

Student Resources, Services and Activities



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University Housing Policy

All single students under the age of 21 with less than 30 credit hours are required to live in University housing. All other students are welcome. This requirement is founded on the belief that University housing provides students with the educational and social ground work necessary for continued personal and academic success. All residence halls are air-conditioned, and completely smoke- and tobacco-free. Student Housing Contracts are available after students have been accepted for admission to the University. All new single freshman students under the age of 21 will be mailed a Student Housing Contract following admission. All other new students will be mailed a University Housing Information Request Card to be mailed back if housing is desired. Contracts must be signed and returned with the security deposit before a reservation is complete. Select housing fees are provided below; for detailed information on rates refer to reslife.missouristate.edu.

All Student Housing Contracts are for the entire academic year (excluding those contracts entered into for the summer session) with food service beginning on the Saturday before classes begin for the fall semester, and on the Sunday before classes for the spring semester. The cancellation policy is explained in the Student Housing Contract. Blair-Shannon House, Freudenberger House, Kentwood Hall, Wells House, and Woods House, as well as the student dining centers, are closed during semester break, and spring vacation. The dining centers are closed for Thanksgiving Holiday. Special arrangements may be made, however, for students requiring housing during these periods for an additional charge as space permits.

Rates and policies are subject to change without notice.

Residence Hall-Room Style

The average rate for our room style residence halls for the 2009-2010 academic year is \$5,576 or \$2,788 per semester. Freudenberger, Wells and Woods Houses fall into this category. These residence halls are thought of as your traditional residence halls-two residents to a room with a common bathroom facility down the hall. There are a few rooms in Freudenberger and Wells House that accommodate 3 or 4 residents. Each of these halls offer study lounges, grand lounge and TV room, fitness and recreation centers, computer labs and a centralized laundry room at no extra cost. All resident rooms come furnished and equipped with a refrigerator and microwave. All of these facilities are closed during University breaks.

Residence Hall-Suite Style

The average rate for our style suite residence halls for the 2009-2010 academic year is \$5,886 or \$2,943 per semester. Blair-Shannon, Hammons, Hutchens, Scholars, Wells House and Kentwood Hall fall into this category. These facilities have double occupancy bedrooms sharing a common living area and bathroom. Blair Shannon has three double occupancy bedrooms in each suite accommodating a total of six residents in each suite. Hammons and Hutchens House have 2- or 4-person suites with one or two double occupancy bedrooms. Scholars House is designated housing for students belonging in the Honors College and have suites with two double occupancy bedrooms. Kentwood Hall has 1-, 2- and 3-person rooms all with a private bath. Each of these halls offer study lounges, grand lounge and TV room, fitness and recreation centers, computer labs and a centralized laundry room at no extra cost. All resident rooms come furnished and equipped with a refrigerator and microwave. Hammons, Hutchens and Scholars House are open during University breaks.

Apartment Style Living

We offer several one and two bedroom apartments for non-traditional (23+ years of age), married and graduate students living on campus. Dogwood and Kentwood South Apartments and Sunvilla Tower fall into this category. All apartments are completely furnished, carpeted and have fully equipped kitchens. Meal plans in our dining centers are optional. Students with children can live in Kentwood South. Students living in Kentwood South and Dogwood have full access to Sunvilla Tower or Kentwood Hall to all of the services those buildings provide.

Detailed information about these facilities, including rates, can be found at reslife.missouristate.edu.

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Academic Advisement Center

University Hall 109, (417) 836-5258

www.missouristate.edu/advising

The Academic Advisement Center assists students as they develop meaningful educational plans to help them achieve their goals. Advisors in the Academic Advisement Center advise undergraduates who are in the process of selecting majors. Students should visit the Center to declare or change majors. Individual appointments with academic advisors for undecided majors are available by calling 836-5258. Many services are offered to help students succeed at Missouri State, such as: A Transfer Advisor is available to smooth the transition for undecided students transferring from another institution; Students who are interested in health professions but have not selected a particular program of study can make an appointment to discuss various health careers; and The Center sponsors a Majors Fair each fall semester to help students research possible majors and minors.

Achievement Center for Intercollegiate Athletics
Forsythe Athletics Center 239, (417) 836-6829
www.missouristate.edu/acia

The Center is a service for student-athletes participating in NCAA intercollegiate sports. The staff provides comprehensive services that complement other student services. This includes study hall and computer facilities, tutorial help, registration services, and monitoring NCAA academic requirements.

Adult Student Services

See "Admissions" section of catalog

Alumni Association, Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center
300 S. Jefferson Suite 100, (417) 836-5654
www.alumni.missouristate.edu

The principal organization through which students continue their affiliation with the institution once they leave campus is the Alumni Association. One of the primary goals of the Association is to maintain current records of all alumni. At present, the alumni population includes more than 85,000 graduates and former students. The Association communicates with alumni on a regular basis through publication of the *Missouri State Magazine*. Each issue provides a wide variety of articles about people and programs on campus, as well as updates about fellow alumni. The *Missouri State Magazine* is mailed three times annually to all alumni with a current address in the Office of Alumni Relations. Additionally, the Student Alumni Association (R.E.A.L. Bears) allows current students an opportunity to become aware of the programs of the Alumni Association and participate with alumni in a variety of activities. The Association is a non-dues paying organization, and all alumni are viewed as members. However, all graduates and former students are encouraged to support their alma mater by making a contribution to the Annual Fund.

Bookstore, Missouri State
(417) 836-5403 or (888) 767-2578
www.missouristatebookstore.com

The University owned and operated Bookstore is where students can purchase textbooks as well as course related material, reference books, general reading books, academically priced hardware, software and peripherals, and a variety of official Missouri State apparel. Some of the services provided include a personalized list of the required textbooks for students' classes, a textbook reservation program, on-line textbook orders, and textbook buyback. The bookstore also carries art, drafting, science and other classroom supplies in addition to health-related items, and a full service Clinique counter.

Textbook Reservation is the best way to get the textbooks and course materials you need, and our largest and most popular service made available to our students. Reserve your textbooks with the Bookstore now and they will be ready for you to pickup when you arrive for the Fall semester. Allow us to do all the work for you, and rest assured that we will take care of everything you need for your classes.

Computer Connection is located within the Bookstore and is your source for all your educational technology needs, including Apple and Dell computers, iPods, printers, calculators, flash drives, software, cables, and ink cartridges, all academically priced. Be sure to ask about Student Select software from Microsoft and Adobe, available exclusively to our students. Call us at (417) 836-6143, or stop by the Bookstore today.

BearHouse Entertainment, located in the Plaster Student Union, provides a wide selection of CDs and DVDs, consumer electronics, wireless accessories, and a full line of video game consoles, accessories and software, because you cannot study all the time. Stop by or call (417) 836-4995 for all the new releases!

