

## CHAPTER 5

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS - GENERAL

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5.010. Academic Degrees and Programs. The academic degrees and programs of the University are listed in the following subsections.

5.010.1. Academic Degrees. The following baccalaureate and graduate degrees are offered by the University:

B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.S.N.	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
M.A.	Master of Arts
M.Ac.	Master of Accountancy
M.A.E.	Master of Arts in Education
M.A.T.	Master of Athletic Training
M.S.	Master of Science

5.010.2. Academic Programs. The academic programs of the University are grouped under academic divisions, which form the basic entities of academic administration at the University. The following undergraduate and graduate programs are offered by the University:

Undergraduate Programs

Accounting, B.S.  
Agricultural Science, B.S.  
Applied Linguistics, B.A.  
Art, B.A. or B.F.A.  
Art History, B.A. (inactive)  
Athletic Training, B.S.  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, B.S.

Biology, B.A. or B.S.  
Business Administration, B.A. or B.S.  
Business Analytics, Undergraduate Certificate  
Cannabis and Natural Medicinals, B.S.  
Chemistry, B.S.  
Classics, B.A.  
Communication, B.A.  
Communication Disorders, B.A. or B.S.  
Computer Science, B.S.  
Creative Writing, B.F.A.  
Data Science, B.S.  
Data Science Foundations, Undergraduate Certificate  
Design, B.F.A.  
Economics, B.A. or B.S.  
English, B.A.  
Environmental Science, B.S.  
Exercise Science, B.S.  
French, B.A.  
German, B.A.  
Health, B.S.  
History, B.A. or B.S.  
Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A. or B.S.  
Justice Systems, B.S.  
Liberal Studies, B.A. or B.S.  
Linguistics, B.A. or B.S.  
Mathematics, B.A. or B.S.  
Modern Language, B.A.  
Music, B.A. or B.M.  
Music Business, B.S.  
Music Therapy, B.S.  
Nursing, B.S.N.  
Philosophy and Religion, B.A. or B.S.  
Physics, B.A. or B.S.  
Political Science and International Relations, B.A. or B.S.  
Psychology, B.A. or B.S.  
Romance Language, B.A.  
Russian, B.A. (inactive)  
Social Issue Advocacy, B.A. or B.S.  
Sociology/Anthropology, B.A. or B.S.  
Spanish, B.A.  
Statistics, B.A. or B.S.  
Theatre, B.A.

Graduate Programs

Accountancy, M.Ac.  
Applied Behavior Analysis, Graduate Certificate  
Athletic Training, M.A.T.  
Biology, M.S. (inactive)  
Communication Disorders, M.A.  
Counseling: Rehabilitation Counseling, M.A.

Data Science, Graduate Certificate  
Data Science and Analytic Storytelling, M.S.  
Disability Studies: Applied Behavior Analysis, M.A.  
Education, M.A.E.  
English, M.A.  
Gifted Education, M.A.  
History, M.A.  
Leadership, M.A.  
Mathematics, M.A.  
Mental Health Counseling, M.A.  
Music, M.A.  
Music Therapy, M.S.  
School Counseling, M.A.  
Sustainability and Environmental Studies, Graduate Certificate (inactive)

The addition or deletion of academic degree programs requires approval of the Board of Governors, and the addition of such programs also requires consent of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The addition, deletion, or revision of areas of emphasis within the existing programs requires approval of the President of the University.

Source: Resolutions of the Board dated October 3, 1986; December 15, 1990; February 10-11, 1995; June 16-17, 1995; February 7, 2004; April 14, 2007; April 4, 2009; April 10, 2010; June 25, 2010; February 5, 2011; April 11, 2015; December 5, 2015; June 11, 2016; February 3, 2018; June 16, 2018; October, 24, 2020; December 5, 2020; June 12, 2021; February 5, 2022; April 9, 2022, December 3, 2022, December 2, 2023.  
MDHE approval on October 11, 2007 recorded on January 19, 2022.  
Section 173.005, Revised Statutes of Missouri  
1987 Compilation: Articles 10 and 38

5.020. Admission Requirements. The President of the University sets admission requirements from year to year which reflect the challenges of the former Commissioner of Higher Education, Shaila Aery, and the *Higher Order of Excellence* document, for the University to be an "affordable alternative of a select public liberal arts institution that focuses on undergraduate education with high academic standards." The criteria for admission to the University during a particular year is set forth in the applicable catalog.

Source: Resolution of the Board dated December 6, 1991  
1987 Compilation: Article 38

- 5.030. Academic Calendars. The Board of Governors approves an academic calendar for each year, normally more than a full year in advance of the applicable year. Copies of the latest academic calendars approved by the Board are available for review at the President's Office.

Source: Resolutions of the Board dated March 7, 1992; September 24, 1994

- 5.040. Academic Credit. Academic credit is earned according to criteria approved by the President of the University and set forth in the applicable catalog.

Source: Established practice  
1987 Compilation: Articles 17 and 18

- 5.050. Academic Grades and Transcripts. Grades are given by the faculty according to criteria approved by the President of the University and set forth in the applicable catalog. Transcripts are issued by the Office of the Registrar as provided in the applicable catalog.

Source: Established practice

- 5.060. Academic Progress Requirements. Students are required to achieve academic progress standards in accordance with published rules. Such requirements are approved by the President of the University and set forth in the applicable catalog. In addition, financial aid applicants and recipients must comply with the academic progress requirements established by the providers of such aid.

Source: Established practice  
1987 Compilation: Article 29

- 5.070. Academic Dishonesty. Any student involved in cheating on classwork, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action.

5.070.1. Disciplinary Actions.

1. A faculty member who becomes aware of academic dishonesty may take reasonable action to reduce or eliminate the student's score for the affected test or project, lower the student's grade for the class, or suspend or expel the student from the class.

2. The faculty member may report the incident to his or her academic dean, who may suspend or expel the student from classes or programs in the academic department.
3. The academic dean may report the incident to the Vice President for Student Affairs for action under the Student Conduct Code.

5.070.2. Appeals. Disciplinary action decisions of a faculty member may be appealed to the faculty member's academic dean. Decisions of an academic dean may be appealed to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for review and final decision.

Source: Established practice  
Resolutions of the Board dated February 17, 2007; April 12, 2014; October 10, 2014  
Cross-reference: Chapter 8 of the Code

5.080. Graduation Requirements. Candidates for baccalaureate and graduate degrees must successfully complete the required coursework and satisfy all other requirements of the respective degree programs as approved by the President of the University and set forth in the applicable catalog.

Source: Established practice

5.090. Graduation Honors. Undergraduate students receiving a baccalaureate degree with a 3.50 or above grade point average will be accorded various levels of honor status as determined by the President of the University and set forth in the applicable catalog.

Source: Established practice  
1987 Compilation: Article 16

5.100. Academic Catalogs. General informational catalogs concerning academic programs, policies, and procedures are published on a regular basis, normally once each year. Currently, each of the editions is named the General/Graduate Bulletin. The President of the University is authorized to approve the names and contents of the catalogs as they are prepared and published from time to time with the proviso that the catalog provisions may not conflict with any policies of the Board. Programs, policies, procedures, fees, curricula, courses, and other matters contained in the catalogs are subject to change at any time by the Board of Governors.

Source: Established practice