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# FAQ

Information for incoming students for the Fall 2012 semester

# Congratulations

on your admission to Missouri State University for the fall 2012 semester! We look forward to having you with us, and have prepared this booklet to answer some of the questions most frequently asked by new students.

## Is there anything else I must do to complete my admission?

If you are still in high school, we will need a final, official transcript from your school after you graduate, showing your date of graduation and completion of the 17-unit high school core curriculum. Failure to complete the core curriculum may result in cancellation of your admission.

If you have taken courses for college credit while in high school, we also will need a transcript from each college through which you will have earned credit, even if your credit appears on your high school transcript. Please contact the college(s) through which you have earned credit and request that your official academic transcript be mailed directly from the college to the Missouri State office of admissions.

It is very important that we know about the college credit that you have earned before you register for your first semester at Missouri State. By providing a transcript and a listing of courses in which you are currently enrolled, you enable us to provide you with a course-by-course evaluation of your coursework and how it will transfer to Missouri State. Please see the "When do I find out how my credits have transferred from other colleges and universities?" section later in this booklet for more information on transfer work.

If you have taken, or will take, Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, please request that your scores be sent to the Missouri State office of admissions. To request your official AP score report, call 609-771-7300 or toll free at 888-225-5427. If you have requested that your scores be sent to us previously, please feel free to contact our office to see if they are on file.

If you are a transfer student and are currently enrolled in college classes, your admission will be complete when we have your final, official transcript showing your grades for all courses. You must have an overall, cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher in transferable courses to complete your admission.

If you fall in one of the above categories, a "Transcript Request Form" is enclosed. If needed, additional forms may be printed off our website at <http://www.missouristate.edu/TranscriptRequest/>. Please follow the instructions provided on this form. As you will see, transcripts must be mailed directly to us by your former school(s). Please do not obtain and send copies yourself or request your school(s) to fax them, as such copies cannot be considered official.

## When will I register for classes?

We know that you are eager to find out about your classes. We also are eager to help you get off to a great start at Missouri State. Your orientation and registration options will be based upon your admission classification and admission date.

For registration purposes you are considered a **freshman** if you are still in high school or if you will have completed fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit following high school graduation. For registration purposes you are considered a **transfer student**

if you will have completed 24 or more semester hours of transferable college credit following high school graduation, but prior to your first semester at Missouri State. College credit you may have earned during high school is not included in determining that status. Please refer to the appropriate section below for information on when you will register.

**Freshmen:** You have probably heard about our Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration (SOAR) program, which we have offered to new students for nearly 40 years. SOAR is specially designed to introduce you to our campus, familiarize you with some of the many services and programs for students at Missouri State, assist you in selecting courses and registering for your first semester, and answer any questions you might have. During SOAR, you also will have the opportunity to take required placement tests. **Attendance at a SOAR session is required of all first-time freshmen.**

You and your family will receive additional information and an invitation to register for a SOAR session of your choice based on your date of admission as indicated in the table below. We also have a special program for families during these sessions, which runs concurrently with, but separately from, the student program.

To receive additional information, or to reserve space in a SOAR session, please visit [www.missouristate.edu/soar/](http://www.missouristate.edu/soar/). Please note that SOAR reservations may be made beginning in mid-April.

One of the courses for which you will register is GEP 101, First-Year Foundations. During this two-credit hour course, you will learn even more about the University, its public affairs mission and how to make the most of your experience here at Missouri State. In addition, GEP 101 is especially designed to help you become acquainted with the 20–25 other members of your class, as well as your instructor, who will be available to help you work through questions or problems you might experience during your first semester at Missouri State.

**Transfer Students:** We look forward to having you with us and are eager to help. Transfer students are a very important part of the Missouri State University student body and make up nearly one-third of our total enrollment.

