

UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG CHANGES

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Advanced Placement	<p>Advanced Placement</p> <p>Mississippi Valley State University may grant college-level credit in selected disciplines to students who have earned a score of three (3) or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) Examination. Advanced Placement scores are to be sent to the Office of Student Records after the date of initial enrollment. The AP examination must be administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Further,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grades of Satisfactory (S) appear on the transcript for courses in which AP credit is earned; 2. AP courses will not affect grade-point averages; 3. Applicability of credit to a specific degree is to be determined by the student, major department chair, and the respective college dean; 4. Credit is to be awarded for scores of three (3) or higher; and <p style="text-align: center;">Credits Awarded</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">AP Examination</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Score</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Credit hours</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Related Courses</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Art</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 or 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>ART 101</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Biological Science (no lab credit)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 or 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>BI 111</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Chemistry (no lab credit)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>CH 111</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4 or 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td>CH 111 & 112</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Computer Science Principles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>CS 112</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4 or 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td>CS 112 & CS 203</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Computer Science A</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>CS 203</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4 or 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td>CS 203 & CS 204</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economics - Macro</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4 or 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>BA 211</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economics - Micro</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4 or 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>BA 212</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AP Examination	Score	Credit hours	Related Courses	Art	3 or 4	3	ART 101	Biological Science (no lab credit)	3 or 4	3	BI 111	Chemistry (no lab credit)	3	3	CH 111	4 or 5	6	CH 111 & 112	Computer Science Principles	3	3	CS 112	4 or 4	6	CS 112 & CS 203	Computer Science A	3	3	CS 203	4 or 4	6	CS 203 & CS 204	Economics - Macro	4 or 5	3	BA 211	Economics - Micro	4 or 5	3	BA 212	11/9/15	AY 2015-2016
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	English	3 4 or 5	3 6	ENG 101 EN 101 & 102		
	French	3 4 or 5	3 6	FR 101, FR 102 FR 101, FR 102		
	Government & Politics United States	3-5	3	PS 201		
	Government & Politics Comparative	3-5	3	PS 321		
	History – U.S.	3 4 or 5	3 6	HI 201 HI 201, HI 202		
	History – World	3	3 6	HI 101 HI 101, HI 102		
	Mathematics	3 4 or 5	3 6	MA 111 MA 111 & 112		
	Mathematics Calculus AB	4 or 5	3	MA 299		
	Mathematics Calculus BC	3 4 or 5	3 6	MA 299 MA 299 & MA 300		
	Mathematics - Statistics	3, 4, or 5	3	MA 302		
	Music +	3	3	Based on Courses (e.g. theory, etc.)		
	Physics (no lab credit)	3 or 4 4 or 5	3 6	PH 211 PH 211 & 212		
	Psychology - General	3	3	ED 102		
	Spanish	3 4 or 5	3 6	SA 101 SA 101 & 102		
All Departments	Academic Fresh Start Policy An undergraduate student who has been previously enrolled at Mississippi Valley State University and who has not been enrolled in any post-secondary education institutions since leaving MVSU for a minimum period of 18 months, may be eligible for enrollment under the Academic Fresh –Start Policy. The Academic Fresh –Start may be sought at the				2/1/17	Immediately

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	<p>beginning of the student's first semester of readmission to the University. The policy will provide a student the opportunity to have his/her grade point average reflect academic success upon his/her re-enrollment at the University. In such cases, a student's academic record for the grade(s), (terms)/ or semester(s) in which the academic fresh –start is granted will be excluded from the grade point average calculation. All credit hours and grades will remain on the academic transcript but will not be counted toward degree requirements. However, a notation of the academic fresh –start will appear on the student's academic transcript. An academic fresh-start may be granted only once to a student and is irreversible. A student must begin the academic fresh-start process by procuring a Request for Academic Fresh-Start Form from the Office of Student Records/Registrar. The Form must be returned to the Office of Student Records/Registrar with all signatures of approval. The student's catalog of record will be the one in effect at the time of entry under the Academic Fresh- Start policy or any subsequent catalog in effect during the period of attendance at MVSU. Courses that are repeated adversely affect the student's ability to meet the required progression standards by increasing the total hours attempted. The academic fresh-start policy does not allow a student to regain financial aid eligibility. Note: Under Veterans' Administration rules and regulations, students receiving VA educational benefits will not be eligible for Academic Fresh- Start. Note; Any student granted an academic fresh-start is not eligible to receive Honor Awards.</p>		
All Departments	<p>Repeated Course Policy Students may enroll in repeated courses for credit at Mississippi Valley State University. Repeated courses, however, adversely affect the student's ability to meet the required progression standards by increasing total hours attempted. (Refer to Financial Requirements pg.54). The highest grade will stand as the official grade, and only the highest grade earned will be calculated in the cumulative grade point average.</p>	2/1/17	Immediately
All Departments	<p>Residency Requirements In order to receive a baccalaureate degree from Mississippi Valley State University, a student must complete a minimum of 25% of the total credit hours required of the degree program at MVSU.</p>	2/1/17	Immediately
All Departments	<p>Service Courses When a program is removing a service course from its curriculum that is offered/taught by</p>	2/23/17	Immediately