It's a Greek Thing is also located in the Plaster Student Union, and offers a full line of Greek related items including apparel, glassware, jewelry, paddles and accessories, id holders, scrapbooks, and much more. Ask about our individual and group special orders! Call us at (417) 836-GREK for all your Greek needs.

Convenience stores are affiliates of the Missouri State Bookstore located across campus. Cash, checks, ZipCard, all major credit/debit cards, Missouri State gift cards, as well as charges to your Deferred Payment Plan account are all accepted.

Bear Necessities, located in the Plaster Student Union, provides snacks, school supplies, and sundry items for students. Stop in for your morning coffee, and a LaMar's Donut.

ETC, located in Hammons House, also provides snacks, school supplies, and sundry items for students.

Cash, checks, ZipCard, all major credit/debit cards, Missouri State gift cards, as well as charges to your Deferred Payment Plan account are accepted at all of our locations.

Bursar's Office
Carrington Hall, 1st floor
(417) 836-5128

www.missouristate.edu/bursar

Account balances and ZipCard deposits are payable at the Bursar's office. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express cards are accepted at the Bursar's Office. Payments may also be made via the Internet using credit cards and E-Check. Students may cash personal checks and two party checks from their parents, made payable to the student, with a valid University ID. The limit is \$50.00 per day. Hours at both locations are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A drop box is available on the first floor of Carrington Hall for after hours and weekend payments.

Camp Bear
(417) 836-3141

www.campbear.missouristate.edu

Camp Bear is a summer day camp program offered for youth entering grades K-9. The program offers a mix of academic enrichment classes and recreational activities for all youth from the community. Eight separate one-week sessions are offered. Two academic enrichment classes are offered each day that are designed to stimulate curiosity and discussion, and to encourage a love for learning. Limited class sizes make this an environment for personalized attention by professional educators. The recreation activities are organized and planned according to grade level, interest and abilities of campers. An emphasis is placed on safety, sportsmanship, conduct, communication, teambuilding, and leadership. We now offer year-round program options. Please visit our web site for more information.

Campus Ministries Council
<http://organizations.missouristate.edu/cmc>

The University recognizes the important roles that the campus ministries serve in the lives of many University students. The campus ministries create opportunities for student spiritual expression and association with other students who share similar religious beliefs. The campus ministries have a strong social as well as spiritual component, and also provide opportunities for recreation and service. As an association, the Campus Ministries Council (CMC) represents the shared interest of the members in addressing common problems and opportunities as well as a united group in their relationship with the University. The University appreciates the partnership with the CMC in meeting the needs of students. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or a designee, regularly meets with the CMC and coordinates cooperative activities between the CMC and the University.

Career Center
Carrington Hall 309 or Glass Hall 103
(417) 836-5636 or (877) 836-JOBS
<http://careercenter.missouristate.edu>

The Career Center is devoted to helping students explore career options, research occupations, integrate knowledge gained in the classroom with off-campus employment, and prepare for job searching.

Career Counseling

Through an individual appointment with a career counselor, students are able to learn more about themselves and explore majors and occupational choices through assessments. Examples include the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory, Self-Directed Search Interest assessment and FOCUS II computer system for career planning. In addition, staff members can assist students in finding current information on hundreds of career possibilities. Discovering the working conditions, job outlook, average salary, and education or training requirements can help in making those important academic and career decisions.

The IDS 120 course, Approaches to Career Life Planning, offers a variety of tools for self exploration and information on the world of work. The course guides students through the career development process using a comprehensive approach. Job shadowing is encouraged so that students can obtain first-hand knowledge about career options from professionals working in the community.

Cooperative Education (Co-op)

Once students reach a preliminary career decision, a Co-op experience or internship offers an exciting way to determine if that career choice is the right one. Through Co-op, students can receive academic credit, earn a salary, and gain valuable work experience in their career. This work experience not only supplements what students are learning in the classroom, but it also puts them steps ahead when interviewing for jobs after graduation. Students may choose from a variety of options within Co-op. The parallel option offers part-time employment while taking classes. Another option is the alternating semester, with students alternating between taking classes full time one semester and working full time the next semester. Other options include non-paid internships, a one-semester internship, or a summer term.

Job Search Assistance

The Career Center provides direct assistance through on-campus interviews, job vacancy listings, referrals to employers, and career fairs. Students may make appointments for professional advice on preparing resumes, writing cover letters, learning proper interview techniques, preparing portfolios, and conducting successful job searches. Staff members conduct videotaped mock interviews to help students practice and improve their interview skills. Additionally, staff members can help students learn how to research employers and find employment opportunities. A sampling of employers who have hired Missouri State students include Hallmark, Sprint, Cerner, Edward Jones, Tyson

Foods, Inc., Baird, Kurtz & Dobson, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Kraft, Boeing, Wal-Mart, Sherwin Williams, Principal Financial Group, Ford Motor Credit, many government agencies, non-profit organizations, and school districts.

The IDS 320 course, Job Search Preparation and Career/Life Planning, assists students in developing a career plan and investigating the world of work in terms of the student's goals. Students learn the dynamics of decision-making, how to acquire experience in their field of interest, and job search skills. The class prepares students to make a successful transition from school to work.

Child Development Center

See Department of Childhood Education and Family Studies

Citizenship and Service-Learning Plaster Student Union 209, (417) 836-5774 www.missouristate.edu/casl

Students interested in earning academic credit for meaningful and productive community service have two options as described below.

Service-Learning Component Course

The Citizenship & Service-Learning (CASL) program enables a student to earn an additional credit in selected courses in exchange for the learning acquired by completing 40 hours of service that is relevant to course content and benefits an external government or non-profit agency. Each department that offers service-learning (SL) provides a 300- or 500-level, one-credit service-learning component course whose hours are arranged. A student who wants the service-learning option will simultaneously register for the SL designated course and the SL component course. The service-learning credit is awarded for the demonstration of learning that results from the service rather than the service itself. A reflection component is key to the critical thinking that a student will engage in during the experiential experience with the community partner.

Integrated Service-Learning Course

A stand-alone ISL course has all of the aspects of experiential education, reflection, and assessment integrated into the substance of the course. The community service experiences of the students are not just a sidebar, but are an integral part of the course. ISL courses are conceptualized as a pedagogical model that connects meaningful community service experiences with academic course learning. When service-learning is integrated into an academic course, the course credit is assigned for both the customary academic learning as well as for a minimum of 15 hours of service with a governmental or not-for-profit organization. The student's grade is for the quality of learning as identified through reflection mechanisms determined by the course instructor.

A complete listing of the regular curricular courses designated to accept the SL one-hour option and those with the ISL designation is available at the CASL Office and through the CASL web page.

