listed above.

Bachelor of Science in Business (B.S.B.)

University Studies Requirements42-43 hrs

All Bachelor of Science in Business degree candidates pursuing an AREA program and all candidates for bachelor's degrees with a MAJOR in business administration should follow the course of University Studies instruction indicated below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

Oral and Written Communication.....7

- COM 161 [or HON 165] with a grade of C or better 3
- ENG 105 [or ENG 104] with a grade of C or better..... 4

Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions.....3

- One University Studies elective course in this category .. 3

Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills... 11-12

- One University Studies science course with lab4-5
- MAT 140..... 4
- MAT 220..... 3

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship6

- One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course..... 3
- ECO 230 3

World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions.....6

- CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202] 3
- HUM 211 [or HON 251] 3

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- CSC 199..... 3
- ECO 231 3
- One University Studies elective 3²

¹Students pursuing an area in accounting are required to also take ENG 224 in addition to the courses listed above.

²Choose from the list of University Studies electives. No more than two courses from any one category and no more than one enrichment elective.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

University Studies Requirements38-41 hrs

All Bachelor of Fine Arts degree candidates should follow the distribution requirements outlined below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

Oral and Written Communication.....7

- COM 161 [or HON 165] 3
- ENG 105 [or ENG 104]..... 4

Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions3

- One course in foreign culture, multiculturalism, study abroad, international affairs, or ART 211 3

Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills..... 7-10

- One University Studies science course with lab.....4-5
- One University Studies mathematics course3-5

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship6

- One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course..... 3
- One Social Science category course..... 3

World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions.....6

- CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202] 3
- HUM 211 [or honors course HON 251] 3

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- ART 212..... 3
- Choose from the list of University Studies electives..... 6
- No more than two courses from one thematic category and no more than one course from the Enrichment Electives category.

Bachelor of Music (B.M.) - Certification Option

University Studies Requirements35 hrs

All Bachelor of Music degree candidates should follow the distribution requirements outlined below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

Oral and Written Communication.....7

- COM 161 [or HON 165] 3
- ENG 105 [or ENG 104]..... 4

Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions.....6

- One course from the following: ART 105, 121, 211 or 212..... 3
- One University Studies elective course in this category .. 3

Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills.....7

- One University Studies science course with lab 4
- One University Studies mathematics course 3

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship9

- EDP 260..... 3
- One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course..... 3
- One Social Science category course..... 3

World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions.....6

- CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202] 3
- HUM 211 [or HON 251] 3

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Bachelor of Music (B.M.) - Performance Option

University Studies Requirements32 hrs

All Bachelor of Music Education degree candidates should follow the distribution requirements outlined below. The list of University Studies elective courses is provided later in this chapter. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

Oral and Written Communication7	
COM 161 [or HON 165]	3
ENG 105 [or ENG 104].....	4

•Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions:.....6

Six hours in a single foreign language,.....6¹
culminating in proficiency at 202-level or above. For future graduate study in music, German or French is recommended.

Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills.....7

One University Studies science course with lab 4
One University Studies mathematics course 3

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship6

One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement category course..... 3
One social science category course 3

World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions.....6

CIV 201 or CIV 202 [or HON 201 or 202] 3
HUM 211 [or honors course HON 251]..... 3

University Studies Electives

The courses listed below are approved as electives for the University Studies curriculum. This list may be revised as the University Studies Committee considers proposals for courses to be included in the curriculum.

