

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY	
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Name of Policy:	Core 42 – Missouri Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum
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1.0 PURPOSE

To comply with Senate Bill 997 established the Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum Act (Sections 178.785-789 RSMo), which directs the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to develop a standard core transfer curriculum and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for lower-division general education courses.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all University students, to abide by the procedural guidelines outlined herein.

3.0 POLICY

In compliance with Senate Bill 997 established the Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum Act (Sections 178.785-789 RSMo), which directs the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to develop a standard core transfer curriculum and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for lower-division general education courses. The core transfer curriculum, known as CORE 42, is a framework for general education that all Missouri public two-and four-year institutions of higher education adopted effective for the 2018-2019 academic year. The goal of the CORE 42 is to facilitate the seamless transfer of academic credits. The completion of the CORE 42 at any public institution of higher education will transfer to every other public institution of higher education in the state and substitute for the receiving institution's general education requirement. Individual courses that comprise the CORE 42 are guaranteed to transfer one-to-one among all public (and participating independent) colleges and universities in Missouri.

The framework for Missouri's CORE 42 is designed for students to obtain the basic competencies of Valuing, Managing Information, Communicating, and Higher-Order Thinking through the completion of at least 42-semester hours distributed across the broad Knowledge Areas of Communications, Humanities & Fine Arts, Natural & Mathematical Sciences, and Social & Behavioral Sciences. Students obtain the competencies through completion of the CORE 42 in its entirety. *(retrieved from MDHEWD <https://dhewd.mo.gov/core42.php>)*

4.0 HISTORY

This policy may be revised, edited, changed or removed at any time with or without notice to applicable individuals.

Core 42 was first approved Spring of 2018.

Courses are annually reviewed and updated and posted to the MDHWD.

5.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Catalog section of General Education Curriculum Requirements.

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