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Springfield campus looking toward downtown Springfield

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## University Heritage

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Missouri State University was founded as the Missouri State Normal School, Fourth District, by legislative action on March 17, 1905. Missouri State first opened its doors in June 1906. After 104 years and four name changes, Missouri State is a comprehensive state university system offering a wide variety of programs and services to its students and the citizens of the state. During the 1995 session of the Missouri General Assembly, Missouri State received a statewide mission in public affairs, making it the only Missouri university emphasizing the development of aware, committed, and active participants in tomorrow's society. In a campus ceremony on March 17, 2005, the 100th anniversary of Founders' Day, Governor Matt Blunt signed Senate Bill 98, which included changing Southwest Missouri State University's name to Missouri State University. This is the fifth and final name for the university. The institution was founded as the Normal School in 1905, then changed to Southwest Missouri State Teachers College in 1919, Southwest Missouri State College in 1946, and Southwest Missouri State University in 1972. Each new name has reflected the changed nature of the institution.

Missouri State University-Mountain Grove has a legislative mandate to generate knowledge through research and to disseminate this knowledge for the economic development of the Missouri fruit industry. The Mountain Grove Campus is home to the State Fruit Experiment Station, which was established by a legislative act in 1899 and is the oldest identifiable segment of Missouri State. Until 1974, the station was operated as a state agency under a board of trustees appointed by the governor. As a result of the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974, administrative responsibility for the State Fruit Experiment Station was given to the Board of Governors of Missouri State. Following university reorganization in 1994, the station was assigned to the Department of Fruit Science in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences.

Missouri State-West Plains was founded in 1963 as the West Plains Residence Center. In 1977, the Board of Governors and, subsequently, the Missouri General Assembly, designated the name the "West Plains Campus" to replace Residence Center. In 1981, the legislature enacted a permanent status bill for the campus. In 1991, the legislature passed House Bill 51 which gave the West Plains Campus the authority to offer "one-year certificates, two-year associate degrees and credit and non-credit courses." In 2005, the legislature passed Senate Bill 98 which included changing the name to Missouri State University-West Plains.

## Developing Educated Persons

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Missouri State University's purpose is "to develop educated persons." It is committed to the expansion and preservation of knowledge. It recognizes that curious people explore and push back the boundaries of the human intellect and the physical world. In an age where knowledge can become quickly dated, the University is committed to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge that serves the future. The characteristics of educated persons are readily assessable and recognizable:

- They cultivate their aesthetic tastes
- They are critical thinkers
- They are serious readers who are broadly literate
- They dedicate themselves to being curious and contributing citizens in an increasingly global society
- They balance an in-depth mastery of at least one academic discipline with a broad appreciation of the liberal arts

Educated persons are developed through the interaction of competent, caring faculty and capable, motivated students. The University brings a distinguished faculty to this task. Multiple Fulbright Scholars, the co-founder of the Land Mine Survivors Network, a leading authority on U.S.-Asian relations, a Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Missouri Professor of the year, a leader in headache/TMJ pain research, one of the top Buddhist/religious studies scholars in the world provide examples of the quality and strength of the Missouri State faculty.

Missouri State also develops educated persons through the interaction between knowledgeable, caring faculty and staff academic advisors and their advisees. The University's dedication to excellent academic advising is demonstrated by the nationally recognized "Master Advisor" training program. More than 200 faculty and staff advisors have voluntarily participated in this intensive training program, with several being recognized at both the state and national levels for their advising.

The broader context in which the University is located is a natural setting for academic achievement. The institutional mission of public affairs and the themes of business and economic development; creative arts; health; professional education; science and the environment; and the human dimension are the daily topics of this metropolitan conversation. The community itself is a laboratory where these themes are experienced and addressed.

The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, to which Missouri State University belongs, believes that metropolitan universities are "major intellectual resources for their metropolitan regions," whose programs "respond to regional needs while striving for national excellence." This Coalition has committed its institutions "to be responsive to the needs of our metropolitan areas by seeking new ways of using our human and physical resources to provide leadership in addressing metropolitan problems, through teaching, research, and professional service." Missouri State subscribes to this metropolitan university philosophy.

