

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Baccalaureate Degrees, General Requirements for

To graduate from MTSU with a bachelor's degree, a student must meet the following requirements.

1. Students must complete a minimum of 132 semester hours with a 2.00 grade point average. (Some programs may require more than 132 hours.)
2. A minimum of 25 percent of credit for each degree awarded by MTSU must be earned through instruction offered by the University. Typically, a minimum of 33 hours earned at MTSU is required; however, in degree programs of more than 132 semester hours a greater number of hours would be required.
3. At least 48 semester hours of junior and senior (3000-4000 level) courses must be completed with an average grade of C (2.00 GPA) or better. Courses numbered 1000 and 2000 which are substituted for 3000- or 4000-level courses may not be used in the calculation of the 48 upper-division hours. A minimum of 30 semester hours of junior and senior (3000-4000 level) courses must be completed at MTSU.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 12 of the last 18 semester hours at MTSU. With approval of the dean of the college in which the student is pursuing the major, a candidate may complete six of the last 18 hours at another college or university or by CLEP.
5. No more than 66 semester hours completed or awarded in correspondence study, credit-by examination, credit for service-related experience, and flight training may be counted for credit on a degree.
6. Students must complete at least nine semester hours at the upper-division level at MTSU in the major and at least three semester hours at the upper-division level at MTSU in each minor.
7. A minimum of 60 semester hours of senior college credit will be required of all students who transfer from colleges of less than four-year designation.
8. A 2.00 minimum GPA will be required in a major pursued as a graduation requirement and a 2.00 is required in some minors.
9. All candidates must meet the General Studies requirements as outlined on pages 59-61 and satisfy a computer literacy requirement as outlined below.
NOTE: Information applicable to transfer students may be found on page 57.
10. No more than 25 percent of the credits for nonbusiness degrees may be in courses commonly found in a school of business; therefore, a student can have only one business minor.
11. **During the second semester of the sophomore year, a student must complete an upper-division form and file it in the Records Office.** This form may be secured in the office of the head of the department/school in which the student expects to major. A grade point average of 2.00 in the major field and on all work attempted is required for unconditional admittance to the upper division and to candidacy for the bachelor's degree.
12. Any or all students may be required to take one or more tests designed to measure general education achievement and/or achievement in selected major areas as a prerequisite to graduation for the purpose of evaluation of academic programs. Unless otherwise provided for any individual program, no minimum score or level of achievement is required for graduation. Participation in testing may be required for all students, for students in selected programs, and for students selected on a sample basis.
13. All degree candidates must file a Notice of Intention to Graduate.
14. All persons initially enrolling in any college or university during or after Fall 1984 who seek a bachelor's degree from MTSU must have a basic knowledge of computers, including computer development, applications in today's world, and direct experience in operation. The University offers several alternatives whereby one may satisfy the computer literacy requirement. Students will select the option they deem most appropriate in light of their knowledge of computers and their plans, if any, to enroll in computer science or information systems courses at the university. The alternatives are:
 - a. achievement of a passing score on an examination in basic computer literacy. Students may contact the Department of Computer Science, Box 48, or extension 2397, for the scheduled examination times;
 - b. successful completion of CSCI 1000, Computer Literacy;
 - c. successful completion of any one of the following courses deemed equivalent to CSCI 1000:
 - a) CSCI 1150, 1160, or 1170
 - b) INFS 1000, 2200, or 3100
 The above courses are three hours credit each except CSCI 1160 and 1170 which are four;
 - d. attainment of certification as computer literate at another Tennessee Board of Regents university or community college;
 - e. presentation of coursework satisfactorily completed at a non-Tennessee Board of Regents institution and determined equivalent to CSCI 1000 by the Department of Computer Science.

NOTE: In all instances, meeting the requirements for graduation is the responsibility of the student.

In addition to the general requirements above, candidates for the various degrees must meet certain specific requirements.

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree must meet the following requirements:

1. The major must be completed in one of the disciplines or concentrations listed in (4) below. It must be identified as an approved degree in the Academic Inventory on pages 18-23 and described in this catalog by the department concerned.
2. One minor is required, and it must be chosen from the list of disciplines and concentrations in (4) below or from interdisciplinary minors listed beginning on page 72. Students wishing to be licensed to teach at the secondary level must meet the requirements for a minor in Secondary Education in addition to the basic requirements of one major and one minor.
3. Twelve hours of one foreign language are required. The requirement may be reduced to six hours to include 2010 and 2020 or any courses numbered above the 2000 level for a student presenting four high school units of the same language. The basic required hours are counted toward a language major or minor. TBR policy requires that students planning to receive an associate of arts degree or a bachelor of arts degree must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to one year for the associate of arts degree and two years for the bachelor of arts degree.
4. At least 98 of the minimum 132 hours required for graduation must be in courses offered in the following subjects, but no more than 42 hours will be accepted in any one subject:

Art*	Philosophy
Biology*	Physics*
Chemistry*	Political Science
Economics*	Pre-law concentration
Labor Relations*	Public Administration concentration
Public Finance*	Psychology*
English	Speech and Theatre
Foreign Languages	Communication Studies concentration
French concentration	Theatre concentration
German concentration	Communication Disorders concentration
Spanish concentration	Sociology
Geography*	Anthropology concentration
Geology/Earth Science*	
History	
International Relations*	
Mathematics	
Actuarial Science	
Music*	

*Major not available in the B.A. program

Bachelor of Business Administration

Requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree may be found on page 158.