Community Service Opportunities

Campus Volunteer Center, Blair-Shannon 113, (417) 836-5784
www.missouristate.edu/studentemp/cvc

Student Community Action Team, Blair-Shannon 113, (417) 836-4577
<http://organizations.missouristate.edu/scat>

As a public affairs institution, Missouri State provides numerous opportunities and tools that enable each student, faculty, and staff member to make service a part of his or her life. The University creates a culture of service through numerous officially sponsored activities and organizations, by modeling the behavior of service, and by making connections between the subject content of courses and the needs of society as a whole. Service opportunities include: student organizations, Campus Volunteer Center (CVC), Student Community Action Team (SCAT), service learning opportunities. CVC serves as a clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities to assist Missouri State students, faculty, and staff as well as community members in becoming active participants in the Springfield community. SCAT promotes civic responsibility among college students through service that addresses priorities of the community.

Computing

Cheek Hall 161, (417) 836-5770
<http://computerservices.missouristate.edu>
<http://helpdesk.missouristate.edu>

The University has a robust computing and networking environment to include more than 2,400 computers that are available for student use within 87 classrooms and labs. Most also contain a variety of printers, scanners, and other peripheral devices, as well as technical support specialists to provide assistance. More than 50 classrooms have digital media systems. Both PC and Macintosh platforms are supported and available on campus, and a 24-hour computer lab is available during weekdays. Assistive technologies are provided to students with disabilities in all Computer Services open labs.

Email accounts (with 10GB space per student) are available to all students at no cost. A web-based e-mail client (Outlook Live) makes this service available from anywhere on the Internet. Email accounts are retained by students upon graduation, with little change in service.

Students are also eligible for 25GB of Window Live SkyDrive space for online document storage, in addition to Office Live Workspace and Live Spaces for document sharing, collaboration, and group discussions. SkyDrive, Workspace, and Spaces services are provided to each student on demand.

The campus high-speed data network is large and expanding. All networked computers are provided with 100MB or greater connectivity to the university network. Wireless connectivity is available in many areas across campus and is continually expanding to meet the growing needs of students. Access to the campus network is available via VPN or dial-in services. For more information view the Networking Services web site at <http://networking.missouristate.edu>.

User ID and Password

Students, faculty, and staff use a user ID (sometimes referred to as Private ID) and password to access a variety of information via the My Missouri State portal. Those who have never received a Missouri State user ID and password can obtain one by going to the My Missouri State portal (<https://my.missouristate.edu/>) and clicking the "Get an account" button. Those who have a user ID but have forgotten the password can reset it by going to <https://cams.missouristate.edu/> and clicking "Change Your Password. For assistance, contact the Computer Services Open Labs at (417) 836-4519.

My Missouri State

The My Missouri State portal (<https://my.missouristate.edu/>) allows students immediate access to their academic information via their user ID and password. Information available includes: update of addresses and phone numbers, current and future schedules, grade reports, advising notes, registration, degree audits, transcript, holds, accounts receivable information, fee payment, and more. For questions regarding My Missouri State, please contact the Computer Services Open Labs at (417) 836-4519. For specific questions regarding student information, please contact the Office of the Registrar at (417) 836-5520.

CopyThis

Plaster Student Union 210, (417) 836-5808

www.missouristate.edu/printing/CopyThis.htm

Copy This...is a full service copy center for students, faculty, and staff use. The facility features color and black/white copying, poster/banner makers, lamination, binding, and finishing services (drilling, cutting, padding, folding, stapling, collating). Macintosh and Gateway computers are ready for multimedia production. Fax services and a full selection of materials are also available.

Counseling and Testing Center

Carrington Hall 311, (417) 836-5116

<http://counselingandtesting.missouristate.edu>

The primary goal of the Center is to promote the student's personal development and psychological well-being. The Center's staff is willing to share its expertise with University administration, faculty, staff, and students. If assistance from other departments, professionals, or agencies is indicated, the staff will facilitate such contacts. Services are provided for individuals with personal-social concerns and life-planning issues. Experienced mental health clinicians and graduate students assist students in resolving conflicts which may interfere with their progress in the University.

The Center adheres to the American Counseling Association (ACA), the American Psychological Association (APA), and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) professional codes of ethics in providing all services. Such services are strictly confidential. No information, including whether an individual has received counseling, will be released without the informed written consent of the student except in certain emergency situations. Counseling Services available are described below:

Assessment includes an initial screening is provided immediately after an individual completes an information form. The purpose of this first meeting is to explore the student's concerns and to make decisions about the type of resources that may be most helpful. For an initial interview, students may come to the Counseling and Testing Center between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Individuals or couples may work with a counselor/psychologist in order to identify, understand, and resolve personal and relationship difficulties.

Groups are structured to promote personal growth and skill development by focusing on particular concerns such as: adjustment to university life; balancing work, family, and academics; and establishing and maintaining meaningful relationships.

Crisis intervention is provided to deal with situations which require immediate attention.

Outreach includes **Special programs and workshops** designed to define and/or prevent problems and improve the quality of the University experience are presented on a regular basis, as well as by request. These offerings provide information, techniques, and strategies relevant to specific topics of interest such as stress management and communication skills.

Interest tests and personality inventories are used to clarify personal strengths and concerns. In addition, more than 30 different testing programs such as American College Testing Program (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the Miller Analogy Test (MAT), and General Education Development (GED) are administered by the staff. Other frequently administered tests include the Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers (PRAXIS), College Basic Subject Examination (CBASE), the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

Dean of Students

Plaster Student Union 405, (417) 836-5527

www.missouristate.edu/dos

The Dean of Students Office provides and supports a variety of programs and services designed to enhance each student's life. Any member of the campus community interested in becoming more involved in programs offered, or in need of services provided by this office is invited and encouraged to contact the office.

The Dean of Students Office suite includes the Associate Dean of Students, Disability Services, and Judicial Programs. Services provided by the office:

- Communicates emergency messages to students. Call (417) 836-5527; if after normal business hours, call Safety at (417) 836-5509
- Provides students with access to an attorney for consultation Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. while classes are in session, provided the student makes an appointment at least a day in advance. Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The attorney does not provide legal representation in conjunction with these consultations.
- Develops and disseminates several non-academic policies including:
 - Advertising, Distribution, Solicitation, and Facilities Usage Policy
 - Annual Notice to Students of the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Program
 - Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - Expressive Activity Policy
 - Greek Social Governance Statement
 - Social Event Risk Management Policy for Missouri State University Recognized Student Organizations
- Provides leadership and oversight for Baker Bookstore, Disability Services, Judicial Programs, Plaster Student Union, Residence Life and Services, and SODEXO Dining Services.