Educated persons are developed in classrooms and laboratories. Educated persons also develop as the result of the entire university experience - participation in co-curricular activities; interaction with faculty, staff, and fellow students; service to the University community and the community at-large; and leadership in any number of organizations. Residence hall life and fraternities and sororities add a richness to the University environment that contributes to the educated person. Such living groups provide leadership opportunities

and provide a context for developmental conversations. Because of this, the University has been aggressive in providing positive living/learning units on campus. Debate, Marching Band, and Tent Theatre are a few examples of other University programs for students with special talents. Intercollegiate athletics is another major educational activity at Missouri State University. In 1995 and again in 2003, the University completed the Self-Study Report for Certification by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and was certified by the NCAA.

These and many other educational activities teach students to manage their lives and to participate in society, both of which are important traits for an educated person. The University will continue to promote special events that increase the educational value of the overall Missouri State experience. Through these efforts, Missouri State intends to make it clear to all constituencies that these activities are both an educational and a social good. Community service projects, from serving as a tutor in the adult literacy program to re-building homes through Habitat for Humanity or hurricane relief efforts, provide unique opportunities for developing educated persons. For that reason, the University encourages students to be involved in the community.

Independent study, independent research, cooperative education programs, internships, practicums, faculty lectures and performances, and a host of other special activities are available to Missouri State students. For example, most academic departments offer opportunities for students to participate in individualized research projects, library research on a specialized topic, creative artistic works, etc. These opportunities are conducted under the supervision of faculty, and may lead to student presentations, performances, and/or publications. The University will expand opportunities for its students to engage in mentored and independent scholarship.

As a character-building institution, with national recognition from the Templeton Foundation and the Princeton Review's Colleges with a Conscience, Missouri State encourages students to reflect on questions of personal values, identity, and ultimate meaning. Several activities promote such reflection and character development, including various religious activities offered by student organizations. Developing educated persons is the purpose of the University. Its resources and efforts should be organized to achieve that end.

## Governance

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### Board of Governors

Missouri State University is under the general control and management of the Board of Governors, which according to statutes of the state of Missouri, possesses full power and authority to adopt all needful rules and regulations for the guidance and supervision of the University. Currently, Missouri State University is governed by a nine-member Board of Governors. All members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate, to serve six-year terms. The nine-member Board of Governors shall represent each of Missouri's nine congressional districts. A non-voting member, a current Missouri State University student, also sits on the Board. The present Board of Governors consists of the following members:

Orvin Kimbrough, First District	Cathy Smith, Sixth District
Michael Duggan, Second District, Chair	Gordon Elliott, Seventh District
John Winston, Third District	Mary Sheid, Eighth District
Brian Hammons, Fourth District, Vice Chair	Elizabeth Bradbury, Ninth District
Phyllis Washington, Fifth District	Ryan Childress, Student Member

The President is the chief executive officer of the University, responsible to the Board of Governors for the administration of institutional policies and operations. The senior administrative officers of the University serve as an advisory body to the President and are responsible for specific operational divisions of the University. The Faculty Senate is an elected body of academic faculty established to provide a means of dealing with curricular matters and concerns of the faculty. The Graduate Council is an elected body of graduate faculty established to address matters concerning graduate education (i.e. programs, curricula, and policies). The Staff Advisory Council is an elected body from the University support staff that addresses concerns related to the staff. The Student Government Association provides the means by which students can participate in campus governance, student discipline, and management of student activities.

To formulate policy, to facilitate decision-making, and to promote a spirit of collegiality, the University is committed to participatory governance and to an open system of communication throughout the University.

### Administrative Council

System administration and coordination is the responsibility of the Missouri State University Administrative Council, which reports to the System President. The Council is responsible for helping develop administrative and support systems that ensure that the campuses operate cooperatively, efficiently, economically and without duplication. The Administrative Council provides effective administration of the System while requiring minimal administrative overhead. No positions have been or will be added for System purposes. The responsibility for academic programs remains with the faculty with accepted review and approval procedures. Present Administrative Council members include:

Dr. Michael T. Nietzel, President	John W. McAlear, Secretary to the Board of Governors
Dr. Earle Doman, Vice President for Student Affairs	Dr. Belinda McCarthy, Provost
Dr. James P. Baker, Vice President for Research and Economic Development	Ken McClure, Vice President for Administrative and Information Services
Dr. Drew Bennett, Chancellor, Missouri State University-West Plains Campus	June McHaney, Director of Internal Audit
W. Brent Dunn, Vice President for University Advancement	Clif Smart, General Counsel
Nila Hayes, Chief Financial Officer (Financial Services)	Dr. Carey Adams, Dean of College of Arts and Letters
Paul K. Kincaid, Chief of Staff/Assistant to the President for University Relations	