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree may be found on page 222.

Bachelor of Music

Requirements for the Bachelor of Music (B.M.) degree may be found on page 250.

Bachelor of Science

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a major with a minimum of 24 semester hours.
2. Complete two minors of at least 18 semester hours each except for majors in Aerospace (exception: Technology concentration), Agriculture, Art Education, Biology, Business Education, Chemistry, Computer Science, Marketing Education, Economics, Engineering Technology, Geoscience: Geography concentration (geogra-

phy for global commerce and resource management career patterns only) and Geology concentration (geology career pattern), Mathematics, Vocational Home Economics Education, Industrial Education, Industrial Technology, Physics, Science, and Speech and Theatre (Communication Studies and Communication Disorders concentrations only) in which one minor of at least 18 semester hours will be required. The major program in Interdisciplinary Studies requires a body of courses in preparation for the selected teaching field. Mass Communication majors must also have either one or two 18-hour (or more) minors depending upon the sequence chosen. The majors or concentrations in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Professional Chemistry, and Environmental Science and Technology do not require a minor.

3. Specific requirements in the various departments must be met as listed in the colleges section of this catalog.
4. The B.S. degree may be granted to a student who takes six semesters of college work before entering an advanced health-related or engineering professional school upon evidence of satisfactory completion of the first year's work and the unconditional admittance to the second year, if applicable, provided that
 - a. the minimum requirement for entrance to the professional school is 60 semester hours of college work;
 - b. the professional school is an integral part of a university accredited by the appropriate regional association or the professional school is accredited by the recognized national association in its field;
 - c. the last two semesters of pre-professional work are done at Middle Tennessee State University;
 - d. the candidate completes a minimum of 99 semester hours in required pre-professional courses;
 - e. the candidate completes, in the pre-professional work, at least 24 semester hours in upper-division courses, including at least 6 semester hours in his/her major field;
 - f. the candidate meets all general requirements of the degree curriculum.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) may be found on page 149.

Bachelor of Social Work

Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree may be found on page 270.

Bachelor of University Studies Degree

The Bachelor of University Studies (B.Unv.S.) degree program is for the person who wishes to pursue a broad-based educational experience rather than a program designed to meet specific vocational or professional job opportunities. The degree is offered by the Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences and of Liberal Arts. Advisement is available through the Division of Continuing Studies and Public Services or the advisors for the college. Students may select from two specializations: basic and applied sciences and liberal arts.

Specific requirements are

1. 41 semester hours fulfilling the General Studies requirements;
2. completion of at least nine semester hours at the upper-division level at MTSU in the college of specialization;
3. a 2.00 GPA in the courses taken in the college of specialization;
4. 54 semester hours selected from at least three of the six undergraduate colleges (excluding Honors) subject to the following guidelines:
 - a. A minimum of 27 semester hours of the 54 semester hours must be taken at the upper-division (3000-4000) level.
 - b. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 GPA must be attained.

- c. A minimum of 21 semester hours must be completed in either Basic and Applied Sciences or in Liberal Arts. The maximum hours allowed in a specialization is 30.
- d. Upper-division courses with the prefixes ELED, READ, SPED, FOED, YOED, or SPSE may not be used.
- e. No fewer than 6 nor more than 12 semester hours may be taken in any one department. No more than 21 semester hours taken in departments within the Jennings A. Jones College of Business may be counted toward the B.Unv.S. degree.
- f. Courses taken to satisfy the General Studies requirements may not be counted to fulfill the 54 semester hours requirement in the University Studies program. Other courses from the General Studies curriculum may be taken subject to limitations imposed by (a), (c), (d), and (e) above.

Additional information about the Bachelor of University Studies can be obtained from the deans of Basic and Applied Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Continuing Studies and Public Service.

Second Bachelor's Degree

Candidates for a second bachelor's degree must meet the following requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree previously earned must have been awarded by an institution of higher learning.
2. All requirements for the major program in the new degree must be met, including a minimum of 9 upper-division hours taken at MTSU, and the entire major for the second bachelor's degree must be approved by the major department chair and by the dean whose college houses the program. Minors required by the major must include 3 hours of upper-division work taken at MTSU in each.