Dining Services

Plaster Student Union 213, (417) 836-5660

www.missouristate.edu/dining

Sodexo Campus Services, the largest contract food service provider in North America, provides nutritious, quality food with excellent service and variety for the entire campus. Three dining facilities (Kentwood, Blair-Shannon, and Garst) offer an all-you-can-eat format with a diverse menu that will appeal to everyone. Blair-Shannon Dining Center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Garst Dining Center from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with weekend hours to accommodate the busy student's schedule. Students may choose from four different meal plans to meet their individual needs: 10, 14, or 19 meals a week or our Unlimited Meal Plan which allows access to the dining center as many times a day as desired whenever they are in operation.

The Sodexo team will work with Missouri State students in cases of severe allergies or medical issues that require specific dietary needs and support. Our Balance Mind Body and Soul Program offers great support for navigating your dining experience, with links to Menu Planners, Nutrition Calculators, Body Mass Index information and options to consult a dietitian for further advise and dietary guidance.

Disability Services

Plaster Student Union 405, (417) 836-4192

www.missouristate.edu/disability

Disability Services (DS) helps ensure an equitable college experience for students with disabilities at Missouri State University. Academic accommodations are available at no cost to students who can provide documentation of a disability and can demonstrate that the requested accommodations are necessary for participation in university programs within established guidelines.

E-mail Accounts

See "Computing"

English Language Institute

Jim D. Morris Center for Continuing Education

301 S. Jefferson Ave., Room 200, Phone: (417) 836-6540

www.international.missouristate.edu/eli

The ELI is an intensive English program for students whose first language is not English. The focus of the ELI is to provide English language learners with skills for academic and career success. The ELI offers five levels of study (beginner through advanced) in core areas of writing, grammar, reading/vocabulary, listening strategies, and speaking skills, as well as optional spelling and pronunciation classes. With 25 to 27 hours of classroom instruction per week, students have the opportunity to prepare for the language challenges of the American university. Successful completion of the ELI satisfies the English proficiency requirement for admission to Missouri State University.

Greek Life

See "Plaster Student Union"

Health and Wellness Center, Taylor (417) 836-4000

<http://health.missouristate.edu>

Taylor Health and Wellness Center is located at the southwest corner of Florence and Monroe Streets, north of the University's bookstore. The following health services are provided: primary clinic for diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injuries, women's health services, nursing treatment (including allergy injections and immunizations), a full-service pharmacy with both prescribed and over-the-counter medications, diagnostic laboratory testing, radiological procedures and interpretations, and wellness programming which emphasizes positive lifestyle choices. Consultation services are also provided in orthopedics, internal medicine, gynecology, radiology, and psychiatric care. An appointment may be made at the Center by calling (417) 836-4000. Taylor Health and Wellness Center is open Monday-Friday, except on University holidays. Health services are provided by a staff of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, and support staff.

Students enrolled at the University are assessed a student health fee which is included in their required fees. Students who have paid the full health fee receive unlimited pre-paid basic office visits each semester when seeing one of the Center's providers. There is an office visit fee for seeing one of the clinic physicians for longer office visits and for seeing one of the consulting physicians. Charges are incurred for laboratory tests, x-rays, pharmacy items, and for certain other procedures. Services may be paid for by cash, check, Discover Card, Visa, MasterCard and American Express, or may be charged to the student's university account, if enrolled in the deferred payment plan. Students' household members may receive services at the Center, including the pharmacy. They will be charged for laboratory tests, x-rays, and pharmacy items in addition to an office visit.

Medical History

A self-completed medical history, which includes an immunization record, is required of all students. The medical history form is sent to new students after they are admitted. The medical history form may also be obtained at the Taylor Health and Wellness Center or on our web site at: <http://health.missouristate.edu>. A completed medical history must be on file at the Center before the student is eligible for medical care. A pre-entrance tuberculin skin test is strongly recommended for all students.

There is a state law that requires all students who will be living in a University Resident Hall, to either receive the meningitis vaccine or sign a waiver stating that they understand the risk associated with the disease and have chosen to not take the vaccine. The vaccine is available at Taylor Health and Wellness Center. MSU does not have any other immunizations or physical exam requirements.

Students found to have communicable diseases may, at the discretion of a university physician, be excluded from classes, placed in isolation or referred for treatment until they are no longer a danger to others. Students who show evidence of mental illness to a degree that it interferes with their own class work or with the activities of others may be excluded from classes and referred for evaluation by a psychiatric consultant of the University. Depending upon the results of the evaluations, a student may be returned to class, referred for treatment or suspended. Readmission to classes or permission to re-enroll will be permitted only upon recommendation of the Taylor Health and Wellness Center psychiatric consultant.

Student Insurance

A student group health and accident insurance plan is available to all registered undergraduate students taking 6 or more credit hours. Graduate students must be enrolled in at least one graduate level class, in good standing, and making appropriate progress toward graduation. All International students with an F-1 or J-1 visa are required to enroll in the plan. Eligible dependents of International students may enroll in the plan by completing an enrollment form and sending their premium directly to the insurance company. Dependent coverage is available to all students who are enrolled in the plan. This supplementary insurance helps cover part of the costs of hospitalization, surgical treatment, nursing service, ambulance, anesthetist, and other types of medical care. It is advisable for students to assess their health insurance coverage before starting school to determine if this policy would be of benefit.

Wellness Services

The Wellness Center provides students with educational activities, programs, and resources on a variety of health and wellness related topics. Information and programs are available in the areas of alcohol and other drugs, stress management, general nutrition and weight management, smoking cessation, sexuality issues, physical fitness, and other wellness topics. For more information about upcoming programs, contact the Student Wellness Office at Taylor Health and Wellness Center (417) 836-4045. Students who are interested in becoming involved in wellness activities and advising the Center's administration on numerous issues are encouraged to join the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). For more information about the above programs, contact the Center's Director at (417) 836-4000.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Hammons Student Center/Forsythe Athletics Center 200, (417) 836-5242 or 5244

<http://www.missouristatebears.com>

Missouri State is committed to an intercollegiate athletics program which complements the mission of the University and operates in accordance with the principles and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. (NCAA).

As a member of various athletics conferences, Missouri State is committed to academic and athletic excellence, sound fiscal management practices, enhancement of the physical and educational welfare of student-athletes, equal opportunity, character development, principles of amateurism, as well as the fundamental values of sportsmanship, civility, and the common virtue of good citizenship.

The University is a member of the NCAA. All sports participate in Division I of that association. The men's intercollegiate athletic program fields teams in baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, and swimming. Some athletic grants-in-aid are available in each sport. The women's intercollegiate athletic program offers competitive opportunities in basketball, cross country, field hockey, indoor track, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, outdoor track, and volleyball. Some athletic grants-in-aid are available in each sport.

International Student Services

Jim D. Morris Center for Continuing Education

301 S. Jefferson, First Floor, (417) 836-6618

<http://international.missouristate.edu>

International Student Services provides assistance and support to international students and visiting scholars. Services offered include recruitment, admission (undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree), transfer credit evaluation, orientation programs, special activity programming, and assistance with matters relating to immigration.