## Missouri State University System

The Missouri State University campuses are structured to address the special needs of the urban and rural populations they serve. Missouri State University-Springfield is a selective admissions, graduate level teaching and research institution. Missouri State University-West Plains is an open admissions campus serving seven counties in south central Missouri. Missouri State University-Mountain Grove serves Missouri's fruit industry through operation of the State Fruit Experiment Station. The Extended Campus provides learning opportunities through telecourses, Internet-based instruction and through its interactive video network (BearNet). The University also operates various other special facilities, such as the Darr Agricultural Center in southwest Springfield, the Jordan Valley Innovation Center in downtown Springfield, the Bull Shoals Field Station near Forsyth, Baker's Acres and Observatory near Marshfield, the Missouri State University Graduate Center in Joplin, and a branch campus at Liaoning Normal University (LNU) in Dalian, China. In addition, Missouri State has the operations and program offerings of one entire academic department, its Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, located near Washington, D.C. in Fairfax, Virginia.

### Missouri State University-Springfield Campus

The Missouri State University-Springfield Campus offers a spectrum of educational programs that respond to regional and statewide needs while striving for national and international excellence. Missouri State is an intellectual and creative resource for the Springfield metropolitan area, contributing to its economic development, social health, and cultural vitality through education, research, and professional outreach. The University collaborates with many communities and clientele throughout the region in order to bridge the socio-economic, cultural, and political gaps that exist among them. Missouri State continues to shape its structures and design its policies and practices to enhance its effectiveness as a key institution for the citizens of Missouri.

The Missouri State University-Springfield Campus offers baccalaureate, master's, specialist in education, and professional doctorate degrees, and is the host site for a cooperative doctorate degree in educational leadership with the University of Missouri-Columbia. As of 2006, the Springfield Campus offered programs through 42 academic departments organized in six academic colleges. More than 140 academic programs and options are offered at the undergraduate level, leading to nine undergraduate degrees.

In the 1990s, mission enhancement funds were provided to Missouri State, enabling the institution to better serve the state's need for a high-quality undergraduate/graduate institution. As a result, the Springfield Campus has become a major graduate education provider, offering 47 master's degree programs and working with the University of Missouri to provide cooperative master's and doctoral level programs. Graduate students comprise more than 16 percent of the campus' total student population. Even with these changes, undergraduate education remains a priority, and implementation of selective admissions standards will continue, with a sensitivity to the needs of the 24-county service area and the state of Missouri.

### Missouri State University Downtown

In 1996, Missouri State University and Springfield entered into an agreement to direct future University expansion away from neighborhoods, such as Phelps Grove to the south of campus, and toward the downtown area northwest of campus. That agreement, reflected in the Missouri State Master Plan Visioning Guide and the Vision 2020 Springfield-Greene County Comprehensive Plan, has resulted in the University acquiring and/or leasing increasing amounts of properties in the downtown area. The Missouri State University-Springfield Master Plan Visioning Guide has been formally adopted by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission and the Springfield City Council. To ensure orderly development in the downtown area, the University has added a downtown planning element to its Master Plan Visioning Guide.

IDEA Commons is a geographic area in downtown Springfield that will include locations for spin-off commercialization of technologies and University programs that will create an environment to generate creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for the benefit of the Springfield region. IDEA Commons is Missouri State's vision and commitment to create a new type of urban research park that is blended with residential, retail and entertainment facilities, and supported by various University programs. This unique project will bring together Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship and Arts (IDEA) and is an example of how the University continues to be engaged in promoting the community's livability and economic success.

The Missouri State University Foundation owns the 81,000-square-foot Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center and adjacent parking garage, and Missouri State owns the 62,500-square-foot Jim D. Morris Center for Continuing Education and two nearby surface parking lots. In addition, Missouri State leases approximately 60,000 square feet to support numerous programs, including the Institute for School Improvement and the Department of Art and Design.

The University will continue to invest in new and leased facilities directed by the following objectives:

- To provide outstanding educational opportunities, specifically with regard to metropolitan issues, service learning, and public affairs
- To provide affordable, high-quality space for academic and auxiliary programs
- To ensure that the University can expand as required while, at the same time, fulfilling its obligations outlined in the Phelps Grove agreement with the City of Springfield
- To stimulate the revitalization of downtown Springfield
- To fulfill the University's metropolitan mission of contributing to the economic development, social health, and cultural vitality of the region

These objectives are based in large part on long-term partnerships with the City of Springfield, the Springfield School District, Ozarks Technical Community College, and many public and private entities that have an impact on the development of Springfield and the region.