Admitted transfer students will receive step-by-step instructions by mail; however, the instructions also are available on our website at [www.missouristate.edu/admissions/transfer/](http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/transfer/). Please follow these step-by-step instructions to ensure a successful registration experience. If you have questions or experience problems, please call the Office of Admissions at 800-492-7900 or 417-836-5517, or email [info@missouristate.edu](mailto:info@missouristate.edu).

| Date of Admission  | SOAR Date    | Invitation Mailed  |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Prior to Feb. 1    | June or July | Mid-April          |
| Feb. 1 – April 10  | July         | Mid-April          |
| April 10 – July 20 | July         | With this brochure |
| After July 20      | Mid-August   | With this brochure |

## Placement Tests

**Mathematics:** If you do not have transfer credit for MTH 103 or higher, then your placement in mathematics at Missouri State will be based on your math score from the ACT. If you do not have transfer credit or ACT scores, then you must either:

- Take our mathematics placement exam, or
- Begin your math sequence at Missouri State with MTH 101 (Intermediate Algebra I)

You may also choose to take our placement exam if you are not satisfied with your placement based on your ACT math score. See <http://www.missouristate.edu/MathExam> for information on placement based on ACT scores.

**English:** If you do not have transfer credit for ENG 110, then you will be placed in English based on your ACT or SAT scores. If you do not have either ACT or SAT scores, then you must either begin with ENG 100 or contact the department of English at 417-836-5107 for other options.

## How can I get a catalog or class schedule?

Freshmen will receive a Missouri State undergraduate catalog during SOAR. If you would like to review the catalog prior to SOAR you can find it online at [www.missouristate.edu/catalog/](http://www.missouristate.edu/catalog/). The class schedule, which lists the courses that are offered during the fall semester, will be available online by late-February. You will find it at [www.missouristate.edu/classschedule/](http://www.missouristate.edu/classschedule/).

## Do I need to declare a major before I register?

No. Many of our new students have not decided on a major. We encourage new students to keep an open mind about their choice of a major and career and to explore all of the possibilities available to them at Missouri State.

You are not required to declare a major until you have completed 60 credit hours (approximately the end of your sophomore year). Until you declare a major, you will be advised by a professional advisor who will help you with the selection of your classes and a major. You also will have the opportunity to sample various areas through your general education courses. In addition, our Career Center and other offices on campus have resources and services to assist you.

If you indicated a major on your application, you will meet with an advisor for that major during SOAR. Following that program, you will be assigned to your permanent advisor, who will work with you as you register for future semesters and prepare for graduation and your career.

## When do I find out how my credits have transferred from other colleges and universities?

When you are notified of your admission to Missouri State University, you will be able to set up access to *My.MissouriState.edu*. As a transfer student you will have access to a transfer channel on your academics tab. This is where you will find your evaluation of transfer credit, as well as other helpful information for transfer students.

Your advisor will assist you in understanding your evaluation and how your transfer credit will apply toward your degree at Missouri State. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your evaluation prior to registering, please contact the Office of Admissions. If you are transferring from a Missouri public college or university, you should

be aware that a designated "articulation officer" is available at each institution to assist students who encounter difficulty in transferring courses. At Missouri State University, Dr. John Catau, associate provost for undergraduate programs, has that responsibility. Dr. Catau may be reached at 417-836-4589 or by email at [JohnCatau@missouristate.edu](mailto:JohnCatau@missouristate.edu).

## Does Missouri State University offer special assistance to students who will be taking classes in the evening and students with special family or employment constraints?

Yes. If you have not been in school for an extended period of time, if you are married or have children, if you plan to attend part-time (either day or evening) or if you have special questions or needs regarding returning to school, we encourage you to contact the office of adult/commuter student services at 417-836-6929 or toll free at 800-492-7900. You can also visit them in Room 314 in Carrington Hall. The office offers many services which may be of benefit to you, including special advisement, orientation and registration opportunities. For students who are not able to meet during regular work hours, appointments can be scheduled during the evening.

## When should I notify you that I am coming to Missouri State University?

We do not require a formal verification of your intent to enroll. If you have decided not to attend Missouri State, however, we would appreciate receiving notification from you. If you are awarded financial aid or scholarships, the student financial aid office will send you an award letter. Please follow the instructions in this letter regarding acceptance of your award.

## How do I find out about housing?

We require all single students younger than 21 with fewer than 30 hours of transferable credit to live in University housing. We also encourage all other students to consider the many advantages of living on campus.

Beginning in mid-October, all students required to live on campus should receive a contract packet within days of their admission letter. Included with the contract will be complete information on the University housing policy, facilities and costs. We believe that you will enjoy the excitement and the advantages of living on campus at Missouri State! If you would like more information, please call the department of residence life and services at 417-836-5536 or 800-284-7535, send an email to [ResidenceLife@missouristate.edu](mailto:ResidenceLife@missouristate.edu) or visit [reslife.missouristate.edu/](http://reslife.missouristate.edu/).