***Only students admitted to the Honors Program may enroll in HON courses.**

Check course descriptions for specific limitations or prerequisites.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

COM 181 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG 214 Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENG 224 Writing in the Professions	3
FRE 101 Fundamental Communication in French	3
FRE 102 Social Interactions in French	3
FRE 110 Basic Conversational French	3
FRE 201 Intercultural Communication in French	3
FRE 202 Practical Applications in French	3
FRE 210 Intermediate French Conversation	3
GER 101 Fundamental Communication in German	3
GER 102 Social Interactions in German	3
GER 110 Basic Conversational German	3
GER 201 Intercultural Communication in German	3
GER 202 Practical Applications in German	3
GER 210 Intermediate Conversational German	3
HON 165 Honors Seminar in Communication.....	3
JPN 101 Elementary Japanese I	3
JPN 102 Elementary Japanese II	3
JPN 110 Basic Conversational Japanese	3
JPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I	3

JPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II	3
JPN 210 Intermediate Conversational Japanese	3
SPA 101 Fundamental Communication in Spanish	3
SPA 102 Social Interactions in Spanish	3
SPA 110 Basic Conversational Spanish	3
SPA 201 Intercultural Communication in Spanish	3
SPA 202 Practical Applications in Spanish	3
SPA 210 Intermediate Spanish Conversation	3

GLOBAL AWARENESS, CULTURAL DIVERSITY, AND THE WORLD'S ARTISTIC TRADITIONS

AGR 353 World Food, Agriculture and Society	3
ANT 140 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	3
ARC 150 Introduction to Archaeology.....	3
ART 105 Studio Art for Non-Majors	3
ART 121 Art Appreciation	3
ART 211 Introduction to the History of Art I	3
ART 212 Introduction to the History of Art II	3
FRE 101 Fundamental Communication in French	3
FRE 102 Social Interactions in French	3
FRE 105 Introduction to French Culture.....	3
FRE 110 Basic Conversational French	3
FRE 201 Intercultural Communication in French	3
FRE 202 Practical Applications in French	3
FRE 210 Intermediate French Conversation	3
GER 101 Fundamental Communication in German	3
GER 102 Social Interactions in German	3
GER 105 Introduction to German Culture	3
GER 110 Basic Conversational German	3
GER 201 Intercultural Communication in German	3
GER 202 Practical Applications in German	3
GER 210 Intermediate Conversational German	3
GSC 110 World Geography	3
HON 161 Honors Seminar in Visual Arts.....	3
HON 162 Honors Seminar in Music.....	3
HON 163 Honors Seminar in Theatre.....	3
HON 164 Honors Seminar in Arts and Culture Abroad	3
HON 351 Honors Seminar in International Affairs	3
HUM 215 Humanities in the Contemporary World: Border Crossings.....	3
JPN 101 Elementary Japanese I	3
JPN 102 Elementary Japanese II	3
JPN 105 Introduction to Japanese Culture.....	3
JPN 110 Basic Conversational Japanese	3
JPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I	3
JPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II	3
JPN 210 Intermediate Conversational Japanese	3
MCG 201 Introduction to Multicultural, Class, and Gender Studies	3
MUS 104 Introduction to Jazz History	3
MUS 105 Introduction to Music History.....	3
MUS 106 Music in Film	3
MUS 107 Introduction to American Musical Theatre	3
MUS 109 Introduction to Music Theory	3
POL 250 Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 252 Contemporary Political Systems.....	3
RGS 200 Introduction to Comparative Religion	3
SPA 101 Fundamental Communication in Spanish	3
SPA 102 Social Interactions in Spanish	3
SPA 105 Introduction to Hispanic Culture.....	3
SPA 106 Basic Spanish and Culture for Agriculture.....	3
SPA 110 Basic Conversational Spanish	3
SPA 201 Intercultural Communication in Spanish	3
SPA 202 Practical Applications in Spanish	3

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SPA 210	Intermediate Spanish Conversation	3
THD 101	Dance Appreciation	3
THD 104	The Theatrical Experience.....	3

SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY, METHODOLOGIES, AND QUANTITATIVE SKILLS

Mathematics Category

HON 262	Honors Seminar in Mathematics	3
MAT 117	Mathematical Concepts	3
MAT 130	Technical Math I.....	5
MAT 135	Introduction to Probability and Statistics.....	4
MAT 140	College Algebra.....	4
MAT 145	Trigonometry.....	3
MAT 150	Algebra and Trigonometry	5
MAT 220	Business Calculus.....	3
MAT 230	Technical Math II	5
MAT 250	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I.....	5
MAT 308	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II.....	5
MAT 309	Calculus and Analytic Geometry III.....	4
MAT 330	Technical Math III.....	3