The University will continue to assess the feasibility/desirability of locating other programs in downtown Springfield, as well as the possibility of expanding programs already located downtown. Further, the University shares the community's vision of downtown Springfield as an arts, entertainment and education center, and Missouri State intends to be an active partner in developing and revitalizing Springfield's center city.

### **Missouri State University-West Plains Campus**

The West Plains Campus is a two-year, open admissions campus with a mission to provide quality educational opportunities to south central Missouri. The West Plains Campus has a separate five-year plan. Missouri State University-West Plains is structured to meet the needs of a seven-county rural area of south central Missouri within the larger Springfield metropolitan region. Missouri State University-West Plains is mandated to offer one-year certificates, two-year associate degree programs, and credit and non-credit courses. Missouri State University-West Plains also hosts bachelor's and master's degree programs provided by the Springfield Campus through both on-site offerings and distance learning technologies.

The West Plains Campus has separate accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission and currently offers three associate degrees - Associate of Arts in General Studies, Associate of Science in Nursing, and Associate of Applied Science - with approximately 30 emphases/areas of specialization. The campus is integral to the successful implementation of the overall System mission, serves as one major feeder for the Springfield Campus, and provides a site for the Springfield Campus to offer upper-level and graduate programs. Missouri State University-West Plains offers courses leading to the Associate of Arts in General Studies at Shannon Hall in Mountain Grove. Missouri State University-West Plains also provides educational opportunities via the BearNet interactive video network; university/community programs; and certificate programs, customized training programs, and non-credit outreach programs based on community needs.

### **Missouri State University-Mountain Grove Campus**

The major activities on the 190-acre Missouri State University-Mountain Grove Campus are the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, the Department of Agriculture (including Fruit Science), and the Center for Grapevine Technology. The Fruit Experiment Station was established in 1899 by the Missouri Legislature. The Station has a statewide mission to: "...experiment with the different kinds of fruits, to wit: Apples, peaches, berries of all kinds, grapes and small fruits of all kinds, and to ascertain the varieties that are the best adapted to this state..." The Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station promotes growth of the Missouri fruit crop industry through basic and applied research and an industry advisory program focused on pomology, enology, viticulture, plant pathology, entomology, molecular genetics, and plant physiology.

Missouri State University-Mountain Grove supports a fruit industry advisory program, including fruit crops, grapes and wine, and consumer education. The advisory program uses traditional on-site advisory classes and workshops coupled with interactive video and Internet-based training. In cooperation with the departments of Biology and Chemistry, the Department of Agriculture offers a cooperative master's degree in plant science, as well as undergraduate internships and a limited number of undergraduate classes. The Paul Evans Library of Fruit Science supports the State Fruit Experiment Station, as well as the plant science master's degree students and Missouri State University-West Plains students.

### **Extended Campus Programs**

The Extended Campus, through the Department of Academic Outreach, works with academic departments and colleges throughout the University to provide a wide range of credit courses at off-campus sites beyond the Springfield campus, using traditional off-campus instruction and technology-based delivery systems. The academic programs offered through the Extended Campus undergo the same academic review and scrutiny as academic programs offered in traditional settings. The Extended Campus has the administrative and technology infrastructure, faculty support, and student support services necessary to meet the needs of distance learning students. The distance learning strategy of the Extended Campus involves three major delivery systems: interactive video (BearNet), Internet-based instruction (Missouri State University Online), and telecourses (including interactive CD). For additional information, see "Continuing Education and the Extended Campus" in the Additional Academic Units section of the catalog.

### **China Campus**

As one part of the attempt to internationalize its programs, the University began in 2000 to operate the Missouri State Branch Campus at Liaoning Normal University (LNU) in Dalian, China. An accredited two-year Associate of Arts degree is offered by the West Plains Campus and the Bachelor of Science in General Business is offered by the Springfield Campus. Additional Associate of Arts and completion programs in China will be established that are consistent with University priorities and opportunities.

### **Other Campuses**

In addition to expanding its telecommunications-based education, Missouri State University will assess the desirability and feasibility of opening new education centers and campuses. These centers and/or campuses could be local - i.e., within the University's historic 24-county service area in southwest Missouri - or they could be international.