Judicial Programs

Plaster Student Union 405, (417) 836-6937

www.missouristate.edu/judicial

The Office of Judicial Programs is responsible for the implementation of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, adjudicating alleged violations of the Code, safeguarding student rights, and dealing with emergency situations which involve students.

KSMU Radio Station

Strong Hall 115, (417) 836-5878

www.ksmu.org

KSMU, located at 91.1 FM, is the region's National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate. KSMU operates six transmitters serving Springfield, Branson, West Plains, Mountain Grove, Joplin, and Neosho. The station broadcasts in-depth national and local news, classical, jazz, and eclectic music formats. The station provides training opportunities for students interested in broadcasting.

Learning Diagnostic Clinic

Meyer Alumni Center 502, (417) 836-4787

<http://psychology.missouristate.edu/ldc>

The Primary mission of the Learning Diagnostic Clinic (LDC) is to assist Missouri State University in complying with certain aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) laws and guidelines. More specifically, the clinic reviews psychological/psychiatric documentation to determine appropriate academic accommodations for students who are currently enrolled at Missouri State University. The LDC serves students who are diagnosed as having a learning disability, psychological disorder, and/or a neurological disorder. This service is provided at no charge. A related goal is to provide an educational support service for those students with the ultimate goal of developing educate persons. Prospective students who need support services through the clinic need to first register with Disability Services. Disability Services can be contacted by calling (417) 836-4192.

More intensive services are available through the Project Success program (a fee is charged). Project Success is an academic support program for students who have concerns that may affect learning. This may include individuals diagnosed with a learning disability, ADHD, or other diagnoses. Those enrolled in Project Success will be offered a wide variety of services tailored for the student with learning problems.

Diagnostic documentation must be provided by a qualified professional. For learning disabilities, the documentation is required to be conducted within five years of the time of admissions and must be done at the age of 16 or above. Other diagnoses (e.g., depression) may require more recent documentation. Providing documentation is the responsibility of the student. In the absence of such documentation, and if an evaluation is warranted, the LDC can provide psychoeducational testing for a fee.

Library Services

Duane G. Meyer Library, (417) 836-8383 (Library Hours)

<http://library.missouristate.edu/meyer/systems>

The Duane G. Meyer Library, the Music Library, the Haseltine Library at Greenwood Laboratory School, and the Evans Library on the Mountain Grove Campus Provide over 2 million items including 896,000 accessioned volumes; current subscriptions to over 3,300 periodicals and newspapers; and extensive back files of journals and newspapers, many in microformat. Over 23,000 journals are available online with full-text. More than 926,000 state, federal, and United Nations documents are held as a result of Meyer Library being a designated depository library for each of those areas. Meyer Library is the only UN depository library in the state of Missouri. The Curriculum Resource Center provides special materials for future teachers.

The statewide MOBIUS system allows access to holdings of all cataloged materials in the member libraries. Direct patron borrowing of state-wide resources with delivery of materials in 3-4 days has greatly expanded access to all types of materials. Electronic access is provided to reference resources, course reserve materials and licensed commercial citation and full-text databases through the library

homepage. Currently over 130 electronic databases are available to the university community through the library homepage. In addition to citations from thousands of journals, newspapers, and books, these databases contain articles from over 23,000 journals and newspapers in full-text. Access is also available from off-campus through an authentication process. Missouri State Libraries also maintain an extensive index of authoritative Web-based reference resources.

The Duane G. Meyer Library includes 12 large and 11 small Group Study Rooms and 8 Research Carrels which are assigned to graduate students and faculty on a semester basis. Four classrooms, a coffee shop and lounge, computer lab, media production facilities and a wide variety of study spaces are available. There is wireless access throughout the Meyer Library. Meyer Library is open 100 hours a week. Librarians or full-time staff are available all of those hours. Meyer Library provides accessibility and services that include an access ramp, electronic door openers, and a TDD phone (417) 836-8795 in Assistive Technology Services. The amount of hardware and software for use by persons with hearing, visual, or physical disabilities continues to increase and change as the technology evolves. A central feature of the Library and of the campus is the Jane A. Meyer Carillon with its complement of 48 bronze bells.

Missouri Local Government Program

Strong Hall 329, (417) 836-6423

<http://mlgp.missouristate.edu>

The Program is committed to providing training that makes a visible, positive impact on the municipal workforce. Trainings are customized and focus on practical information useful to elected and appointed officials, governing boards, commissions and professional development training for employees.

Missouri State University Foundation

Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center, 300 S. Jefferson, Suite 100, (417) 836-4143

www.foundation.missouristate.edu

The Foundation, established in 1981, is a not-for-profit corporation which helps the University obtain the greatest possible educational benefit through private giving. The Foundation's fund-raising efforts provide support for student financial aid, faculty research, library acquisitions, program enhancement and other academic and capital needs of the University. Since its inception, the Foundation has received gifts and gift commitments in excess of \$174 million.

The Foundation offers a variety of annual giving programs that encourage regular and yearly increased annual support. These include the Nationwide Phone Campaign, the Campus Campaign and direct mail and corporate matching gift programs in support of academic programs. Gifts to athletic programs are coordinated through The Bears Fund. Gifts for the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts are coordinated through The Performance Society. Those donors who have made a significant and long-lasting financial commitment to academic or capital programs are recognized through participation in The Founders Club. Other donors are recognized with membership in the Carrington, Maroon and White, and Century Clubs.

Planned and deferred giving programs provide donors the opportunity to endow scholarships, grant bequests through their wills and utilize other estate planning vehicles. Significant planned gifts are recognized by membership in The 1905 Society. Gifts made in honor or in memory of a loved one or someone who has been a strong influence provide a lasting and thoughtful tribute to a life and its accomplishments. All gifts must be within the IRS regulations governing charitable contributions. The Foundation reports regularly on its progress through the Annual Report.

Multicultural Resource Center

Plaster Student Union 141, (417) 836-5652

www.missouristate.edu/MCulture

The Center promotes diversity and cultural awareness in the University environment and community. One of its major functions is to sponsor workshops and seminars on selected topics of interest. In addition, other resources such as a video library and a collection of books, training materials, newsletters, and magazines gives students access to diverse information on current issues, trends in the job market, and preparation for graduate or professional studies.

Multicultural Student Services

Carrington Hall 302, (417) 836-6618 or (800) 492-7900

www.multicultural.missouristate.edu

The MSS Office provides academic, social, and cultural programs throughout the year. The Office provides an on-going focus on the importance of a multicultural educational experience and an appreciation for cultural diversity throughout the university community. MSS also gathers and distributes information of interest to minority students and links students to other University activities and services. The staff is equipped to meet the diverse needs of the student population and works to promote a more culturally inclusive campus environment.