Students who are not required to live on campus, and choose not to do so, may visit [www.missouristate.edu/admissions/springfieldliving.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/springfieldliving.htm) to obtain information about locating off-campus housing.

## Is there anything special I need to know if I will be commuting from home?

We will have special sessions for commuting students that you may find helpful during the June and July SOAR programs. These sessions will include information on programs and services for students who will live at home while attending Missouri State.

If you are younger than 21 with fewer than 30 hours of transferable credit and plan to commute from your parents' permanent address, you may be permitted to do so as long as

your parents' address is within a 60-mile radius of Springfield. To seek approval you will need to complete and return a "Request for Exception to the University Housing Policy" form which will be made available to you through the materials you receive from the department of residence life and services following your admission. Visit <http://reslife.missouristate.edu/exception.htm> to find the form online. You will need to have this request form on file and approved before you may register for classes.

## When and how do I receive my student identification card?

When you register, you will be issued your student identification card — also known as the "ZipCard." Many activities on campus—such as cashing a check, registering for classes, using the Taylor Health and Wellness Center, and eating in the dining centers — will require the use of your ZipCard. Your ZipCard can function also as a debit card, sometimes called a declining balance card. By depositing money into your debit-card account, you can use your ZipCard instead of cash at campus vending and copy machines, to eat at every food establishment on campus and to make purchases at the Missouri State Bookstore and convenience stores. For more information, visit the ZipCard website at [www.missouristate.edu/zip](http://www.missouristate.edu/zip) or call the ZipCard Office at 417-836-8409.

## How much does it cost to attend Missouri State University?

Your required student fees, sometimes referred to as "tuition and fees," will be based on the number of credit hours you take. Information on required student tuition and fees is provided in the catalog, class schedule and on the Web at [www.missouristate.edu/costs/](http://www.missouristate.edu/costs/).

Fees for the 2012-13 academic year had not been established at the time of printing this brochure. When they are available, they will be posted on the Web at [www.missouristate.edu/costs/](http://www.missouristate.edu/costs/). The information you receive from the department of residence life and services will include details on the cost of room and board. We also encourage you to budget approximately \$450 per semester for books and supplies. This amount will vary based on the number of courses you take, your major and your choice of new or used books, as well as whether or not you sell your books at the end of the semester. You should be able to estimate your personal expenses based on what you are currently spending.

## When and how will I pay my fees?

You will be given a statement of your required fees when you register. You also will be given information about our deferred payment plan. Under this plan, you are able to pay your balance in installments during the semester. You also may use the deferred payment plan for your room and board. Currently, the interest rate on the deferred payment plan is one percent per month on the unpaid balance.

If you will receive financial aid or scholarships through Missouri State, you will receive information from the office of student financial aid regarding how your benefits will be credited to your account. If you anticipate receiving benefits for veterans of the armed services, please contact our office of veteran services at 417-836-5520 or by email at [VeteranServices@missouristate.edu](mailto:VeteranServices@missouristate.edu).

The University accepts personal checks, Discover, MasterCard and American Express for payment of fees, room and board and health-service charges.

## How do I apply for scholarships and financial aid?

**Scholarships:** Most of the basic scholarships for freshmen at Missouri State (Governors, Academic, Recognition and out-of-state fee stipends) are awarded based on your application for admission and do not require a special application. If you qualify, you should receive a letter and details from our scholarship coordinator within three weeks of your admission (or of our receipt of your qualifying test scores, class rank or grade point average). The Presidential Scholarship, Multicultural Leadership Scholarship and some transfer-student scholarships require a separate application. For most scholarships, you must either apply for admission or submit a scholarship application. Deadlines can be found at [www.missouristate.edu/financialaid/](http://www.missouristate.edu/financialaid/).

If you receive outside scholarships (e.g., from other agencies or organizations) and have questions about how to apply those scholarships toward your fees at Missouri State, please contact the office of student financial aid at 417-836-5262 or 800-283-4243.

**Financial Aid:** Missouri State University offers a comprehensive program of financial assistance, including federal and state grants, loans and work-study programs. Some of these programs are based on financial need while others are available to all students. Here are the steps you should take to apply:

- Complete the 2012–13 version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Be sure to provide accurate and complete information. (*The Missouri State University Title IV financial aid code is 002503.*)
- To receive full consideration, submit the FAFSA to the financial-aid processor no later than March 31. If you apply after March 25, you will still be considered for many of the basic aid programs (e.g. Stafford Loans and Pell Grants); however, there will be certain programs (e.g. College Work Study and Perkins Loans) for which you will not be considered. Students who complete the application process by March 31 should receive an award letter in late April or early May. Other students will be notified as their applications for financial aid are processed.

