

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**Associate in Applied Science in Fire Science**

to

**Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree & National Fire Academy Recognized Certificate Program**  
**(program is available online)**  
**(2018/19 catalog)**

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Western Illinois University (WIU) offers the National Fire Academy's Fire and Emergency Services in Higher Education (FEHSE) curriculum to earn a transcribed certificate, and a minor in Fire Administration in addition to the bachelor's degree. To earn the transcribed certificate and minor, students will complete the seven FESHE curriculum core courses, plus the three courses required for one of the areas of concentration - Fire Administration & Management or Fire Prevention Technology. The program provides access to higher education, through online coursework, for fire service personnel and allows them to earn a bachelor's degree without losing time on the job.

MCC and WIU have entered into a partnership between the AAS in Fire Science and the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies (BGS) degree. The agreement allows students to transfer to WIU's BGS program with an AAS degree. The BGS degree allows 80hrs to be transferred from MCC, so additional coursework may be taken through MCC after achieving the AAS degree. WIU advisors will recommend general education coursework at MCC that will transfer toward completion of the BGS degree.

**Admission Requirements**

- 24 hrs of college credit with a 2.0 GPA from the last institution attended and a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA from all schools attended (4.0 scale).
- **or**
- If < 24hrs of college credit, student is admissible if they are at least 5 years beyond high school graduation.
- **or**
- Served at least one year of active military service with honorable discharge, and , WIU is the first school attended since discharge (copy of current orders or DD-214 required).

**Admission Notes**

- Students apply to the program through the degree program office:  
[http://www.wiu.edu/global\\_education/bgs/apply.php](http://www.wiu.edu/global_education/bgs/apply.php)
- A non-refundable application fee is required. (\$30 – paper application, \$30 – online application)
- Official transcripts from each institution attended must be forwarded directly to the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies degree program office.

**Additional Information**

Following are WIU Bachelor of Arts in General Studies degree graduation requirements:

- Complete 120 semester hours
  - WIU or IAI General Education requirements
  - 40 semester hours from a four-year institution with at least 30 semester hours from WIU
  - 40 semester hours of upper-division credit with at least 16 semester hours from WIU
  - Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA from all WIU coursework
- Complete one BGS writing course
- Complete math competency
- Complete foreign language or global issues requirement
- Completion of the AAS degree does not satisfy WIU general education requirements. Since 80 semester hours will transfer from MCC, it is recommended that students complete the IAI General Education (IAI GECC) at MCC.

**Education Plan** - The following is an education plan for students who intend to earn the AAS in Fire Science at MCC and then transfer to WIU's BGS degree program. The plan includes the AAS degree requirements and courses to complete the IAI GECC. Completion of the IAI GECC must be posted to your transcript. Request an IAI GECC audit through MCC's Records and Registration.

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<b>General Education</b>	<b>AAS Hours</b>	<b>IAI GECC Hours</b>	<b>NOTE:</b> WIU gen.ed. requirements can be satisfied either through WIU specific requirements or through the IAI GECC. Since 80 SH can be completed at MCC, completing the IAI GECC at MCC is recommended. This chart shows general education courses that satisfy both MCC's AAS and the IAI GECC. <b>Please refer to MCC's catalog for IAI GECC course selection guidelines.</b>	
<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAS requires 2 courses</li> <li>• IAI GECC requires 3 courses. (ENG151 &amp; 152 with a C or better)</li> </ul>	6	9	<b>Select 2 courses for AAS degree (3 for IAI GECC):</b> 3 ENG151 Composition I 3 ENG152 Composition II 3 SPE151 Intro to Speech	
<b>Fine Arts &amp; Humanities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAS requires 1 course</li> <li>• IAI GECC requires 3 courses: at least 1 Fine Arts and 1 Humanities</li> </ul>	3	9	<b>Select 1 course for AAS degree (3 for IAI GECC):</b> <u>Fine Arts</u> 3 ART150 Hum through Art 3 ART151 Art Appreciation 3 ART155 Non-WestArt 3 ART165 Ethnic Folk Art 3 ART171 Art Hist I 3 ART172 Art Hist II 3 ART174 Studies in Cont Art 3 ART175 Hist of Photo 3 JRN180 Intro to Film 3 MUS151 Music Apprec 3 MUS153 Non-West Music	3 MUS154 Intro to Am Music 3 MUS171 Mus Hist I 3 MUS172 Mus Hist II 3 THE151 Intro to Theater  <u>Humanities</u> 3 ART150 Hum through Art 3 ENG240 Intro Shakespeare 3 ENG251 Intro to Lit 3 ENG253 Wrld Lit to 1650 3 ENG254 Wrld Lit 1650- Pres 3 ENG255 Brit Lit to 1800 3 ENG256 Brit Lit 1800- Pres 3 ENG260 Am Lit to 1860 3 ENG261 Am Lit 1860- Pres 3 ENG270 Bible as Lit
<b>Mathematics, Physical Science, or Life Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAS requires 1 course</li> <li>• IAI GECC requires 3 courses: 1 math, 1 physical science, and 1 life science (with at least 1 lab)</li> </ul>	3  1 math or science course	<b>Math</b> 3  <b>Physical &amp; Life Sciences</b> 7 1 Phys Sci 1 Life Sci (at least 1 lab)	<b>Select 1 course for AAS degree (3 for IAI GECC- 1 math, 1 physical science, 1 life science with at least 1 lab):</b> <u>Physical Science</u> 4 CHM115 Chem & Society 4 CHM164 Intro Chem 5 CHM165 General Chem I 4 EAS120 Intro Meteorology 4 EAS170 Geol & Ocngrphy 4 EAS171 Astron & Meteor 4 EAS180 Intro to Astron	3 EAS185 Nat'l Haz & Dis 4 GEG107 Phys Geog 3 GEG123 Energy Resources 1 GEG124 Energy Res Lab 3 GEG220 Global Env 1 GEG221 Global Env Lab 4 GEL105 Physical Geol 3 GEL110 Geol of Nat'l Parks 4 PHY280 General Physics I 4 PHY291 Princ of Physics I  <u>Life Science</u> 4 BIO110 Intro to Human Bio 4 BIO130 Environ Field Bio
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAS requires 1 course</li> <li>• IAI GECC requires 3 courses from at least 2 different departments</li> </ul>	3	9	<b>Select 1 course for AAS degree (3 for IAI GECC from at least 2 different depts.):</b>  3 ANT151 Intro to Anthro 3 ANT155 Intro to Archaeol 3 ANT160 Intro Phys Anthro 3 ANT170 Intro Cult Anthro 3 ECO150 Intro Economics 3 ECO251 Microeconomics 3 ECO252 Macroeconomics 3 GEG202 Geo Develped Wrld	3 GEG203 Geo Devlpng Wrld 3 GEG204 Economic Geog 3 HIS131 Western Civ I 3 HIS132 Western Civ II 3 HIS165 History of Latin Am 3 HIS170 US History I 3 HIS172 US History II 3 PLT150 Intro Pol Thought 3 PLT151 US Government 3 PLT155 State & Local Govt 3 PLT251 Internat'l Relations 3 PLT255 Comparative Govt
<b>Total Gen. Ed. Credit</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>		
<b>Program Core</b>	33		Please refer to MCC's 2018/19 catalog for AAS in Fires Science program core requirements.	
<b>Program Electives</b>	15		Please refer to MCC's 2018/19 catalog for AAS in Fire Science program elective requirements.	
<b>Total AAS Credits</b>	<b>63</b>			