

Supports and Services for Living on Campus: **Bear POWER**



Structure

What is the overall course structure?

- Bear POWER is a two-year program across 5 academic semesters
- Bear POWER students take a minimum of six credit hours of traditional courses (classes from the course catalog) and one Bear POWER course per semester

Courses

What type of courses are required?

- Bear POWER students take an introduction to college course, called a General Education Program (GEP) course
- Bear POWER students take one academic support class per semester. This class is specifically developed for students in the Bear POWER program
- Topics for the academic support class include reading and writing comprehension, time and money management, communication and relationships, community engagement, and transition to employment
- Students take the GEP: Introduction to College course

Support

What supports do Bear POWER students receive related to their academic coursework?

- Bear POWER students are assigned a traditional academic advisor to help them pick classes.
- Bear POWER staff support students with homework or assessments.
- Graduate assistants provide between 1-3 hours of one-on-one support each week.
- Bear POWER students can also attend the tutoring center, called the Bear Claw.
- Students who take courses for credit can also receive supports through the Disability Resource Center.

Certificates

What type of credential, certificate, or degree do students earn upon completing the program?

- Students earn a certificate of completion after attending five semesters and 30 credit hours of class
- Students who take the required courses for credit (and not audit) could earn an Undergraduate Certificate

Unrequired Courses

What other courses from the university catalog can Bear POWER students take?

- Bear POWER students can take courses that are available to all MSU students.
- Students can pick from classes across all 170 majors offered at MSU.
- Courses can either be taken for credit or audit.
- Students will receive a grade for every course they take (both courses taken for credit and for audit).
- Mid-way through the semester, students can change from taking a class for audit to credit (or switch from taking a course from credit to audit).

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