The process of applying for financial aid at any college or university can be somewhat lengthy, so please be patient. Our goal is to provide you with an award letter as soon as possible.

Following your admission, you should receive additional information on scholarships and financial aid from our office of student financial aid. If you have additional questions, please contact that office at 417-836-5262 or 800-283-4243. Missouri State University has developed an extensive website with general information about applying for financial aid and specific information about the programs at Missouri State. Access our financial aid home page at [www.missouristate.edu/financialaid/](http://www.missouristate.edu/financialaid/).

## How do I access my student information online?

My.MissouriState.edu allows students to obtain important information from the University, access your transcript and degree audit, register for classes, access billing and financial aid information and perform many other functions.

To access My.MissouriState.edu, you will create a user ID and password using the online system. You will need your student identification number, also known as your BearPass ID number

or as an “M-number” (which was provided in your letter of acceptance) to begin the process at <https://my.missouristate.edu/>. Once on the site, click on the “Get An Account” link (located to the right of the “Sign In” button) and follow the instructions.

This process also allows you to set up your email address. Please note, these steps will need to be completed prior to registering for classes.

### **Is student employment available?**

Yes, and if you would like, we will assist you in finding employment. Our student employment office assists students in securing part-time jobs on campus and in the community. You may call that office at 417-836-5627 for more information or visit its website at [www.missouristate.edu/studentemp/](http://www.missouristate.edu/studentemp/).

### **May I bring my computer to campus?**

If you will be living on campus, you are welcome to bring your personal computer with you. Your residence hall room is “computer friendly” and all rooms are wired to provide access to the University’s network and the Internet. In addition, all residence halls provide wireless hotspots in common areas and have computer labs that are accessible 24 hours a day and all halls have Wi-Fi hotspots in common areas. If you have questions about computers in your residence hall, please contact the department of residence life and services at 417-836-5536 or 800-284-7535 for more information. Numerous well-equipped computer labs are located in academic buildings throughout the campus for commuting students.

All Missouri State students may obtain full access to the Internet through our computer services department. Students also may establish their own email addresses and obtain accounts that will enable them to create personalized Web pages. These services are available to students at no charge.

Students can take advantage of educational pricing at the Missouri State Bookstore, which has the latest Dell and Apple Computers, and at BearHouse Entertainment, located in the Student Union. For more information on purchasing computers, check out our website at [www.missouristatebookstore.com/](http://www.missouristatebookstore.com/). The Bookstore also offer printers, flash drives, digital cameras, pocket PCs and Palm Pilots, MP3 players, calculators, electronic media, speakers, networking cards and cables. Academically priced software is available at the Bookstore to all students at Missouri State University.

### **May I have a car on campus?**

Yes. If you bring a car, you will be required to purchase a Missouri State parking permit to park on University lots. For cost information go to <http://www.missouristate.edu/ParkingFees/>. You will be able to register your vehicle after you register for classes.

A more important question might be whether or not you need a car. You will not need one on campus. Nearly all buildings are within easy walking distance of each other and our shuttle system provides transportation on campus throughout the week. The campus also is served by the Springfield public transportation system.

### **How do I find out about student activities and organizations?**

With more than 250 student organizations, a great intramural and recreational sports program, NCAA Division I athletics, concerts, Broadway performances in Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, and much more, there is always something to do at Missouri State. You will begin to learn more about these during the orientation program in which you will participate. For a detailed listing of student organizations and student activities at Missouri State, please use the following websites: [www.studentorganizations.missouristate.edu/guide](http://www.studentorganizations.missouristate.edu/guide) or [www.missouristate.edu/studentengagement/](http://www.missouristate.edu/studentengagement/).

### **Is it easy to meet people at Missouri State?**

We think you will find that it is. Our enrollment, which includes more than 20,000 students from throughout Missouri, nearly every state in the U.S., and 80 countries, is large enough to give you wide-ranging opportunities for expanding your friendships and acquaintances. At the same time, Missouri State is small enough to allow you to find your own comfortable circle of close friends based upon your major, interests and values. You will have the chance to meet people in your courses (especially those such as “First-Year Foundations,” freshman composition courses and introductory courses in your major), as well as through your residence hall, student organizations, intramurals and the many other activities available to Missouri State students.