Science Category

AST 115	Introductory Astronomy	3
AST 116	Introductory Astronomy Laboratory	1
BIO 101	Biological Concepts	4
BIO 109	Biology of Cancer	3
BIO 116	Biological Inquiry and Analysis	3
BIO 221	Zoology: Animal Form and Function.....	4
BIO 222	Botany: Plant Form and Function	4
CHE 101	Consumer Chemistry.....	4
CHE 105	Introductory Chemistry I.....	4
CHE 106	Introductory Chemistry II.....	4
CHE 111	Essentials of Chemistry and Biochemistry.....	5
CHE 201	General College Chemistry	5
CHE 202	General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis	5
CHE 210	Brief Organic Chemistry	3
CHE 215	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	1
GSC 101	The Earth and the Environment	4
GSC 102	Earth Through Time	4
GSC 125	Weather and Climate	4
GSC 199	Earth Science.....	4
PHY 105	The Science of Sound.....	4
PHY 125	Brief Introductory Physics	4
PHY 126	Brief Introductory Physics Laboratory	1
PHY 130	General Physics I.....	3
PHY 131	General Physics I Laboratory.....	1
PHY 132	General Physics II	3
PHY 133	General Physics II Laboratory.....	1
PHY 235	Mechanics, Heat and Wave Motion.....	4
PHY 236	Mechanics, Heat and Wave Motion Laboratory.....	1
PHY 255	Electricity, Magnetism and Light.....	4
PHY 256	Electricity, Magnetism and Light Laboratory.....	1

SOCIAL AND SELF-AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement

BIO 103	Saving Planet Earth	3
ENG 226	Argument and Discourse	3
HIS 221	American Experience to 1865	3
HIS 222	American Experience since 1865.....	3
PHI 202	Ethics.....	3
POL 140	American National Government	3
YNL 290	Trends and Issues in Youth and Human Services.....	3

Social Science

AGR 199	Contemporary Issues in Agriculture.....	3
ECO 140	Contemporary Economics.....	3

ECO 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECO 231	Principles of Microeconomics.....	3
EDP 260	Psychology of Human Development.....	3
EDU 103	Issues and Practices of American Education.....	3
FIN 230	Personal Financial Planning.....	3
MCG 201	Introduction to Multicultural, Class, and Gender Studies	3
POL 250	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSY 180	General Psychology.....	3
SOC 133	Introduction to Sociology.....	3
SOC 231	Social Problems.....	3

WORLD'S HISTORICAL, LITERARY, AND PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS

ART 211	Introduction to the History of Art I	3
ART 212	Introduction to the History of Art II	3
CIV 201	World Civilizations I	3
CIV 202	World Civilizations II.....	3
ENG 201	Appreciation of Literature	3
ENG 213	Film and Literature.....	3
ENG 243	Literary Masterpieces: Fantasy, Myth and Legend ...	3
HIS 201	Modern Europe.....	3
HIS 221	American Experience to 1865.....	3
HIS 222	American Experience since 1865.....	3
HON 100	Interdisciplinary Humanities and Fine Arts	3
HON 201	Honors Seminar in Social Science	3
HON 202	Honors Seminar in Social Science II.....	3
HON 251	Honors Seminar in Literature and Philosophy I.....	3
HON 252	Honors Seminar in Literature and Philosophy II	3
HUM 205	Humanistic Tradition Abroad.....	3
PHI 103	Critical Thinking	3
PHI 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI 202	Ethics	3
POL 261	Introduction to Political Theory	3
RGS 200	Introduction to Comparative Religion.....	3

WRITING-INTENSIVE AND TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE ELECTIVES

CSC 101	Introduction to Problem Solving Using Computers..	3
CSC 125	Internet and Web Page Design	3
CSC 199	Introduction to Information Technology	3

Honors Program

The Honors Program offers a unique educational experience designed to teach able students how to learn, how to think critically and creatively, and how to communicate effectively. Students with evidence of high achievement may qualify for the Murray State Honors Program. This program has been designed to provide future social and professional leaders with exceptional thinking and communication skills, an appropriate breadth and depth of knowledge, and a sense of cultural and social responsibility.

