
CATALOG ADDENDUM

The following content does not appear in the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog, but is valid for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Revisions:

- Admission Requirements for Beginning Freshman
 - Freshman Admission Procedures
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ADMISSION POLICIES

COMPASS TESTING

COMPASS testing is available through the Office of Enrollment Services.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR BEGINNING FRESHMAN

To be admitted, a first-time entering freshman must be a graduate of an accredited high school, must have completed an accredited home school program, or must have earned a GED from an accredited program. For admission, a student must submit official high school, college, and university transcripts.

For Academic Merit I scholarship eligibility, any new degree-seeking student in a face-to-face program must submit official ACT or SAT scores. Students may take the ACT or SAT during the first semester of attendance. Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services to be considered for the student's Academic Merit scholarship eligibility. An Academic Merit scholarship increase will not be effective until the next semester of attendance. If the student's score is lower than the previous score, his/her current Academic Merit scholarship will not be reduced.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION PROCEDURES

- Complete the application for admission
- Submit official high school, college, and university transcripts (a copy of high school diploma may be requested)
- Pay the \$25 admission application fee

ACADEMIC POLICIES

STUDENT SUCCESS COURSE

Student Success is a required course for all First Time Freshman or Transfer Students with a GPA of 2.0 or lower and less than 40 earned credit hours. It is a one-hour, face-to-face course, which takes place during the first 8-weeks of the Fall term and will assist in acclimating new students to our campus culture, introducing them to resources for student support, and informing them of the important role of Servant Leadership in the lives of our faculty, staff, and students. Combined, these attributes will facilitate their success at University of the Southwest.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

A student is placed on academic probation when his or her USW cumulative grade point average falls below 1.75 for freshmen and sophomores and 2.00 for juniors and seniors. A transfer student admitted under special provisions whose GPA is less than 1.75, if he or she is an underclassman, or less than 2.00, if he or she is an upperclassman, enters on probation. Scholastic probation is removed when the USW cumulative GPA is raised.

A student on academic probation will be given one semester to establish a satisfactory level of academic work and show progress in raising their GPA. Otherwise the student will remain on probation for an additional semester. Failure to establish a satisfactory level of academic work after two semesters may result in academic suspension. Academic probation is removed when the USW cumulative GPA is raised to the required level.

COURSE NAME CHANGE

Under course descriptions, GEO 1104 Historical Geology has been changed to Physical Geology.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

USW 1101 Student Success

1 Hour

An explanation of strategies for academic success, including study skills, test-taking skills, time management, and critical thinking skills. Campus resources for academic support will be introduced, and tutoring services will be utilized. This course is required of all First Time Freshman or Transfer Students with a GPA lower than a 2.0 and less than 40 earned credit hours.

TRANSCRIPT FEE

The cost for an official transcript increased to \$7.50

Should I include the new process? Did unofficial price go up?

REFUND POLICY

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY

"Students completely withdrawing from the university on or before the last day of the first week of classes of any term less than 8 weeks in duration will receive a 50% refund of their tuition, fees, room and board. There will be NO REFUND from withdrawal of any charges after the last day of the first week of classes."

DEGREE PLAN AGREEMENT

All students will be required to sign a degree plan agreement or indicate via email agreement of the terms of their chosen degree plan.