

If followed diligently, a student can finish in 4 years with all semesters requiring exactly 15 credit hours.

Freshman Benchmark Requirements	Fall			Spring			Summer/Winter		
	Course	Cr	Grd	Course	Cr	Grd	Course	Cr	Grd
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete ENG105, COM161, transitions course, college-level math <input type="checkbox"/> Get to know your advisor	ENG105	4		COM161	3				
	SMQ math	4		HUM211/2	3				
	CNM135	3		CIV201/2	3				
	CSC101	3		CSC199	3				
	CSC100T	1		CSC125	3				
		15			15				
Sophomore Benchmark Requirements	Fall			Spring			Summer/Winter		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn 40% degree w/minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Draft a resume <input type="checkbox"/> Declare an area/major within first 45 earned hours; <input type="checkbox"/> Get active in departmental orgs <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with advisor on regular basis <input type="checkbox"/> Check out the career fair	BUS215	3		ACC201	3				
	ACC200	3		CIS243	2				
	MAT220	3		LST240	3				
	ECO230	3		SMQ Sci.	4				
	CSC145	3		ECO231	3				
			15			15			
Junior Benchmark Requirements	Fall			Spring			Summer/Winter		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stay active in social and departmental orgs <input type="checkbox"/> Explore internships at Career fair <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with advisor(s) to track progress	CIS307 ¹	3		MKT360	3				
	CIS343	2		LSC343	3				
	CIS317	3		ELE - 1	3				
	CSC232/3	3		CIS325 ²	3				
	CIS399	1		CIS407	3				
	SSRC – ethics	3							
		15			15				
Senior Benchmark Requirements	Fall			Spring			Summer/Winter		
<input type="checkbox"/> Finalize resume <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Career Fairs and other events <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for graduation - semester prior	FIN330	3		MGT590	3				
	ECO310	3		BUS442	3				
	MGT350	3		GAW ELEC	3				
	CIS420	3		US ELEC	3				
	ELE - 2	3		ELE - 3	3				
		15			15				
Legend: Green – CIS major classes; Blue – Business core classes; Maroon – University studies classes									

Tips for area electives (ele-1, ele-2, ele-3):

- Consider the industry you'd like to work – Banking, Government, Manufacturing, Retail etc. The opportunities are endless
- Explore the industry and identify what skills you will need to develop/refine
- Talk to the CSIS chair BEFORE you begin your junior year
- Restricted electives: Prefixes to explore: TSM, FIN, LSC, ACC, MKT or even CSC. There are several good choices. You just have to make sure you have the pre-requisites AND know if the class is offered just once a year; quite a few are.

¹ Students may now choose between CIS307 and BAC355

² Choose from CIS325/CIS361/CSC332/CSC345

University Studies - 42 hrs.	O & WC – 7 hrs.	COM161	ENG105 ³	Oral and Written Communication				
	GAW – 3 hrs.	GAW Elective	Global Awareness electives list is available below (under “elective in University studies”)					
	SMQ – 11 hrs.	Science ³	MAT140 ³	MAT220	You may already have credit for College Algebra (MAT140). Replace with MAT/SCI elective			
	SSRC – 6 hrs.	SSRC-Ethics	ECO230	For ‘SSRC-Ethics’, please see the link provided below under ‘Electives in University studies’				
	HLP – 6 hrs.	CIV201 or CIV202	HUM211 or HUM212					
	Univ Studies Electives	CSC199	ECO231	US Elec	See link below for US elec choices			
Area or Major – 75 hrs.	BUS Core – 40 hrs.	ACC200	ACC201	BUS215	CIS307	BUS442	CIS243	CIS343
		ECO310	FIN330	LST240	MGT350	LSC343	MGT590	MKT360
CIS Core – 35 hrs.		CSC100T ⁴	CSC101	CSC125	CSC232/3 ²	325/61	CNM135	CIS399 ⁴
		CIS317	CIS407	CIS420	ELE – 1 ⁵	ELE – 2	ELE – 3	
Certification (optional)	GIS (12 hrs.)	EES202	EES512	EES521	These may be used as ELE1, ELE2, ELE3			
	Other?							

Electives in University Studies: Please check this link -

<https://www.murraystate.edu/academics/UniversityStudies/UniversityStudiesCourses.aspx>

Graduation Requirements

- 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- 2.0 GPA in courses taken at MSU
- 2.0 GPA in area, majors, minors
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- Minimum of 108 earned hours (exclusive of non-degree credit) for THIS program
- Minimum of 32 earned hours at MSU
- Minimum of 42 upper-level hours earned at a 4-year institution
- 20 of the last 32 hours earned in residence at MSU

Please make it a habit to check your RACR audit. It has the most accurate information and is well-suited for following your academic progress.

³ 4-credit classes

⁴ CSC100T and CIS399 are 1-credit classes

⁵ Consult advisor for guidance. Classes in EES are 4-credits. Taking EES202, 512 & 521 can get you a certification in GIS