Entering freshmen with an ACT composite score of 26 or above and exceptional high school records are invited to apply for admission to the Honors Program. Acceptance is based on such factors as standardized test scores, grade point average, evidence of creative and leadership abilities as displayed in extracurricular interests and activities, and faculty recommendations.

Accepted students must participate in at least one Honors Seminar a semester until the sequence is complete unless arrangements are made with the honors director. In order to receive an honors diploma, an honors student must complete the honors sequence described below, fulfill the required competencies, maintain a 3.2 grade point average and satisfy all Murray State graduation requirements including the completion of an area or a major and minor. In the programs they choose, honors students

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will be expected to select the more challenging courses offered.

The Honors Program encourages intellectual exchange among students, professors, and visiting scholars. Ample opportunity is provided for dialogue.

The hallmarks of the Honors Program are small class size and the resulting individual attention available to its students. Professors and guest lecturers are readily available to all students in developing a full understanding of the course materials. The faculty are selected partly on the basis of their commitment to fostering productive, interactive intellectual contact with students.

Honors Sequence

Important: Read course descriptions for specific course limitations.

ENG 104 Honors Composition and Research 4 hrs

HON 201-202 Honors Seminar in Social Science..... 6 hrs

Two of the following courses:..... 6 hrs

HON 161 Honors Seminar in Visual Arts

HON 162 Honors Seminar in Music

HON 163 Honors Seminar in Theatre

HON 164 Honors Seminar in Arts and Culture Abroad

HON 165 Honors Seminar in Communication..... 3 hrs

**HON 251-252 Honors Seminar in
Literature and Philosophy..... 6 hrs**

HON 261 Honors Seminar in Science I..... 3 hrs

(One course from the University Studies science category or the AP/CLEP equivalent must be completed prior to HON 261.)

or

HON 262 Honors Seminar in Mathematics..... 3 hrs

(One course from the University Studies mathematics category or the AP/CLEP equivalent must be completed prior to HON 262.)

HON 351 Honors Seminar in International Affairs..... 3 hrs

Study Abroad Program 3 hrs

If circumstances make the honors student unable to comply with this requirement, an alternative program of interdisciplinary international studies will be developed.

HON 437 Senior Honors Thesis 3 hrs

May be waived for students who have to complete an independent senior research/creative project, if this project is of the same scope and meets the basic requirements of HON 437. Such substitutions must be approved by the Honors Program Director, and the general guidelines for HON 437 must be followed through the completion of the project. Honors students must maintain a 3.20 cumulative grade point average to remain enrolled in the program and to graduate with honors after fulfilling all requirements.

Honors Competencies

Mathematics. The student is expected to complete the mathematics University Studies requirement as identified in the student's major discipline.

Foreign Language. The student must have credit for a 12-hour sequence (excluding 105 and 106) in one foreign language.

Meeting the competencies in mathematics and foreign languages through Murray State courses or challenge exams will provide 7-15 hours University Studies credit.

General Studies

The Associate of Arts in General Studies is a degree for special populations and includes the following course requirements.

ASSOCIATE: General Studies

**Associate of Arts Degree
CIP 24.0101**

University Studies Requirements 40 hrs
(see this chapter for approved University Studies selections and the section on **Mandatory Developmental Courses.**)

Oral and Written Communication..... 4
ENG 105 [or ENG 104]..... 4

Select courses from the categories indicated below from the approved list of University Studies courses in Chapter 4. No more than two courses in any one discipline may be taken within any one University Studies category to fulfill University Studies requirements.

**Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the
World's Artistic Traditions 3**

Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills..... 12

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship 6

One Ethics, Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement

category course..... 3

One Social Science category course..... 3

World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions..... 6

University Studies Approved Electives 9 hrs

Approved Electives 19 hrs

Total Curriculum Requirements 64 hrs

Other Associate Degree Programs

Programs of study leading to associate degrees are offered through the departments in the following colleges. Please see the appropriate collegiate section of this bulletin for additional details.

