COAL Transfer Student
Meet & Greet

College of Arts & Letters
Missouri State University
Welcome to the College of Arts & Letters

Welcome from the Dean: Dr. Gloria Galanes

COAL Trivia:
- 10% of transfer students enroll in COAL
- 182 new transfer students joined COAL this fall
College of Arts & Letters: Things to Know

1. College is dedicated to the success of our students – this is our mission!

2. COAL prizes many things including:
   - Creativity and passion
   - Interdisciplinary collaboration
   - Effective communication
   - Critical thinking and self-reflection
What does success look like in COAL?

You are:
- Involved and actively learning
- Pursuing your passion
- Enlarging your vision of the world
- Honing skills and problem-solving abilities
- Building a strong portfolio
- Making friends and networking

You graduate!
Essential Information for Transfer Students

1. COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- MSU Email – main communication channel
  - Check your MSU email frequently – or link to your preferred email account
  - Computer Services Help Desk – 836-5891

- Blackboard –
  - Training: [http://blogs.missouristate.edu/blackboard/2012/02/14/blackboard-training-sessions-for-students-now-available/](http://blogs.missouristate.edu/blackboard/2012/02/14/blackboard-training-sessions-for-students-now-available/)
2. **MY MISSOURI STATE**
### 3. ACADEMIC ADVISING

**Advising is critical to your success at MSU:**

- Cultivate relationship with your advisor – show up prepared

- **Department Advisor** will be assigned to you
  - Advisor listed on your My Missouri State: “advising notes/releases” page

- **Schedule an appointment early** — late Sept./early Oct.
  - Meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester to discuss:
    - Advisor release / registration status
    - Schedule planning: [http://www.missouristate.edu/classschedule/](http://www.missouristate.edu/classschedule/)
    - Registration process – register asap
    - Degree planning
Advising: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students need:

- **125 hours to graduate**
  - Discuss with advisor the hours needed to complete major & prerequisites for required courses
  - Start work on minor if required – you may find a great minor in the college
  - BA requirements: 27 additional hours in language, history, fine arts & philosophy

- **40 hours of upper division classes** (300 level and above)

- **2.0 GPA** (combined and cumulative)
4. GET INVOLVED - in & outside the classroom

Participate in co-curricular activities – a great way to learn and network

► Seek out department & university opportunities:
  ► Student activities & organizations:

► Study Away Programs

► Internships

► Attend college events – we are the college of “cheap dates!”
5. TRANSFER INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Transfer Orientation: [http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/transferorientation.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/transferorientation.htm)
- Transfer Advising: [http://www.missouristate.edu/transfer/advisement.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/transfer/advisement.htm)
- Transfer Credit Evaluation/Reevaluation – [http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/transfercreditreevaluationandpreapproval.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/transfercreditreevaluationandpreapproval.htm)
- Transfer Student Financial Aid Info - [http://www.missouristate.edu/financialaid/transfer.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/financialaid/transfer.htm)
CAREER CENTER
Carrington Hall 309 (1-5 p.m. M-F)

EVENTS:

- **Resume Madness**
  - September 2-3 - Glass Hall (Rm 103) – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Sept. 8 - Professional Building (4th Floor) – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Opportunity Fair**
  - October 21 - PSU Ballroom - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Mock Interview Day**
  - September 24 - PSU Ballroom West – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Career Expo**
  - (tbd – 150 employers came last year)

http://careercenter.missouristate.edu/
Student Resource Guide

http://coal.missouristate.edu/StudentResources.htm

1. Financial Aid -- http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/
   a. Incoming freshmen - http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Freshmen.htm
      i. Scholarship info:
         http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/Freshman.htm
      iii. Work Study info: http://www.missouristate.edu/studentemp/2562.htm
   b. Transfer students - http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Transfer.htm
      i. Scholarship info:
         http://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/Transfer.htm
   c. Out-of-State Fee Waiver/Midwest Student Exchange Program: