

Associate of Arts in Teaching

The AAT degree is designed as a two-year degree program for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in education. The AAT is designed as a transfer degree.

Students seeking the AAT degree have the following requirements:

General Education:

Statewide general education core.....42 credit hours

General education credits should be carefully selected with the help of an advisor whenever possible to meet degree requirements and prerequisites, to prepare for the C-BASE, and to address level and area of teacher preparation.

Required Teacher Education Core Courses:

(Courses are currently being developed. Contact your advisor for more information.)

Foundations of Education (EDU 250).....3 credit hours

Educational Psychology (PSY 260).....3 credit hours

Technology for Teachers (IMT 265).....3 credit hours

Teaching Profession with Field Experience (EDU 202).....3 credit hours

Total required core courses.....12 credit hours

Institutional Requirements:

Computers for Learning (CIS 101).....3 credit hours

Fitness for Living (PED 100).....2 credit hours

Topics in Globalization (IDS 297(capstone course)).....2 credit hours

TOTAL institutional requirements.....7 credit hours

Additional electives needed (EDU 150).....1 credit hour

Electives may be selected from education electives, content areas or any other courses. Electives should be carefully selected with the help of an advisor to meet degree requirements, prerequisites, preparation for the C-BASE, and planned level and area of teacher preparation.

Other Requirements:

Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5

Students must achieve a minimum score of 235 on each section of the C-BASE

Total Credit Hours required for the AAT Degree.....62 credit hours

We recognize that four-year transfer institutions may have additional requirements including higher GPA or C-BASE scores. Students are encouraged to work closely with an advisor from the receiving institution so that they may understand and prepare to meet all entrance requirements.

Students should confirm the transferability of individual courses to other institutions prior to enrollment.

Based on 2009-10 Catalog

What is the Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree?

The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree includes a 42-hour general education core, 12 hours of required teacher education core courses and 8 hours of electives or other institutional requirements.

How does it transfer?

An agreement is currently in place that provides students who have earned an AAT degree at any Missouri community college/Missouri State-West Plains the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Education at participating four-year transfer institutions in the state. By this agreement, any Missouri community college/Missouri State-West Plains student who has earned an AAT degree will receive consistent treatment by participating four-year transfer institutions in accordance with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) Credit Transfer Policy and Principles of Best Practice.

Why should I get an AA in Teaching degree?

The AAT degree allows students interested in teacher education to begin that process at Missouri State-West Plains. This degree will be helpful to those students who transfer into secondary education or elementary education programs.