## Springfield Campus Highlights

(Source: *Missouri State University At a Glance* booklet, Fall 2008)

- The fall 2008 enrollment on the Springfield campus of 19,925 students included 1,365 students from other states and 1,032 students from foreign countries.
- Missouri State is comprised of students from 113 of Missouri's 114 counties, as well as 48 states and 84 countries throughout the world.
- The average ACT score for incoming freshmen in 2008 reached an all-time high of 24.2; the state average for high school graduates is 21.6.
- External funding for sponsored projects reached a grand total of \$22.4 million in FY 2008.
- Missouri State has 810 full-time faculty members, and offers a student-teacher ratio of approximately 20:1.
- Missouri State is the fifth largest employer in Springfield.
- Missouri State offers more than 150 undergraduate majors and 48 graduate degree program, including doctorates in Audiology and in Physical Therapy and a cooperative doctorate (Ed.D.) through the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- The Duane G. Meyer Library offers more than 890,000 books, subscriptions to more than 3,500 periodicals and newspapers, access to 130 databases, electronic access to 20,000 periodicals, houses more than 926,000 state and federal government documents and is the only United Nations document depository in the state.
- More than 4,000 students are housed in 12 Missouri State University residence halls and apartment complexes.
- Approximately 200 Missouri State students per year participate in Study Away Programs.

## Centers for Research and Service

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### **Baker Observatory**

See Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Physical Science, page 341

### **Bull Shoals Field Station**

The Bull Shoals Field Station provides a location for faculty, students, and visiting scientists to conduct research and educational programs that promote understanding of southwest Missouri ecosystems. The Station, which began operations in 1999, exists through a cooperative agreement between Missouri State University and the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Bull Shoals Field Station affords excellent opportunities for student and faculty research, field courses, and public service. Research at the Field Station addresses questions about organisms in their native habitats and develops solutions to problems in the rapidly changing environment of the Ozarks.

### **Bureau of Economic Research**

See College of Humanities and Public Affairs, page 250

### **Center for Archaeological Research**

See College of Humanities and Public Affairs, page 250

### **Center for Arts in the Schools**

See College of Arts and Letters, page 82

### **Center for Assessment**

The Center was created to develop and implement the University's assessment program and to provide faculty with unique opportunities for the development, acquisition and/or enhancement of their instructional methods. The Center conducts a comprehensive multidimensional program to assess student learning outcomes, to disseminate the results of Center studies to constituents, to collaborate with faculty in the design and implementation of strategies for academic program improvement, and to provide faculty instructional support. The Center coordinates student outcome assessment planning to

provide assessment and to apply the assessment results to promote continuous improvement in student learning. The Center coordinates assessment in academic majors; assessment of general education; and surveys of student, alumni, employer, and faculty opinions. The Center provides instructional support through workshops, seminars and reference materials. The Center was established in 1987 and reports to the Provost.

### **Center for Business and Economic Development**

See College of Business Administration, page 148

### **Center for Dispute Resolution**

See College of Arts and Letters, page 82

### **Center for Grapevine Biotechnology**

See College of Natural and Applied Sciences, page 286

### **Center for Multidisciplinary Health Education, Research and Services (CMHERS)**

See College of Health and Human Services, page 205

### **Center for Research and Service**

See College of Health and Human Services, page 205

### **Center for Resource Planning and Management**

See College of Natural and Applied Sciences, page 286

### **Center for Social Sciences and Public Policy Research (CSSPPR)**

See College of Humanities and Public Affairs, page 250

**Community and Social Issues Institute (CSII)**

See The Extended Campus, page 346

**Darr Agriculture Center**

See College of Natural and Applied Sciences, page 286

**Institute for School Improvement (ISI)**

See College of Education, page 182

**Missouri Fine Arts Academy**

See College of Arts and Letters, page 82

**Ozarks Environmental and Water Resources Institute (OEWRI)**

See College of Natural and Applied Sciences, page 286

**Ozarks Public Health Institute**

The Institute addresses public health issues of importance to the Ozarks through collaboration with business, community, education and government organizations by implementing education and training, public service and research programs. This approach includes addressing the near-term needs while recognizing that the greatest impact for the long term will come from development of an informed citizenry that sets a high priority on personal and community health. The Institute will serve as a resource base for local communities through the development and distribution of educational materials to community organizations, public service programs offered in communities and via KSMU - Ozarks public radio station, KOZK Ozarks public television, and distance learning methods. The Institute reports to the Office of the Provost.

**Ozarks Studies Institute**

See College of Arts and Letters, page 82

**Roy Blunt Jordan Valley Innovation Center**

The Roy Blunt Jordan Valley Innovation Center (JVIC) was established in 2003 to develop new products, create jobs, and develop the educated workforce necessary to attract and retain advanced materials and biotechnology industries in Missouri. Focus areas include medical instruments and materials, bioprocessing techniques and equipment, agribusiness research and development, and chemical and biological sensors and systems that will be developed in an environment where university researchers and students work hand in hand with scientists from established companies on new technologies that will shape the future.