Ozarks Public Television

Strong Hall 102, (417) 836-3500

www.optv.org

Ozarks Public Television is the region's Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) affiliate. OPT operates two transmitters, KOZK in Springfield and KOZJ in Joplin, which provide public television to Southwest Missouri, Northern Arkansas, Eastern Kansas and Eastern Oklahoma.

The stations broadcast a mix of children's programs, PBS core programming, and locally produced series and documentaries. OPT provides broadcast and production services to University departments and offers training opportunities for students interested in broadcasting.

Parking

See "Safety and Transportation"

Partners In Education

University Hall 122, (417) 836-5034

www.missouristate.edu/ugp/10996.htm

Partners in Education (PIE) is designed to strengthen the triangular partnership of the student, the family, and the University during the critical freshman year. By completing and signing a *Student Release of Confidential Information Form*, freshman students may allow designated persons access to academic information otherwise protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Non-student members of PIE will receive mid-semester progress reports and final grade reports on their student members, and may telephone the Academic Assistance Office for other information related to their students' academic progress, as long as the membership is active. Students may withdraw permission to release information at any time. Freshman students are encouraged to enroll in PIE.

Plaster Sports Complex

(417) 836-4640

www.missouristate.edu/psc

The Robert W. Plaster Sports Complex is a multi-use facility for the purpose of supporting recreational and educational needs of students, faculty and staff members as well as providing facilities for hosting intercollegiate athletic contests and special events. PSC has a football field with a grandstand with seating capacity of 16,600, an eight-lane all-weather jogging track, a Field Turf Synthetic Grass playing surface, and skyboxes. The facility also contains 12 handball/racquetball courts, two of these being championship courts, designed for spectator viewing. The 7,200 square foot Health and Fitness Center is housed on the second level and includes a free weight area, a variety of selectorized machines, cardio-vascular machines and an aerobic room with a TV and VCR available. A variety of classes are offered through Campus Recreation during the year. All students, faculty and staff may reserve courts and check-out equipment with proper University identification during open recreation hours. Attendants are on duty for assistance with equipment usage. The Athletics Strength and Conditioning Center located on the second level, is used by the various intercollegiate athletic teams on campus. The first level of the Complex, in addition to the racquetball courts, also houses administrative offices and locker room facilities for both men and women.

Plaster Student Union

(417) 836-5885

www.missouristate.edu/union

The Robert W. Plaster Student Union builds a sense of community on the Campus and provides opportunities for student growth and development. It is the hub of campus activity, a meeting and gathering place, and a central service center for the campus. Students can hang-out and relax, enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner, visit the Games Center, join in student activities, surf the internet, socialize or catch up on studying. Services and activities are described below.

Conference Services is ready to assist with planning meetings, events, and conferences. The Union has fourteen conference and meeting rooms ranging in capacity from eight to eighty. In addition, there is a 100 seat parliamentary room, a 500 seat theater, an 800 seat multipurpose ballroom, and the more formal Union Club. Technology support is available, as is catering with options ranging from "no-frills" to served banquets. The **Information Center** has information on University events, a lost and found department, and attendants available to assist with questions. **Campus Recreation** is the place to sign-up for intramural sports, fitness classes, and recreational workshops. **Outdoor Adventures** rents various equipment, including canoes, kayaks, and camping and backpacking gear. With various experiential workshops, outdoor trips, and an outdoor rental shop, you can find everything you need for your next adventure.

The Games Center has eight bowling lanes, billiard tables, table tennis, and a cyber lounge for surfing the internet. **Greek Life** assists Greek social organizations, including the administration of rush, membership, and coordinating the selection of faculty advisors. Professional staff advise sororities and fraternities, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the honor society of Order of Omega.

The Student Activities Office provides leadership opportunities for involvement with campus-wide events such as Homecoming, New Student Festival, leadership workshops, Family Weekend, and provides resources for students wanting to be active on campus. The office also coordinates the operation of over 250 registered student organizations on campus. **SOFAC** (The Student Organization Funding Allocation Council) provides funding to registered student organizations for special projects or needs.

Restaurants: Kaldi's Coffeeshouse offers specialty coffees and deserts. Blimpie's Subs and Salads features a full menu of classic deli subs, salads, tropical smoothies, and frozen yogurt. Domino's Pizza serves hand tossed, thin crust or deep dish pizza, complimented by buffalo wings or cheesy bread. Grill 155 serves gourmet hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, and a full breakfast menu. Wok & Roll offers authentic Asian meals with beef, chicken, pork and vegetable options.

Retail Services include: Bear Necessities is a convenience store with items ranging from magazines, newspapers, photo processing, candy, to milk and bottled water. BearHouse Entertainment Center carries computers, CDs, DVDs, gaming systems and accessories. 1 Hair Place is a professional hair styling salon, where a hairstylist can give you everything from a simple cut to a whole new look. A ticket outlet for

campus entertainment and sporting events is also available. Copy This can fill your black and white or color copy needs, and has a U.S. Postal Station right in the store. Commerce Bank, a full service bank, is available for your personal banking, including opening accounts and processing loans.

Additional University Offices housed in Plaster Student Union include: Citizenship and Service Learning (CASL), Dean of Students Office, Disability Services, Multicultural Resource Center, Sodexo Food Services, Student Orientation Advisement and Registration (SOAR), and ZipCard. In addition, twenty-seven student organizations have offices in the Union, including the Student Government Association, Student Activities Council and Greek Councils, along with professional and honorary groups.

Registrar, Office of the Carrington Hall 320, (417) 836-5520 www.missouristate.edu/registrar

The Office of the Registrar is comprised of four specialty areas and is responsible for maintaining accurate academic records and enforcing policies set by the Board of Governors, Faculty Senate, University administration, and the state and federal governments. This office maintains the student and course data systems used on campus, and annually produces the undergraduate catalog.

Degree Check maintains the system used to produce degree audits; processes all degree program admissions, substitutions and waivers, and undergraduate applications for graduation; certifies honors and graduation for undergraduate students; publishes each commencement program; and produces and provides diplomas and certificates for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Records maintains all student academic records; processes initial grades and grade changes, pass/not pass and audit requests, name and address changes; enforces the repeat policy and the academic status policy; produces transcripts; provides degree verifications, enrollment verifications, and a wide variety of reports for the University administration.

Registration coordinates and enforces all registration and change of schedule services; responsible for assessing required student fees through the registration system and processing appeals to the refund policy; processes all student withdrawals; and compiles, edits, and produces the semester schedule of classes on the web.

