Child & Family Development



Associate of Arts in Child & Family Development

The Associate of Arts in Child and Family Development degree and contains the Missouri Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum (Core 42), including specific general education and child and family development courses needed to facilitate transfer. This academic guide is based on the 2022-2023 Missouri State University-West Plains Catalog. The time to complete the degree will vary, depending on remediation, summer enrollment, number of classes taken per semester, etc.

Degree Requirements

Written Communications	Credit Hours
ENG 110 Writing I	3
Writing II: Select three (3) credit hours	
ENG 210 Writing II: Academic Writing	3
ENG 221 Writing II: Writing for the Professions	
Oral Communications	Credit Hours
COM 115 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Mathematical Sciences	Credit Hours
MTH 130 Contemporary Math or higher	3
Natural Sciences	Credit Hours
Select four (4) credit hours of Biology, including 1 lab component	
BIO 100 Biological Science for Educators	
BIO 101 Biology in Your World	4
BIO 111 Laboratory for Biology in Your World	
Select a minimum of three (3) credit hours of natural science courses, from the list of	3
approved Natural Sciences Core 42 courses.	
Social and Behavioral Science	Credit Hours
CFD 155 Principles of Human Development	3
PSY 121 Introductory Psychology	3
Civics: Select three (3) credit hours	
HST 121 Survey of US History to 1877	
HST 122 US History Since 1877	3
PLS 101 American Democracy and Citizenship	
Humanities and Fine Arts	Credit Hours
Select nine (9) credit hours in at least two (2) disciplines, from the list of approved	9
Humanities and Fine Arts Core 42 courses.	
Additional General Education	Credit Hours
Select six (6) credit hours from the list of approved Core 42 courses.	6
Institutional Requirements	Credit Hours
CIS 101 Computers for Learning	3
IDS 110 Student Success	2
Child and Family Development Requirements	Credit Hours
CFD 110 Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
CFD 150 Introduction to Child and Family Development	1
CFD 163 Relationships in Today's Families	3
CFD 250 Parenting in Contemporary Society	3
CFD 298 Child and Family Development Capstone	1
CFD Elective	1
Total Hours Required	60

Degree Notes:

- Math requirements exclude MTH 197 or MTH 297.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of three (3) credit hours of math, regardless of placement.
- Electives must be approved by the department.
- Students should confirm the transferabilty of courses with their transfer university before completing courses at MSU-WP.
- This degree is a transfer degree and contains the Missouri Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum (Core 42).

Recommended Two-Year Plan

	Course #	Credit Hours
Term 1 (Fall)	CFD 150	1
	CFD 155	3
	CIS 101	3
	ENG 110	3
	IDS 110	2
	Hum/Fine Arts	3
	Total	15
	Milestone: Complete ENG	110

	Course #	Credit Hours
	CFD 110	3
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2	PSY 121	3
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	Course #	Credit Hours
	BIO 100 or BIO 101/111	4
	CFD 250	3
all)	Hum/Fine Arts	3
Term 3 (Fall)	MTH 130	3
E	Civics Course	3
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	Total	16

	Course #	Credit Hours	
	CFD 298	1	
4 (Spring)	CFD Elective	1	
	Gen Ed Elective	3	
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	Hum/Fine Arts	3	
lerm.	Natural Sciences	3	
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	Milestone: Apply to graduate, Apply and		
	send final transcripts to 4 year university		

Milestone Notes

- Milestones are a major step in the completion of the degree. Each milestone must be met in order to advance to the next stage of education.
- Milestone courses should be completed in the designated semester.
- All milestone courses must be completed with a C or higher.
- Students are encouraged to apply for graduation early in their last semester.

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