JVIC consists of three sub-centers: **Center for Applied Science and Engineering (CASE)**; **Center for Biomedical and Life Sciences (CBLS)**; and **Springfield Innovation, Inc.** The Center for Applied Science and Engineering was established to provide engineering and technical support, and to conduct research to enhance the development of advanced technology industry in Missouri. The Center for Biomedical and Life Sciences supports Missouri-based life sciences and biomedical industries while enhancing educational opportunities through participation in business-oriented projects and services. CBLS was established in 2006. Springfield Innovation, Inc. was established in 2006 and is a designated Missouri Innovation Center, one of eight in the state of Missouri. The mission of Springfield Innovation, Inc. is to assist technology-based entrepreneurs in southwest Missouri. Springfield Innovation, Inc. has access to a wide network of business support services, including financing, new markets, technical assistance, and education and training. JVIC and its three sub-centers reports to the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

**Southwest Missouri Area Health Education Center (SWMO AHEC)**

See College of Health and Human Services, page 205

**Writers Hall of Fame®America**

See College of Arts and Letters, page 82

## Accreditations and Approvals

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**Institutional Accreditation**

Missouri State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools - a nationally recognized regional accrediting organization. Institutional accreditation has been continuously maintained since 1915 with the most recent approval occurring in 2006 and resulting in full accreditation for the maximum allowable ten-year period. Accreditation of an institution by the Higher Learning Commission indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process. An accredited school or college is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation. Accreditation by the Higher Learning Association is not partial; it applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of the quality of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to the students who attend the institution. The Statement of Affiliation Status and the Organizational Profile for Missouri State University can be found at: [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org). Individuals may also contact the Higher Learning Commission at: 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL, 60602-2504, (800) 621-7400.

**Specialized Academic Program Accreditations**

- AACSB International - Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
- American Council for Construction Education
- American Speech-Language and Hearing Association

- Association for Childhood Education International
- Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
- Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET
- Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
- Council on Education of the Deaf
- Council on Social Work Education
- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
- National Association of Schools of Theatre
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- National Recreation and Park Association
- Planning Accreditation Board

### **Approvals**

The University was formed by legislative action in 1905 and given statutory authority to grant degrees. In addition, the University is approved by the following state and federal entities:

- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Missouri Department of Higher Education

## **Disclosures**

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### **Public Availability of Safety Reports**

Under the ruling of U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, security records, including personally identifiable information regarding students, are available for public disclosure and release. The judicial order requires this disclosure under the Missouri Sunshine Law (construed to protect the name and address of a victim whose identifiable assailant is still at large). Missouri State University has adopted security records access release guidelines which are available from the custodian of records, Carrington Hall 205, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **Annual Security Report**

Missouri State University, in compliance with Part II of the Federal Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 publishes an Annual Security Report. It provides applicants, students, and employees with the University safety policies, resources, and crime statistics. Copies are available in the Office of Admissions, Dean of Students Office, and in the Department of Safety and Transportation. The Annual Security Report is also available on our web site at [www.missouristate.edu/judicial](http://www.missouristate.edu/judicial).

### **Crime Reporting**

Any individual on the Missouri State University campus who is a victim of or observes any criminal activity should report the incident immediately to the Springfield Police Department by dialing 911.

### **Institutional Report Card Summary - Academic Year 2007-2008**

Title II, Sections 207 and 208 of the Higher Education Act of 1998 requires each institution of higher education which conducts a teacher preparation program to annually disclose specific information about that program. The following information fulfills that requirement.

#### **Pass Rate**

The pass rate for the completers of the teacher preparation programs at Missouri State University was 98 percent as compared to the statewide average of 97 percent. These data were compiled for the completers from the Fall 2007, Spring 2008, and Summer 2008 semesters.

#### **Program Information**

In the Fall 2007 semester, 2,079 undergraduate students and 763 graduate students were enrolled in professional education programs. For the Spring 2008 semester, 1,987 undergraduate students and 766 graduate students were enrolled. And during the Summer 2008 term, 646 undergraduate students and 602 graduate students were enrolled. Every student will have a total of 600 hours of supervised teaching experience by the conclusion of his/her program of study. There were 469 students in programs of supervised student teaching during the year, and the student to faculty ratio during the supervised teaching was 9.5.