

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Associate in Applied Science in Fire Science
to
Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree
Degrees at a Distance Program for the Fire Service
(2011/12 catalog)

Western Illinois University is one of seven universities nationwide that offers the National Fire Academy's Degrees at a Distance courses as a way for firefighters to earn a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in fire service courses. The program provides access to higher education, through online coursework, for fire service personnel and allows them to earn a bachelor's degree without losing time on the job.

McHenry County College and Western Illinois University have entered into a partnership between the AAS in Fire Science and the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies (BGS) degree. The agreement allows students to complete the AAS degree plus an additional 20 semester hours at MCC and then transfer to WIU's BGS program to complete a BA degree and requirements for a Certificate of Graduation through the National Fire Academy in Fire Administration and Management or Fire Prevention Technology. A student may also earn a minor in Fire Administration from Western Illinois University.

Admission Requirements

Students must be at least 5 years beyond high school graduation. This requirement is waived under the following circumstances:

- Earned associate's degree or at least 60 hours of college credit
- Served in the military within the last two years and not attended another regionally accredited institution (copy of current orders or DD-214 required)

Students must have earned a minimum 2.0 GPA from the last institution attended and a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA from all schools attended (4.0 scale).

Admission Notes

- Students apply to the program through the degree program office:
www.student.services.wiu.edu/admissions/application/index.asp
- A non-refundable application fee is required. (\$30 – paper application, \$25 – online application)
- Official transcripts from each institution attended must be forwarded directly to the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies degree program office.

Additional Information

Following are WIU Bachelor of Arts in General Studies degree graduation requirements:

- Complete 120 semester hours
 - WIU or IAI General Education requirements
 - 40 semester hours from a four-year institution with at least 30 semester hours from WIU
 - 40 semester hours of upper-division credit with at least 16 semester hours from WIU
 - Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA from all WIU coursework
- Complete one BGS writing course
- Complete math competency
- Complete foreign language/global issues requirement
- Completion of the AAS degree does not satisfy WIU general education requirements. Since 80 semester hours will transfer from MCC, it is recommended that students complete the IAI General Education (IAI GECC) at MCC.

The following is an education plan for students who intend to earn the AAS in Fire Science at MCC and then transfer to WIU's BGS degree program. The plan includes the AAS degree requirements and courses to complete the IAI GECC.

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General Education Core	AAS Hours	IAI GECC Hours	NOTE: WIU gen.ed. requirements can be satisfied either through WIU specific requirements or through the IAI GECC. Since 80 SH can be completed at MCC, completing the IAI GECC at MCC is recommended. This chart shows general education courses that satisfy both MCC's AAS and the IAI GECC.
Communications NOTE: AAS requires 2 courses; IAI GECC requires all 3 courses. (ENG151 & 152 with a C or better)	6	9	Select 2 courses for AAS degree: _____ _____ 3 ENG151 Composition I 3 ENG 152 Composition II 3 SPE151 Intro to Speech
Fine Arts & Humanities NOTE: AAS requires 1 course; IAI GECC requires 2 additional courses.	3	9 Must select at least 1 Fine Arts and 1 Humanities	Select 1 course for AAS degree: _____ <u>Fine Arts</u> 3 ART151 Art Appreciation 3 ART155 Non-WestArt 3 ART165 Ethnic Folk Art 3 ART171 Art Hist I 3 ART172 Art Hist II <u>or</u> 3 ART173 Art Hist III 3 ART175 Hist of Photo 3 HUM150 Hum through Art 3 JRN180 Intro to Film 3 MUS151 Music Apprec 3 MUS153 Non-West Music <u>Humanities</u> 3 ENG240 Intro Shakespeare 3 ENG251 Intro to Lit 3 ENG253 Wrld Lit to 1650 3 ENG254 Wrld Lit 1650-Pres <u>or</u> 3 ENG255 Brit Lit to 1800 3 ENG256 Brit Lit 1800- Pres 3 ENG260 Am Lit to 1860 3 ENG261 Am Lit 1860- Pres 3 ENG270 Bible as Lit <u>or</u> 3 PHI262 Found. Rel. Texts
Mathematics, Physical Science, or Life Science NOTE: AAS requires 1 course; IAI GECC requires 2 additional courses (1 math, 1 physical science, and 1 life science with at least 1 lab)	3 AAS requires 3 SH of math or science	Math 3 Physical & Life Sciences 7 1 Phys Sci 1 Life Sci (at least 1 lab)	Select 1 course for AAS degree: _____ <u>Physical Science</u> 4 CHM115 Chem & Society 4 CHM164 Intro Chem 5 CHM165 General Chem I 4 EAS120 Intro Meteorology 4 EAS170 Geol & Ocngrophy 4 EAS171 Astron & Meteor. 4 EAS180 Intro to Astronomy 3 EAS185 Nat'l Hazards & Dis <u>Life Science</u> 4 BIO105 Intro to Animal Sci 4 BIO110 Intro to Human Bio 4 BIO130 Environ Field Bio 4 BIO137 Heredity & Ethics 4 BIO157 Fund of Bio 4 BIO158 Evolution & Biodiv 3 GEG101 Physical Geog 1 GEG102 Physical Geog Lab 3 GEL101 Physical Geology 1 GEL103 Phys Geology Lab 4 PHY280 General Physics I 4 PHY291 Princ of Physics 3 GEG202 Geo Devlped Wrld 3 GEG203 Geg Devlpng Wrld 3 GEG204 Economic Geog 3 HIS131 Western Civ I 3 HIS132 Western Civ II 3 HIS165 History of Latin Am 3 HIS170 US History I 3 HIS172 US History III 3 PLT150 Intro Pol Thought 3 PLT151 US Government 3 PLT155 State & Local Govt 3 PLT251 Internat'l Relations 3 PLT255 Comparative Govt
Social & Behavioral Sciences NOTE: AAS requires 1 course; IAI GECC requires 2 additional courses.	3	9 Must select from at least 2 different depts.	Select 1 course for AAS degree: _____ 3 ANT151 Intro to Anthro 3 ANT155 Intro to Archaeol 3 ANT160 Intro Phys Anthro 3 ANT170 Intro Cult Anthro 3 ECO150 Intro Economics Or one or both of ECO251 & 252 3 ECO251 Microeconomics 3 ECO252 Macroeconomics 3 PSY151 Intro to Psychology 3 PSY265 Social Psychology 3 PSY250 Hum Dev/Life Span <u>or</u> 3 PSY251 Child Psychology <u>or</u> 3 PSY255 Adult Development <u>or</u> 3 PSY260 Intro to Gerontology 3 SOC101 Marriage & Family 3 SOC151 Intro to Sociology 3 SOC251 Social Problems 3 SOC260 Soc of Race & Eth
Total Gen. Ed. Credit	15	37	
Fire Science Program Core	29		Please refer to MCC's 2011/12 catalog for AAS in Fires Science program core requirements.
Program Electives	16		Please refer to MCC's 2011/12 catalog for AAS in Fire Science program elective requirements.
Total AAS Credits	60		

Changes to the IAI course articulations may require an adjustment to the student education plan as outlined in the above degree plan.

My MCC Education Plan

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