

Smart Start



Fall 2017
Missouri Western's
Newsletter for Concurrent
Enrollment/Dual Credit Students

Student Spotlight: Camarie Slagle

Camarie Slagle attended Savannah High School in Savannah, Missouri and took dual credit courses in College Algebra, Trigonometry, General Chemistry I and II, American Government, Oral Communications, Physics I, General Psychology, and Principles of Biology.

Camarie had many reasons to take dual credit from Missouri Western, chief among them was to get a jump start on college in the hopes of completing her undergraduate degree in less than four years. As a bonus, the courses enabled her to experience the expectations of a college course and to save money on tuition.

“Definitely take dual credit courses because they will only help you prepare for your future,” Camarie advised. “Take these classes extremely seriously because they not only count towards your high school GPA but also your college GPA. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask your professor or high school teacher. If you are struggling in a dual credit class free tutoring is available through Missouri Western, and it will prepare you for when you face other tough courses in college.”

Camarie will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and intends to major in Athletic Training and

minor in Psychology before pursuing her Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Although her dual credit courses did not affect her choice of a major, she noted, “taking these courses is beneficial in trying to choose a major. If you are not sure what you desire to major in, these classes enable you to explore which subjects you excel in and enjoy. A bonus is that dual credit classes enable you to knock a few general courses out of the way so you have more time to explore potential majors.”

Missouri Western wishes Camarie the all the best as she continues her journey to a doctorate in Physical Therapy!



Camarie Slagle will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire this fall, and is most looking forward to getting involved in college organizations including Cru, Kinesiology Club, The Navigators, Pre-Physical Therapy Club, and other clubs.

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Don't forget!

Payment Deadlines

OCTOBER 1 A down payment must be paid to the Western Institute. If no payment is received, the student will be dropped from the course.

Late Fee Deadline

NOVEMBER 1 A \$50 late fee will be added to accounts not paid in full by November 1.

Financial Aid Awareness Seminars

MISSOURIWESTERN.EDU/FINAID/UPCOMING-EVENTS/ Attend a seminar to learn about financial aid.

FAFSA Financial Aid Awareness Seminars

Missouri Western's Financial Aid Office offers free public seminars to help you understand the financial aid process.

The information provided is relevant to most colleges and universities nationwide, so please feel free to attend even if you aren't planning to go to Missouri Western.

Here is what is covered:

- An overview of federal, state and other assistance opportunities.

- Information about application procedures and deadlines.
- How to locate and apply for scholarship opportunities.
- Information about how the government determines your eligibility for aid.
- Information about financial aid scams and how to avoid them.

To see a list of upcoming seminars, please visit: missouriwestern.edu/finaid/upcoming-events

Cost Comparison

MWSU Dual Credit	MWSU On Campus**	Avg. of State Universities**
Tuition/fees..... \$490	Tuition/fees..... \$1,164	Tuition/fees..... \$1,280
Textbook \$0	Textbook \$283	Textbook \$283
Supplemental materials and course fees..... \$0	Supplemental materials and course fees..... \$127	Supplemental materials and course fees..... \$127
Total*..... \$490	Total*..... \$1,574	Total*..... \$1,690

** Based on FY15 MDHE data, with full-time fees prorated to a five-credit-hour course; assumes same text and materials fees as Missouri Western.
*Plus one time registration fee (\$15 at Missouri Western).

Students who take concurrent enrollment/ dual credit courses in high school are more likely to:



Graduate from high school



Enroll in college at a four-year institution



Enroll in college full-time



Stay in college at least two years

2.9

Students with dual credit courses took **2.9 years** to complete an associate degree, compared with 4.6 years for students without dual credit.

4.6

Students with dual credit courses took **4.6 years** to complete a baccalaureate degree compared with 5-6 years for students without dual credit.

Department Spotlight:

Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work

If you embrace the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and curiosity, a degree in the field of criminal justice or legal studies might be for you. If you are interested in enhancing others' lives and believe in the worth and dignity of all individuals, then social work may be for you. Those seeking a challenging career and to help others will feel right at home in the Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work.

Degrees

The department offers multiple bachelor's degree options, including:

- Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice: Administration
- Criminal Justice: Juvenile Delinquency
- Criminal Justice: Corrections
- Legal Studies (*associate degree and certificate also available)
- Social Work

Those wishing to continue beyond a bachelor's degree can go on to complete a master's degree in Forensic Investigations.

Careers

So what can you ultimately do with a degree from the department, anyway? Dr. Greg Lindsteadt, professor and chair of the department, noted the value of a criminal justice degree, stating, "A criminal justice degree provides access to a wide variety of public service related fields, such as: law enforcement, corrections, community corrections and juvenile justice. A criminal justice degree is not required in all positions, but it does allow the recipient to venture outside the entry level position and advance."

Some positions held by those with a criminal justice degree include: law enforcement officers, probation officer, corrections officers, secret service agents, ATF investigators, security officers and juvenile court officers.

Legal Studies remains one of the fastest growing job sectors in the country. Graduates in legal studies are poised to find careers in law firms, legal departments, insurance companies, public defender offices and more.

A degree in social work prepares you to work for a wide range of employers, including: hospitals, nursing homes, mental health facilities, drug treatment centers, victim service agencies, private practice, family service agencies, schools, and adoption and foster care agencies.

Program Options

Students entering the criminal justice program will have the option to take courses on campus in St. Joseph or online.

Ask about the accelerated option for criminal justice if you desire to complete your degree in three years instead of four.



Deadlines

Students wanting to enter the program for the Fall of 2018 should adhere to Missouri Western's deadlines for applications and scholarships. In general, applications for admission and scholarship applications should be received by February 1.

Find out what's possible!

Please contact the department if you are interested in receiving more information or meeting the professors. Call (816) 271-4293.

missouriwestern.edu/cj-ls-swk

Missouri Western State University's BSW Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation, our national regulatory body. CSWE has recognized the quality of Missouri Western's Social Work Program since 1979.

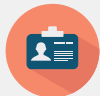
The Legal Assistant Program is a charter member of the American Association for Paralegal Education. Paralegals cannot practice law. Only attorneys, who are licensed in the state by the Supreme Court, can practice law.

Questions?

Did you know? As a
concurrent enrollment/dual
credit student, you are entitled to:



a Missouri Western email account



obtain a Missouri Western student ID

Having an ID entitles you to discounts at many St. Joseph and Kansas City stores and restaurants and entrance into Missouri Western events at the student rate, which is usually free.



use the Missouri Western library



obtain a Missouri Western parking permit



use the Center for Academic Support



use the Baker Family Fitness Center



receive a free Missouri Western t-shirt

Events Calendar

SEPT
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Convocation on Critical Issues

10:00 am, Looney Arena

Martin Luther King III presents "Embracing the Ideals of Freedom, Justice and Equality"

SEPT
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Family Day

6:00 pm, Craig Field at Spratt Stadium

MWSU vs. University of Central Oklahoma

OCT
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Hall of Fame Football Game

1:00 pm, Craig Field at Spratt Stadium

MWSU vs. Fort Hays State University

OCT
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Homecoming

2:00 pm, Craig Field at Spratt Stadium

MWSU vs. Washburn University

JAN
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Spring 2018 Semester Begins

On-campus/Online Dual Credit begins

Work with your counselor to get signed up for your spring dual credit courses.

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