Students enrolled in associate degree programs have the same privileges as other undergraduate students. Students are eligible for financial aid in the form of loans, work study grants, and in some cases are eligible to apply their work taken at Murray State toward a baccalaureate degree. Entrance requirements for associate degree students are the same as those that apply to other undergraduate students.

For detailed information, contact the academic college or department offering the associate degree.

Associate Degrees (A.A., A.S., and A.A.S.)

A minimum of 18 semester hours of University Studies courses must be completed for all associate degrees. These must include COM 161 and ENG 105 and at least one course from each of the following University Studies categories: Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills, World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions, Global Awareness, Cultural

Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions, and one additional course from any of the University Studies categories. **Refer to the section on Mandatory Developmental Courses found earlier in this chapter for additional required courses.**

Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach

A.A. General Studies

College of Business and Public Affairs

- A.A. **Business Administration**
Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration
- A.A. **Office Systems - Legal Emphasis**
Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration
- A.A. **Office Systems - Office Information Systems**
Department of Management, Marketing and Business Administration

College of Education

A.S. **Career and Technical Education**
Department of Adolescent, Career and Special Education

College of Science, Engineering and Technology

- A.S. **Civil Engineering Technology**
Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology
- A.S. **Industrial Technology**
Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology

School of Agriculture

A.S. **Agricultural Science and Technology**
School of Agriculture

Pre-Professional Curricula

The university offers baccalaureate programs that serve as pre-professional curricula for the professional areas listed below. Students interested in the details of a specific program should consult with the advisor listed.

- **Architecture:** Greg Mayes, Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology.
- **Dentistry:** Dr. Timothy Johnston, Department of Biological Sciences, and Dr. Robert Volp, Department of Chemistry.
- **Engineering:** Dr. Ted Thiede, Professional Engineer, Department of Engineering and Physics; Dr. Mike Kemp, Professional Engineer, Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology.
- **Law:** Dr. Thomas Glover, Department of Government, Law and International Affairs.
- **Medicine:** Dr. Sterling Wright, Department of Biological Sciences; and Dr. Ricky Cox, Department of Chemistry.
- **Optometry:** Dr. David Canning and Dr. Tom Timmons, Department of Biological Sciences.
- **Pharmacy:** Dr. Leon Duobinis-Gray, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. David Owen, Department of Chemistry.
- **Physical Therapy:** Dr. Terry Derting and Dr. Claire Fuller, Department of Biological Sciences.
- **Speech-Language Pathology:** Dr. Pearl Payne, Department of Wellness and Therapeutic Sciences.
- **Veterinary Medicine:** Dr. Terry Canerdy, School of Agriculture.

Teacher Certification

Requirements for teacher certification in all subject areas are determined by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (KEPSB). **Changes in state regulations frequently occur after the printing of a *Bulletin* and thus may supersede statements contained herein.** Students are cautioned to consult with appropriate advisors in planning academic programs to be sure of adhering to current state certification standards. Students in *all* teacher certification programs are required to be formally admitted to teacher education. The Office of Teacher Education Services, 2101 Alexander Hall, manages this process. Most students will initiate the process of admission by enrolling in EDU 103. Transfer students can initiate the process directly through Teacher Education Services immediately after enrolling at Murray State University.

Students planning to be certified in any area may prepare for admission to teacher education by completing the following prerequisites: (1) taking the ACT examination (composite of 21 or higher) or other approved examination to demonstrate general academic proficiency; (2) completing composition course with *B* or higher (ENG 104 or ENG 105); (3) completing basic public speaking course with *C* or higher (COM 161 or HON 165); (4) completing MAT 117 (or higher level math course) with *C* or higher; (5) earning a minimum grade point average of 2.45* (4.00 grading scale). More specific information on teacher certification can be found in Chapter 6, College of Education.