Veterans Services provides quality support services to students eligible to receive veterans educational benefits such as certifying enrollment, monitoring progress, conferring with the students, and ensuring that students are in compliance with federal and state laws governing educational benefits. A veteran may be eligible to receive benefits under various GI Bills. When applying for educational benefits, it is essential that the veteran's status be known (Montgomery GI Bill, REAP, Vocational Rehabilitation or Survivors or Dependents). The veteran must be enrolled and pursuing an approved program of education or training to be eligible for benefits. Students who plan to attend the University on the Montgomery GI Bill should be prepared to pay for their first semester when they arrive. It can take 10-12 weeks for their claim to be processed and their first payment to arrive; it can take up to 16 weeks for a first-time REAP applicant to receive their first payment. Additional information including minimum grade and credit requirements, advice on the benefits, or application forms may be obtained by contacting the Veterans Certifying Official in Carrington Hall, room 320.

Retention Services Carrington Hall 302, (417) 836-6618

This Office assists students from recruitment to graduation. Students are connected to campus resources which help them reach their educational goals. Services such as free tutoring are available on a first-come, first-served basis in addition to referring students to other campus offices to help them with their course work. This office also provides assistance to commuter students by providing off-campus housing information, roommate information and educational programming to help students become better consumers as they look for a place to live.

Safety and Transportation 636 E. Elm St., (417) 836-5509 www.missouristate.edu/safetran

Services provided by the staff of Safety and Transportation are: **Escort Service** is available to supplement the shuttle service by escorting members of the campus community to and from locations within the confines of the campus during evening hours. Students should call (417) 836-5509 to obtain escort service. An officer will then be dispatched by radio to that location.

Vehicle Operation and Parking Regulations are available at the Parking Administration Office, Transit Operations Center, 700 E. Elm. Any student who operates a motor vehicle on campus is responsible for being informed about the parking regulations. The **Towing Policy** states that vehicles which have been abandoned, are improperly parked, or have accumulated three or more unpaid parking tickets may be towed. **Shuttle Service** is available to students, faculty, staff and guests. The Shuttle makes numerous stops at locations convenient to residence halls, academic buildings, the library and Hammons Student Center. The Shuttle is financed through student services fees. No fares are charged during scheduled operating hours. Current brochures containing a map of the shuttle route and describing the shuttle system are available at the Department of Safety and Transportation, the Plaster Student Union Information Desk, and other locations on campus.

Standard, The
744 E. Cherry St., (417) 836-5272
www.the-standard.org

The University's official student-run newspaper, The Standard, has provided University students, faculty and staff with vital news coverage since 1912. The Standard is published twice a week and is student managed and edited, providing valuable practical experience for future journalists and other students interested in journalism.

Student Government Association
Plaster Student Union 123, (417) 836-5500
<http://sga.missouristate.edu>

Student Government Association (SGA) is the official voice of the students to the administration of Missouri State. Through organizational and student body representation, SGA collects student opinion on matters concerning fees, discipline, and social activities to express them to the administration and other students. SGA represents all students. Students are welcome at any SGA meeting and becoming a Senator is a wonderful and rewarding experience that all students should consider pursuing. SGA believes that the students' voices need to be heard and continuing participation will foster student input.

Supplemental Instruction
The Learning Commons in Meyer Library, (417) 836-5006
www.si.missouristate.edu

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of review sessions for students enrolled in historically difficult courses. SI is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades. Attendance at sessions is voluntary. For students, it's a chance to get together with people in their class to compare notes, discuss important concepts, develop strategies for studying the subject, and to test themselves before the professor does, so that when he/she does, they will be ready. At each session, students will be guided through this material by an SI leader, a competent student who has previously taken the course. Please contact Michael Frizell, Director, for a more information and a list of courses currently offering SI.

TRIO Programs
Freudenberger House-West Lower Level, (417) 836-6220 or (417) 836-4324
<http://trio.missouristate.edu>

The Office of Postsecondary Education, Division of Higher Education Programs, under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Education, funds a number of programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act that are typically referred to as the TRIO Programs. The primary purpose of the TRIO Programs is to prepare low-income and potential first-generation college students for successful entry into, retention in, and completion of postsecondary education.

TRIO Student Support Services Program provides a variety of support services that are designed to improve students' academic performance and increase motivation towards the successful completion of postsecondary education, and facilitate transition from undergraduate to graduate education. The program currently serves 180 participants who are low-income, first-generation, or have a disability. Services provided include tutorial services, instruction in basic study skills, academic, financial, and personal counseling; admission into cultural events and activities; assistance in obtaining financial aid; and assistance in admission and enrollment in graduate programs. All services are provided at no cost to participants.

The TRIO Upward Bound Program assists high school students in developing the skills and motivation necessary to complete their secondary education and to enroll in and complete a program of postsecondary study. The program currently serves 50 students from Central, Hillcrest, and Parkview high schools in Springfield. The following services are offered at no cost to eligible students: tutoring and study skills; monthly Saturday workshops; ACT/SAT prep workshops; financial aid and scholarship information and applications; college prep classes and information; a six-week, on-campus, summer enrichment program; college campus visits; and visits to local and national cultural attractions. For more information, visit the TRIO Upward Bound Program web site at www.missouristate.edu/upwardbound.

Veterans Services
 See "Registrar"

Writing Center
The Learning Commons in Meyer Library, (417) 836-6398
www.writing-center.missouristate.edu

The Writing Center is a free academic support service providing members of the education community of Missouri State University a place to share work in progress with knowledgeable, attentive readers. The staff of trained writing consultants, all active writers, strives to empower individuals writing through personalized consultation for any project. Undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty use the service to workshop papers for their academic courses, master's thesis, creative writing, speeches, presentations, course syllabi, and articles intended for publication.

ZipCard

Plaster Student Union 128, (417) 836-8409

www.missouristate.edu/zip

The ZipCard is your official University identification card which should be kept with you at all times. It can also be used as a campus debit card provided that you have made a deposit in your ZipCard account. You can also use your ZipCard as a campus charge card to charge items, services, or fines to your account. These miscellaneous charges are due when billed and may be paid in person at the Bursars Office in Carrington Hall 102 by presenting your ZipCard. Miscellaneous charges may include Bookstore, Bear Necessities convenience store, parking permits, library fines, and long distance telephone charges. See the "Costs and Fees" section of the catalog for more information.

Student Activities and Organizations

Art and Design Gallery

333 E. Walnut St., (417) 829-5092

<http://art.missouristate.edu/gallery.php>

Exhibitions change monthly during the school year. Each year the exhibition schedule includes a faculty show and other shows by distinguished artists and designers from all regions of the country.

Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports

Plaster Student Union 131, (417) 836-5334

www.missouristate.edu/recreation

Campus Recreation fosters community, promotes physical fitness, and enhances wellness while enriching the university learning experience. Extracurricular activities include intramural sports, fitness and wellness classes, and Outdoor Adventures workshops and trips. Student employment opportunities available include group fitness instructors, intramural sports officials, Outdoor Adventures trip guides, office assistants, and internships. See the Campus Recreation web site for details.

