

3 or 7 hours of Science Credit from Another Institution

Frequently we encounter students who transfer to Missouri State from another institution with either 3 or 7 hours of natural science credits. Here are a few suggestions concerning how these students might be advised.

Those with only a 3 credit science class have these options:

1. Take a 5-credit science class here (either CHM 105 or PHY 203). This option assumes, of course, that their 3-credit class is not in the same science group as these 5-credit classes. Those who elect this option will need to contact Dr. Catau so he can approve the use of the 3-credit class as part of the student's gen ed science package.
2. If the student's 3-credit transfer class was in BIO, AST, or GLG the student should contact the appropriate department to see if it would be appropriate to enroll in a one credit class. If the department agrees, the student actually completes the lab component of the class related to his/her transfer course. Upon completion of this one credit class, the student should contact Dr. Catau so he can process the paperwork to indicate the 4-credit combination (3 hours of transfer and one hour of related lab credit) will meet a GEP requirement. NOTE: This "linking" of the 2 classes will NOT occur on its own without Dr. Catau's follow-up.
3. If the student's 3-credit transfer class was in PHY, BMS, CHM, or GRY, there are no appropriate one credit options. These students should enroll in one of the 5 credit classes (either CHM 105 or PHY 203).
4. Students who decide they do not wish to enroll in either an appropriate 1-credit lab component (when available) or one of our 5-credit options, will need to take all 8 of their science hours on campus. In other words, their 3-credits of science transfer will be electives.

NOTE: Dr. Catau will NOT waive the 8th hour of science if a student transfers in 3 credits of science and elects to take a 4-credit option here for a total of 7 hours of science.

Those with 7 hours of science credit via transfer have these options:

1. If the 7 hours of science **fulfilled** the gen ed science requirement at the school the student is transferring from, he/she should make an appointment to see Dr. Catau. The student must bring verification of the science requirement at the sending institution. In these instances, and only these instances, Dr. Catau will ordinarily waive the 8th hour of science.
2. If one of the student's transfer classes was a 3-hour class in either BIO, AST, or GLG the student should contact the appropriate department to see if it would be appropriate to enroll in a one credit class. If the department agrees, the student will complete the lab component of the class related to their transfer course. Upon completion of this one credit class, the student should contact Dr. Catau so he can process the paperwork to indicate the 4-credit combination (3 hours of transfer and one hour of related lab credit) will meet a GEP requirement. NOTE: This "linking" of the 2 classes will NOT occur on its own without Dr. Catau's follow-up.
3. The above students (see #2) may also appeal to the Degrees Committee to request a waiver of the 8th hour of natural science. If the committee denies the appeal, the student must take either the appropriate one hour lab component or another gen ed science class.
4. If one of the student's transfer classes was a 3 hour class in either PHY, BMS, CHM, or GRY, there are no appropriate one credit options. These students may appeal to the Degrees Committee to request a waiver of the 8th hour of science. If the Committee denies the appeal, the student will need to take another gen ed science class.