3. The General Studies requirements for the first degree will satisfy General Studies requirements for the second degree; however, the student must have completed 6 semester hours in American history as a requirement for the first degree or complete 6 semester hours from HIST 2010, 2020, and 2030 at MTSU.
4. If the computer literacy requirement described on page 55, No. 14, was not met for the first degree, the requirement must be fulfilled for the second degree.
5. A 2.00 grade point average on all work attempted must be attained.
6. A 2.00 grade point average is required in the major pursued as a graduation requirement.
7. Students seeking a second bachelor's degree must complete an application for admission to upper division.

NOTE: The Admissions Office does not evaluate transcripts of students who have already received a bachelor's degree.

Associate Degree

Associate in Applied Science in Law Enforcement

Requirements for the Associate in Applied Science in Law Enforcement (A.A.S.) degree include the completion of the curriculum listed on page 187 or approved substitutions.

Graduate Degrees

Information on graduate degrees available at MTSU may be found in the section on the College of Graduate Studies in this catalog and in the Graduate Catalog.



Transfer Students

The following guidelines determine the general degree requirements of transfer students.

1. If a transfer student has earned an associate degree, the student must meet the following general degree requirements:
 - a. 9 quarter or 6 semester hours of English composition
 - b. 12 quarter or 9 semester hours of humanities (to include at least 6 quarter or 3 semester hours of literature)
 - c. 9 quarter or 6 semester hours of American history
 - d. 12 quarter or 9 semester hours of natural/physical sciences/mathematics (to include at least one year of science and one course in mathematics)
 - e. 3 quarter or 2 semester hours of physical education activities (to be as 3 one-quarter or 2 one-semester courses)

NOTE: Students who have earned an associate degree from any college or university may meet the MTSU general degree requirements by completing the requirements listed above.
2. If a transfer student has not received an associate degree, the student will be treated like any other MTSU student and will have to meet the MTSU General Studies requirements as stated in the MTSU catalog under which the student chooses to graduate.

Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Minimum Degree Requirements and Transferability of Courses

All universities and community colleges in the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system share a common set of minimum requirements for baccalaureate degrees or associate degrees designed for transfer. The minimum degree requirements specify 32 semester credit hours in the following subject areas:

Subject Area	Credit Hours
English composition	6 hours
Humanities (including at least 3 hours in literature)	9 hours
History	6 hours
<i>NOTE: TBR universities require American history, except in a limited number of majors exempted from the requirement. (See specific university catalogs concerning majors that are exempt.) Community colleges may specify American history, western civilization, world civilization, or world history in accordance with the requirements of institutions to which students plan to transfer. At either universities or community colleges, students may substitute 3 semester hours of Tennessee history for the American history required.</i>	
Natural/Physical Sciences and Mathematics (to include one year of science and at least one course in mathematics)	9 hours
Physical Education Activity Courses (to be taken as two one-semester credit hour courses)	2 hours
<i>NOTE: Institutions may substitute satisfactory participation in ROTC, marching band, or armed forces experiences for physical education activity courses)</i>	

Every TBR institution incorporates the 32 semester hours listed above into its degree program requirements and accepts all courses designated as meeting these requirements at other TBR institutions. By ensuring the transferability of courses fulfilling the minimum degree requirements, the TBR has eliminated unnecessary repetition of these courses by students transferring to institutions within the TBR system. Be-

cause each TBR institution has a unique mission and its own distinctive curriculum, an institution may require students to complete additional courses in the minimum degree subject areas and in other areas within an institutional General Education program. Students planning to receive a bachelor of arts or associate of arts degree must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language as prescribed in the institutional degree requirements.

Although the courses fulfilling the minimum degree requirements may vary in actual design among institutions, many contain similar content. These courses are identified by common course rubrics (prefixes) and numbers in all TBR institutions to facilitate transferability.

Computation of Grade Point Average for Checking Degree Requirements

Major Average—If a student has more courses in a major area than are actually required, only those courses specifically required for the major will be used to determine the required 2.00.

Minor Average—For those minors which require a 2.00 grade point average (GPA), only those courses specifically required for the minor will be used to determine the required 2.00.

Upper-Division—The 2.00 GPA is calculated for the “best” 48 upper-division hours.

Teacher Education—Guidelines for computation of grade point averages for admission to the teacher education program, for eligibility to student teaching, and for subject area endorsement may be obtained in the administrative offices of the College of Education and Behavioral Science, McWhorter Learning Resources Center. Additional information can be found under Licensure of Teachers in the College of Education and Behavioral Science section.

Excessive Repeats—All attempts in excess of one are figured in all averages: upper division, major, minor, cumulative, etc.

Mass Communication Average—All College of Mass Communication courses in excess of the required 132 hours required for graduation are used to determine the cumulative GPA.

Basic/Developmental Courses—These courses are calculated into the cumulative GPA to determine retention; however, the basic/developmental courses do not count toward degree requirements and the grades are not used to determine the 2.00 GPA required for a degree.

Cumulative Average—Effective with new students Fall 2002, the cumulative average will include quality hours from courses taken only at MTSU. The first attempt of a repeated course is excluded.

High School Deficiency Courses—Courses used to complete specific high school deficiencies are not used to determine the 2.00 GPA required for a degree.