*A grade point average of 2.45 is rounded to 2.50 by adhering to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board's (KEPSB) rounding policy. Murray State does not round GPAs.

Other Academic Programs

Community College

The Community College, located in Lowry Center, offers the following services for all Murray State students.

- **Block Scheduling** (with limited availability) — English 095 together with Reading 095 and Communications 161 form a block required for students entering under restricted status. Needs of individual students are considered and guidance is given by the block advisor and instructors. ENG 095 is a three-hour, load-credit course designed to emphasize clear sentence structure and development of ideas in paragraphs and essays. REA 095, a one-hour, load-credit course, offers enhancement of basic comprehension skills, development of critical thinking, and active reading/study strategies for the assigned readings in ENG 095 and for COM 161 exams. COM 161 is a three-hour credit course teaching organization and presentation of ideas through participation in frequent speech activities, which inform, solve problems, and persuade.
- **Developmental Classes** – The Community College administers developmental classes in English, math, and reading in accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines for entering freshmen.
- **Support Courses** –The following courses are offered for supplementary instruction through the Community College: ENG 111 for ENG 105 support, MAT 095 for MAT 100, and REA 121 for CIV 202 (in fall) and CIV 202 (in spring.) Each of these courses offers one hour of credit.
- **Tutoring Program** – The peer-tutoring program offers assistance through drop-in study sessions. Sessions are typically provided for English, math, world civilizations, biology, chemistry, physics, Spanish and other core curriculum courses. Small-group tutoring is provided free of charge to any student enrolled at the university.

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Cooperative Education

As a complement to the placement process, Murray State University offers to qualified students an opportunity to gain course credit through approved work experiences. According to the National Commission for Cooperative Education, this program is a structured educational strategy integrating classroom studies with learning through productive work experiences in a field related to a student's academic or career goals. It provides progressive experiences in integrating theory and practice. This extension of classroom study to practice in a profession adds a unique dimension to the student's preparation for entering a career and assists in developing an understanding of human relationships involved in the work setting. The program is a three-way partnership between the students, the educational institution and the employers with specific responsibilities for each party.

In order to participate in this program, the student must be a currently enrolled, degree-seeking student at the time of appointment, with a minimum of 24 credits accumulated at an accredited college or university. The student must have earned at least six credit hours at Murray State prior to participation. In addition, the student must have an established cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher and be under an unrestricted baccalaureate admission status in order to participate. A student can elect to participate in this program for a summer, a semester or an academic year. All students participating in the program are considered full-time students. No more than six hours of coop/internship credit will apply towards minimum baccalaureate graduation requirements. **Enrollment in the program must be concurrent with employment.** Tuition will be assessed at the in-state rate (only for the coop/internship courses) for students enrolled during that semester.

Work assignments must be approved by an academic department and are made in businesses, industries, educational, non-profit, governmental and research organizations located throughout the world. The university makes no guarantee as to placement into a coop/intern experience or earnings, but makes every effort to place students to their best educational advantage. Work experiences may be paid or non-paid. The minimum number of hours a student must work in order to receive three hours of credit is 300. Coop courses numbered 488 are graded pass/fail. Coop courses numbered 489 are letter-graded. Internships may be graded or pass/fail. If a student participates in the program while taking other courses, no more than 12 credit hours of courses can be taken in addition to the three-hour coop/internship. Since a coop/internship is considered full-time, a student's advisor must approve any additional hours (up to 12) in advance. **Individual departments may have more restrictive requirements.**

To apply, students need to download the appropriate forms from the MSU Career Services web site. These forms must then be taken to the academic advisor and department chairperson or coop advisor for approval and submission to the Registrar's Office for scheduling. Payment of the course credit must be arranged prior to leaving for the work assignment. Failure to register and pay concurrent with employment will result in the credit not being awarded.

Service Learning Program

Murray State University students may pursue a special designation on their transcripts indicating that they have been involved in community service through Service Learning.

Service Learning uses experiential learning techniques to combine community service with specific learning objectives in a course. Through Service Learning students perform meaningful service to the community while engaging in a study that is related

to that service. Philosophically, service learning reflects the belief that education should be connected to values, character, and social responsibility.