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	<p>another program, this does not require the approval of the curriculum committee. The department chairs of the program removing the course and the department offering the course must be notified and all intra-departmental rules for curriculum change must be followed.</p> <p>The program may also replace no more than two required courses in its major with other required courses from the major without approval by the Curriculum Committee.</p> <p>When the changes are made, the following steps must be followed. The program must send an adjusted Academic Map to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Director of University College and the Director of Student Records. If course are dropped from a service program, they must be notified in writing. When dropping courses, the program must insure that the total required hours do not drop below 120 hours.</p>		
Engineering Technology	<p>Engineering Technology: New Minors and Course Changes</p> <p>Minors Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Aided Drafting and Designing (CADD) minor Architecture Construction Management (ARCM) minor Electronics Technology minor Technology Management minor- approved 5-3-16 <p>Replaced ET 475 (Statistical Quality Control) with MA 302 (Elementary Statistics)</p> <p>Updated courses for Architectural Construction Management Concentration</p>	4/24/16	Immediately
Engineering Technology	<p>Engineering Technology: New Course</p> <p>ET 251- STEM Internship: Teaches the skills necessary for leading and mentoring a team through an authentic technical design/problem-solving experience, the FIRST Robotics Competition. The FIRST Robotics Competition challenges teams of high-school students and their mentors to solve a common set of technical problems through the design of a multi-function robot in a six-week timeframe using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in a series of competitions. Teams are rewarded for excellence in design, demonstrated team spirit, gracious professionalism and maturity, and ability to overcome obstacles. Scoring the most points is a secondary goal. All participants are winners by learning about the practical applications of science,</p>	9/10/15	Immediately

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	math, and engineering, and building partnerships that last. (3 credit hours)		
English and Foreign Languages	<p>English: Course Modification of existing Concentration in Creative Writing Delete the requirement of the following courses from the current academic map for creative writing: EN 205 Philosophy and Literature EN 302 Writing on the Job EN 310 Early English Literature EN 316 Modern Literature EN 363 Major Black Writers EN 405 Modern Drama or EN 406 Modern Poetry or EN 408 English Fiction EN 411 Restoration & Eighteenth Century English Literature (The above courses can be used as electives) Add 5 new courses in creative writing so that students will have a step-by-step training in creative writing to consolidate their writing skills: EN 253 Poetry Writing I. Introduction to poetry writing. 3 hrs. EN 254 Fiction Writing I. Introduction to fiction writing 3 hrs. EN 353 Poetry Writing II. Prerequisite: EN 253. Stresses the techniques of poetry writing. 3 hrs. EN 354 Fiction Writing II. Prerequisite: EN 254. Stresses the techniques of fiction writing. 3 hrs. EN 455 Creative Nonfiction Writing. Prerequisite: EN 353 and EN 354. Workshop in writing nonfiction prose: personal essay, reviews, opinion. 3 hrs. Change course titles and descriptions of the current existing 2 courses: EN 453 Creative Writing I to EN 453 Poetry Writing III. Prerequisite: EN 353. Workshop in developing techniques of poetry writing. 3 hrs. EN 454 Creative Writing II to EN 454 Fiction Writing III. Prerequisite: EN 354. Workshop in developing techniques of fiction writing. 3 hrs.</p>	9/22/16	Fall 2017
English and Foreign Languages	<p>English: New Concentration Added Concentration in African American Studies</p>	4/24/16	Fall 2016
English and Foreign Languages	<p>Reduction of Required ACT Score for Intermediate English ACT Score (English): 17 and below for Intermediate English</p>	12/4/15	Before Spring 2015
English and Foreign Languages	<p>English: New Course Added EN 468 Internships (468A & B)</p>	1/20/17	Fall 2017

