



Online Bachelor of General Studies

DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

- A cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 is required of students *transferring* to MU. A cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 is required of students *returning* to MU.
- You previously must have earned 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university* OR have earned an associate degree (AA) from a regionally accredited Missouri institution.
- Your AA degree or 60 hours of prior course work **MUST** include a three-hour course in both college algebra AND English expository writing with grades of C- or higher. These two courses must be the equivalent of what one would take at MU when taking college algebra (Math 1100 or 1120) or English Exposition and Argumentation (English 1000).

Note: Whether you are a new transfer to MU, or a former or current MU student, you will need to **earn a minimum of 30 credit hours from MU after being accepted into the online BGS completion program.** For example, although an MU bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 credit hours, if you enter the online BGS completion program with more than 90 credit hours, including MU credit hours, you still will need to earn a minimum of 30 additional credit hours from MU.

* To check whether your previous institution(s) is/are “regionally accredited,” please check the following web site: chea.org/search/default.asp.

For more information about these requirements, including tools for helping you meet them and steps to follow if you don't, please visit cdis.missouri.edu/bgs_admissionr.aspx.

Admission Procedures

If you want to apply for admission to the University of Missouri and enroll as a degree-seeking student in the online bachelor of general studies completion program, follow these steps:

1. Make sure you meet the requirements for admission to the online BGS degree completion program. See above.
2. Complete the Application for Transfer Undergraduate Admission.* There are two ways to fill out the application:

Completely online at: <https://muis1.missouri.edu/sis/selectappl.cfm>

Text-only version (where you enter your information online, then print the form and mail it in): admissions.missouri.edu/pdfs/transfer-application.pdf

* If you have previously attended MU (at any time in the past) you need to fill out the Request for Re-admission form. You do not need to fill out a new Application for Transfer Undergraduate Admission or submit an application fee, but you do need to have official transcripts of all college work completed since attending MU sent to the MU Admissions Office (see item 4 on back page). The Request for Re-admission form can be found online at: admissions.missouri.edu/howtoapply/re-enroll.php.

Note: On question 14 of the re-admission form or on question 21 of the application, where it asks for your “intended/desired academic major,” make sure you enter “General Studies

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— Online.” On question 23b of the transfer application, be sure to check “Yes.” When filling out the online version of the application, you will need to enter only your intended academic major of “General Studies — Online.”

3. If you complete the Transfer Undergraduate Admission Application, a nonrefundable \$45 fee must accompany your application. If you complete the application online, you will be required to pay the application fee online with a valid MasterCard, VISA or Discover credit card. If you mail in your completed application, your \$45 check (made payable to the University of Missouri) should be mailed with the application to: Office of Admissions, 230 Jesse Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.
4. Arrange for official transcripts from previously attended colleges/universities to be sent directly to: MU Admissions Office, 230 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. When requesting official transcripts from all previously attended colleges, you may want to request a student copy for yourself to be used for advising when you first enter the degree program.

Note: Transcripts that are marked “issued to student” or faxed transcripts are not considered official. Your previous school(s) must send your official transcripts directly to the Office of Admissions.

5. If you would like to discuss this degree program and whether it is right for you before you apply to the University and pay the application fee, please contact Ehren Oncken with the Center for Distance and Independent Study at 1-800-609-3727, option 1, or onckene@missouri.edu.

Note: All credentials submitted for admission will be retained by MU.

Procedures for Non-degree Enrollment

If you want to take individual, university-level courses for personal or career enrichment or to help you qualify for admission into the BGS degree completion program, you will need to register as a non-degree student. Please do the following:

Visit the Center for Distance and Independent Study web site (cdis.missouri.edu/university.aspx) to view the university-level course catalog to choose your course(s).

You can view the course catalog, download a PDF course enrollment form or enroll online, learn more about the fees charged for courses, purchase your textbooks and even begin your online course work at this site.

After sampling CDIS course offerings, you may want to apply for admission to the degree program. The courses you have taken with CDIS as a non-degree student may count toward the BGS degree; however, a minimum of 30 hours must be completed after admission as a degree-seeking student. To find out what courses will count toward the BGS degree in the future, please consult Ehren Oncken with the Center for Distance and Independent Study at 1-800-609-3727, option 1, or onckene@missouri.edu.

Note: If you have been academically dismissed from MU or another university or college, you must sit out for one full calendar year prior to enrolling in CDIS courses.

For More Information

With questions about any of these requirements or procedures, please contact Ehren Oncken at 1-800-609-3727, option 1, or onckene@missouri.edu.