- Students learn and develop through active participation in carefully organized service experiences that meet actual community needs and that are coordinated in collaboration with the school and the community.
- The instructional method is integrated into the academic curriculum and provides time for students to reflect on their activities through small group discussions, class activities, and journal writing.
- Students have opportunities to use newly acquired knowledge and skills in actual community situations.
- The lessons taught in the classroom and extended into the communities help students develop a sense of caring and responsibility for others (National Community Service Act, 1990).

Service Learning Scholars Designation. For students to earn recognition as a Service Learning Scholar they need to complete twelve (12) hours of credit in Service Learning designated courses. Additionally, the student must have an overall GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the designated classes. This designation will be recognized on the student's transcript.

Kentucky Virtual University

Murray State University participates in the Kentucky Virtual University, a consortium of Kentucky institutions providing courses and degree programs via the Internet. For more information, call toll-free: 877-588-5288, or use the web site: www.kyvu.org.

National Student Exchange

The National Student Exchange program provides a wonderful opportunity for MSU students to attend another college or university in the United States, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands for up to one full calendar year. This unique program allows students to take classes at a host campus and place those same classes on their MSU transcripts following the exchange. Murray State students can register at MSU or at the host campus. If they register at MSU they will pay MSU tuition. Registration at the host campus (Plan A) will allow the student to pay that campus its in-state tuition. In either case, classes taken at the host campus will be placed on the student's transcript and counted as credit towards graduation. Contact the Career Services Office for more details.

Presidential Fellows/Scholars Studies Program

Those students designated as presidential scholars or presidential fellows (as of May 2009) may follow an interdisciplinary studies major to satisfy degree requirements. This program is structured to the individual student's needs and may not necessarily conform to the standard curricular requirements. The individual student's program must be approved by the Honors Program director as well as the departmental advisor.

Scholarships. This program is for graduating high school seniors of exceptional ability. Applicants should rank in the upper ten percent of their class and have a minimum ACT composite score of 30. In addition to excellent academic records, they must have demonstrated leadership abilities. An on-campus interview is required as part of the final selection process. This scholarship includes in-state tuition (no course/health fees), a 10 meal per week board plan, and a semiprivate residential college room. This award is renewable for three additional years or until graduation, provided the student meets the requirements of the program and meets specified academic standards. A Presidential Fellow/Scholar must enroll in and successfully complete at least one

Honors seminar each semester either until graduation or until the sequence has been completed. A Presidential Fellow/Scholar is not required to complete the University Studies requirements but is required to complete the Honors Seminar sequence, including prerequisites and competencies. However, students who give up or lose their Presidential Fellowship/Scholarship must complete University Studies requirements for graduation. Presidential Fellows/Scholars must maintain a 3.2 grade point average in order to retain the fellowship/scholarship. They are also expected to live on campus. They are encouraged to earn the Honors Diploma and are permitted to develop less structured, more challenging programs of study that will increase their opportunities for achievement. Presidential Fellows must complete five hours of research each week under the guidance of a faculty advisor, and Presidential Scholars must complete five hours of volunteer service hours per week.

Trustee Scholars Program

Like Presidential Fellows, Trustee Scholars may follow an interdisciplinary studies major suited to the individual's needs to satisfy degree requirements, as long as the individual program is approved by the departmental advisor and Honors Program director. A Trustee Scholar must also enroll in and successfully complete at least one Honors seminar each semester either until graduation or until the sequence has been completed. Trustee Scholars are not required to complete the University Studies requirements but are required to complete the Honors Seminar sequence, including prerequisites and competencies. However, students who give up or lose their Trustee Scholarships must complete University Studies requirements for graduation. Trustee Scholars must maintain a 3.2 grade point average in order to retain the scholarship. They are also expected to live on campus. They are encouraged to earn the Honors Diploma and are permitted to develop less structured, more challenging programs of study that will increase their opportunities for achievement. Trustee Scholars must complete five hours of volunteer service hours per week.