Dance

Department of Theatre and Dance, Craig Hall 355, (417) 836-5268

www.theatreanddance.missouristate.edu

Dance concerts are presented annually as part of the cultural attractions available to the community. A faculty choreographed dance concert is presented each spring semester. Student choreographed studio programs are presented each semester, and advanced student work is selected for a full-fledged concert. Theatre productions often include dance as an integral element. Inertia Dance Company is the resident student organization which gives dance lecture-demonstrations and concert works to schools and groups throughout the geographic area.

Debate

Department of Communication, Craig Hall 375, (417) 836-4423

<http://debate.missouristate.edu>

Missouri State boasts a tradition of excellence in debate. The debate program is one of the oldest in the country - as old as the university itself - and has consistently been one of the top 20 debate programs in the nation. Missouri State is also the only school in the nation to have hosted both the Cross-Examination Debate Association (CEDA) National Tournament and the National Debate Tournament (NDT). Missouri State students participate in NDT/CEDA policy debate. In 1992, Missouri State won first place at the CEDA National Tournament. Missouri State students have appeared in the "Sweet Sixteen" of college debate eleven times in the last twenty years, including a second place finish and three additional final four appearances (the latest in 2008.) In 2006 and 2008, the team secured one of 16 prestigious "First Round At Large" bids to the NDT. Within this tradition of competitive excellence lies a commitment to the education of the individual student. Missouri State debaters are consistently admitted to top graduate programs and law schools. The Holt V. Spicer Debate Forum features a national and regional travel schedule designed to offer each student the optimum level of participation.

Dramatic Performance Activities

Department of Theatre and Dance, Craig Hall 355, (417) 836-5268

www.theatreanddance.missouristate.edu

The Department of Theatre and Dance affords students with theatre and dance talent an avenue of expression and provides the campus community with entertaining and worthwhile productions. Several directed productions, including plays, musicals, operas, children's plays, and performance pieces, are presented each year. Productions directed by students, both graduate and undergraduate, are also presented. Through participation in these productions, students gain practical experience in constructing and painting scenery, making costumes, applying makeup, light control technology and acting in outstanding plays of all periods. Productions are presented in Coger Theatre, the intimate Balcony Theatre in Craig Hall, Carrington Auditorium, and Juanita K. Hammons Hall for Performing Arts.

One of the area's favorite summer attractions is Tent Theatre. From June through July three shows, including musicals, are presented to local and regional audiences. This popular entertainment has been thrilling theatre-goers for over forty years. The In-School Players, a group of advanced students chosen from audition, prepares original theatrical material to tour to area elementary schools two afternoons a week through the late fall and spring semesters. The Inertia Dance Company, a group of advanced students chosen from audition, prepares a presentation to tour to area elementary schools and a concert program for adult audiences.

Foreign Languages

Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Siceluff Hall 223, (417) 836-5122

www.missouristate.edu/MCL

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages offers a variety of activities to students to supplement its academic programs. The Department sponsors conversation tables, honorary societies, and cultural activities. Travel and study tours are offered to provide direct language and cultural experience. The Department also sponsors public service activities related to the study of foreign language and culture.

Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, Juanita K.

525 S. John Q. Hammons Parkway, (417) 836-6776

www.hammonshall.com

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts is a 2,215 seat multi-purpose performance facility owned and operated by Missouri State University to serve the needs of the campus, community, and region. Hammons Hall presents a full season of performances which includes touring Broadway musical productions, single performances covering the gamut of entertainment from classical music to jazz to dance to comedy to theatre, children's shows, and an emerging concert artists recital series. In keeping with Hammons Hall's mission to serve the student population, university concerts, recitals and lectures are also part of the venue's schedule. The Springfield Symphony presents its season at the Hall, and other community arts partners include Springfield Regional Opera and Springfield Visual Arts Alliance. Hammons Hall is also available for rental to outside promoters.

Mass Media Activities

Department of Media, Journalism & Film, Craig Hall 370, (417) 836-5218

<http://mjf.missouristate.edu>

An integral part of the Department of Media, Journalism & Film, the mass media program provides a wide range of activities in broadcasting, journalism, and film. The department maintains an instructional television studio which provides student programming on Springfield's Cable Channel 24. The department also serves in an advisory capacity for the school newspaper, The Standard, and is associated with KSMU-FM (91.1 MHz), the University's National Public Radio affiliate. Mass media majors can gain valuable experience working in each of these areas, as reporters and journalists for the newspaper, as producers of television programming, or as student interns at KSMU, the area's FM source of fine arts and information programming. The Growl, a student run webcast radio station is also housed in the department. Students can gain valuable experience doing play-by-play sports announcing, creating web newscast, or DJ'ing a music program on The Growl. The student run Film Society is also affiliated with the department. The department maintains a strong internship program with local and regional broadcasters, providing an opportunity for majors to acquire professional experience at a variety of radio and television stations, as well as corporate production facilities.

Ozarks Celebration Festival , College of Arts and Letters

<http://ocf.missouristate.edu>

The Ozarks Celebration Festival is an entertaining and educational look at the region's culture and heritage. The annual fall event is held on the campus in front of Carrington Hall and consists of traditional craftspeople and commercial artists, three stages of music (which will include traditional, bluegrass, and gospel music), Ozarks storytelling, traditional dance (which will include square, jig, contra and clogging), films, historical characters, exhibits, and much more. Many of the finest artists and craftspeople in the region will be on hand to demonstrate and display their creations, offering a number of items for sale. All events are free and open to the public.

Student Exhibition Center

838 E. Walnut St., (417) 836-6999

<http://sec.missouristate.edu>

Located near campus on historic Walnut Street and John Q. Hammons Parkway, this converted Victorian two-story building contains exhibitions of student work that change monthly during the school year. Each year the exhibition schedule also includes a Foundations Show and Senior Design Show. Additional shows may vary from year to year.

Student Organizations

Office of Student Activities, Plaster Student Union 101, (417) 836-4386

<http://studentorganizations.missouristate.edu/guide>

The Office of Student Activities is dedicated to providing an environment where all students are empowered to be actively involved. We believe by enhancing the resources and development for students, student organizations, and advisors, we will provide opportunities to create memorable experiences that will complement the academic and public affairs mission of the university. We will provide programs that promote: the development of leaders, cultural understanding, intellectual growth, philanthropic spirit, social engagement, and service to others. The Office of Student Activities is responsible for Leadership Programs, Greek Life, Student Programming (Homecoming, After Hours Late Night Programming, and the advisement of the Student Activities Council) and Student Organizations. Student Organizations are an integral part of the Missouri State experience, contributing to the social, intellectual, cultural, recreational, and spiritual needs of the campus, offering students the opportunity to enhance their educational experience through various activities. There are currently over 270 student organizations registered on campus. To view a complete up-to-date list, please visit our website at: <http://organizations.missouristate.edu/guide/default.htm>