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Fine Arts	Music: New Emphasis/Concentration Added Sound Recording Technology Emphasis/Concentration	4/24/16	Fall 2016
Fine Arts	Music: New Course MU 370 Class Guitar Class guitar is designed to develop an entry-level understanding of basic guitar technique. Students will begin to learn guitar tuning, guitar fingerings, and simple chord construction which will lead to playing songs. It is recommended that students have their own guitar.	4/22/16	Fall 2016
Fine Arts	Music: New Course MU 360 Mississippi Blues History: This course will cover Mississippi Blues history from 1900 to present, indentifying Mississippi geography, musicians, recordings, writings, interviews, and performances. (3 credit hours)	9/10/15	Fall 2015
General Education	General Education: Science with Lab Replace "Science with Lab" with "Natural Science 6 semester hours"	4/27/15	Fall 2015
General Education	General Education: Humanities Humanities: Add "**Higher level courses in English and History may be substituted for courses that are listed."	4/24/16	4/24/16
General Education	General Education: Policy Change 1: Students must complete 9 hours of Humanities (3 hours of English <i>Literature</i> and 6 of History, or 6 Hours of History and 3 of English <i>Literature</i>). 2: Students must complete 6 hours of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration and Sociology. 3: Students must complete 3 hours of <i>College Algebra, or higher level mathematics.</i>	11/29/16	Fall 2017
General Education	General Education: Social Science and Humanities	9/10/15	Fall 2015

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	<p>Social Science: Add “*Upper level courses in the following disciplines may be used to satisfy the Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement: Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Public Administration, and Economics. Programs should, however, use the courses listed whenever possible.”</p> <p>Humanities: Add “*Upper level courses in History may be used to satisfy the History portion of the Humanities requirement. Programs should, however, use the courses listed whenever possible.”</p>		
General Studies	<p>General Studies Programs /courses of study, other than Education and Social Work, which desire addition of a minor, become part of General Studies as a concentration with the continuing proviso that 30 course hours at a 300 level or higher are needed for the degree.</p>	3/24/16	AY 2015-2016
GHEC	<p>Greenville Higher Education Center</p> <p>Delete text on Page 189</p> <p>MVSU at GHEC offers a full range of upper level and graduate courses taught by MVSU faculty members and adjuncts. Several different instructional delivery modes are used to maximize the facilitation of the courses. A Child Development Associates Certification Program, workshops, and seminars are also offered. Academic Programming at GHEC welcomes and extends its resources to all who would strive for academic excellence and economic independence whatever their nationality, race, ethnic, or religious affiliations.</p>		Immediately
Mass Communication	<p>Mass Communication Curriculum Changes</p> <p>Delete courses: MC 330, MC 450</p> <p>Add MC 360 Race, Gender, Class and Media</p> <p>Add MC 450 Senior Project</p> <p>Add MC 435 Communication in Diverse Cultures</p> <p>Rename MC 300 Media Writing to MC 300 Multimedia Writing</p> <p>Rename MC 311 Newspaper Editing to MC 311 Editing</p> <p>Rename MC 350 Newspaper Layout and Web Design to MC 350 Digital Layout and Design</p>	4/22/16	Fall 2016

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Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences	<p>Mathematics: Course Change MA 100X Intermediate Algebra-as a Co-Requisite with College Algebra</p>	10/27/16	10/27/16
Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences	<p>Mathematics: New Courses</p> <p>MA 504 Pre-requisite: Undergraduate course in differential and integral calculus. Set theory, real numbers, proofs of limit theorems of real valued functions, mathematical induction and recursion, and functions. Limits of sequences and functions, Cauchy sequences, completeness, nested intervals, continuity, differentiation, mean value theorem, and L'Hopital's Rule and Taylor's Theorem.</p> <hr/> <p>MA 531 Vectors in n-dimensions, vector spaces in real and complex fields, determinants, matrices and solutions to systems of linear equations, bases, linear transformations, similarity transformation, linear operators, characteristics equation, eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and diagonalization of matrices.</p> <p>MA 551 Uses all the facilities of FORTRAN including program design, constants and variables, and array processing. Makes extensive use function subprograms, subroutines, numeric and alpha numeric formatted data, analyzes and processes large data sets. Infusion of computer technology that assist in the learning and understanding of mathematics concepts found in high school algebra courses.</p>	10/14/15	Spring 2016
University College	<p>University College Academic Skills: Course Grading Change from P/F grade to letter grade</p>	12/2/15	Fall 2016