### **Do I need to have a physical examination before I enroll?**

No. However, you will need to fill out a self-reported health form available on the Web at [health.missouristate.edu](http://health.missouristate.edu) and have it on file before you can use the Taylor Health and Wellness Center. The center is staffed by physicians and other medical professionals and provides many health-care benefits to students, including a full-service pharmacy and wellness programming.

The Taylor Health and Wellness Center administers a health insurance program available to Missouri State students. If you would like more information about this program please call the center at 417-836-4000.

### **Whom do I contact for information regarding services for students with disabilities?**

Our director of the Disability Resource Center will assist you in arranging services you may need. Please call 417-836-4192 or TDD 417-836-6792.

### **What is Missouri State University doing to increase awareness of cultural diversity?**

We appreciate the diversity of backgrounds and cultural experiences that our students, faculty and staff bring to the University, and we are pleased that our enrollment of minority and international students has grown in recent years.

Missouri State University endorses equality of opportunity and affirmative action policies in the recruitment and retention of students and employees. The staffs of multicultural student services, the Multicultural Resource Center and international student services (417-836-6618), as well as the equal opportunity officer (417-836-4252), provide programs and services to enhance the multicultural perspective of the University.

## I'm a first-generation college student. Will there be any special assistance for students like me?

The U.S. Department of Education funds a number of educational opportunity outreach programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act that are typically referred to as the TRIO Programs. These programs are focused on providing and enhancing postsecondary educational opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Missouri State University is a recipient of a TRIO student support services grant. The primary purpose of the TRIO program is to prepare qualified persons for successful entry into, retention in and completion of postsecondary education. In general, these programs identify low-income and first-generation college students and provide them with encouragement, support and assistance.

Services provided by TRIO include tutorial services, academic, personal and financial counseling, assistance in obtaining financial aid; and assistance in admission and enrollment in graduate programs. The Missouri State TRIO office is located in Freudenberger House and the phone number is 417-836-6220.

## What does Missouri State University's public affairs mission mean to me?

In 1995, Missouri State was granted a statewide mission in public affairs by the Missouri General Assembly. Our mission in public affairs does not mean that all of our students are majoring in public affairs. In fact, our undergraduate students are widely distributed among more than 150 different programs of study. It does mean that, in addition to preparing our students for productive and successful careers in their chosen fields, we are committed to preparing them for life-long careers as citizens and leaders. For more information on our public affairs mission, please refer to [publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/](http://publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/).

## Will Missouri State University help me find a job when I graduate?

Our objective is to provide you with a solid foundation for career success through your coursework, internships and cooperative education programs, and the many other experiences you will have as an Missouri State student. You will want to register with our Career Center early in your senior year. Through this office, you will have access to a number of services designed to help you secure employment.

We also know that many entering students already have plans to pursue a graduate degree. We are committed to helping you with this process as well, whether you choose to continue your education through one of the many graduate programs offered at Missouri State or through another college or university.

## May I visit the campus?

Certainly! We welcome students and encourage them to visit. You may call our Office of Admissions to make arrangements, including a meeting with an admission counselor, a student-guided tour of campus and the residence halls, and meetings with faculty or others in your area of interest. If possible, please call 10 days in advance of your visit. You may also arrange your visit online at [www.missouristate.edu/visit](http://www.missouristate.edu/visit).

## Websites and mailing addresses

You also will find Missouri State University on the Web at [www.missouristate.edu](http://www.missouristate.edu). If you would like to ask a question via e-mail, please send a message to us at [info@missouristate.edu](mailto:info@missouristate.edu). In your message, please identify yourself as an admitted student for the fall 2012 semester. If you wish to write to any of the previously listed offices, the campus address is:

**Missouri State University**  
**901 S. National Ave.**  
**Springfield, MO 65897**

## Important Dates

| Fall 2012                                |  |
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| Aug. 20                                  | First Day of Classes   |
| Sept. 3                                  | Labor Day (no classes)   |
| Oct. 10<br>Oct. 11-12<br>Oct. 15         | First Block Classes End<br>Fall Break (no classes)<br>Second Block Classes Begin   |
| Nov. 21-25                               | Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)  |
| Dec. 6<br>Dec. 7<br>Dec. 8-13<br>Dec. 14 | Last Day of Classes<br>Study Day<br>Final Exams<br>Commencement                    |
| Spring 2013                              |  |
| Jan. 14<br>Jan. 21                       | Classes Begin<br>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (no classes)                       |
| Feb. 18                                  | Presidents' Day Holiday (no classes)   |
| March 8<br>March 18<br>March 9-17        | First Block Classes End<br>Second Block Classes Begin<br>Spring Break (no classes) |
| March 28-31                              | Spring Holiday (no classes)  |
| May 9<br>May 10<br>May 11-16<br>May 17   | Last Day of Classes<br>Study Day<br>Final Exams<br>Commencement                    |

## What if I have other questions?

Here are several offices which may be able to assist you. (All phone numbers have 417 area codes, unless otherwise indicated, while all email addresses have missouristate.edu after the @ symbol.)

Admissions . . . . . 800-492-7900 (toll-free)  
Admissions@ 836-5517  
Fax 836-5137  
TDD 836-4770

Advisement . . . . . 836-5258  
Uadvise@

Adult Student Services . . . . . 836-6929  
AdultStudentService@ Fax 836-4929

Career Center 836-5636  
Career Center@ Fax 836-6797

Counseling and Testing . . . . . 836-5116  
CounselingandTesting@ Fax 836-4616

Dean of Students Office . . . . . 836-5527  
DeanofStudentsOffice@ Fax 836-4134  
TDD 836-6792

Disability Resource Center . . . . . 836-4192  
DRC@ TDD 836-6792

Extended Campus, The . . . . . 877-678-2005 (toll-free)  
CE@ 836-6929  
Fax 836-4929

Financial Aid . . . . . 800-283-4243  
FinancialAid@ 836-5262  
Fax 836-8392

International Student Services . . . . 836-6618  
InternationalStudentServices@ Fax 836-7656

Multicultural Student Services . . . . 836-3043  
MulticulturalStudentServices@ Fax 836-7656

Orientation (SOAR) . . . . . 888-352-6781  
SOAR@ 836-7641

Parking Administration . . . . . 836-4825  
ParkingAdministration@ Fax 836-6050

Residence Life and Services . . . . . 800-284-7535  
ResidenceLife@ 836-5536  
Fax 837-2327  
TDD 836-5503

Student Employment Office . . . . . 836-5627  
StudentEmployment@ Fax 836-7608

Taylor Health and Wellness Center . 836-4000  
Health@ Fax 836-4133

TRIO . . . . . 836-6620  
TRIO@ Fax 836-6106

Veterans Services . . . . . 836-6199  
VeteransServices@ Fax 836-8776

Zipcard . . . . . 836-8409  
Zipcard@

Hearing impaired individuals from Missouri may reach offices which do not have a TDD by calling the Missouri Message-Relay Service at 800-735-2966.

## Declaration of University Community Principles

The community of scholars that is Missouri State University is committed to developing educated persons. It is believed that educated persons will accept responsibility to act in accordance with the following principles:

- Being open minded to embrace the benefits and richness that diversity and inclusiveness bring to the community of scholars and to recognize them as catalysts for educational excellence.
- Practicing personal and academic integrity.
- Being a full participant in the educational process, and respecting the right of all to contribute to the "Marketplace of Ideas."
- Treating all persons with civility, while understanding that tolerating an idea is not the same as supporting it.
- Being a steward of the shared resources of the community of scholars.

Choosing to accept these principles suggests that each participant of the community refrains from and discourages behavior that threatens the freedom and respect each member deserves.

## Nondiscrimination Statement

Missouri State University adheres to a strict nondiscrimination policy and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, veteran status, or on any basis (including, but not limited to, political affiliation and sexual orientation) not related to the applicable educational requirements for students in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the University.

## Student Right to Know/Campus Security Act

In compliance with the Student Right to Know/Campus Security Act, Missouri State University provides information upon request to prospective students regarding campus security policies, crime statistics and graduation rates. To request this information, contact the Office of Admissions, 204 Carrington Hall, Springfield, MO 65804 or 417-836-5517. The annual security report prepared by the office of safety and transportation is available on the Web at: [www.missouristate.edu/safetran/](http://www.missouristate.edu/safetran/).



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