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## **MISSOURI WESTERN STATE COLLEGE · ST. JOSEPH, MO**

**THE COLLEGE** Missouri Western is small enough to serve you on an individual basis and yet large enough to offer an excellent variety of academic and career opportunities.

A friendly personal atmosphere pervades the classroom and campus. The college serves a four-state area, attracts students nationwide...and interacts closely with the historic city of St. Joseph.

Quality instruction, reasonable costs, and a well-rounded college experience are a few of the advantages offered to help you make the difference in your future.

Missouri Western offers a choice of programs leading to bachelor's degrees, two-year Associates of Science and one-year Certificate programs. Academic life at Western will prepare you for whatever you plan to do with your future. Coursework will be challenging, demanding, and up-to-date. At MWSC, we readily accept the responsibility to offer a top quality education.

### **LOCATION**

Missouri Western is located in historic St. Joseph, Missouri; a city of 76,000 people. St. Joseph is located 40 miles north of Kansas city. An accessible airport is available.

### **MAJOR / DEGREE**

The college awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, and Bachelor of Science in Technology

MWSC offers the following majors: art, English, French, history, music, music education, political science, psychology, Spanish, speech communication, biology, chemistry, commercial art, computer information systems, computer science, construction engineering technology, criminal justice, electronics engineering technology, leisure management, mathematics, medical technology, natural science, psychology, accounting, economics, management, marketing, elementary education, secondary education, physical education, nursing, and social work. Associate degrees are available in the following areas of study: construction engineering technology, criminal justice, electronic engineering technology, legal assistant, and management in accounting, data processing, banking and finance, and retailing.

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Missouri Western uses its small student-to-teacher ratio to advantage by placing great emphasis on hands-on work in all academic areas. The college believes the hands-on approach gives each student the background experience to excel after graduation.

To earn a bachelor's degree, a student must earn a minimum of 124 credit hours. Each degree program requires students to complete a general core of courses including; mathematics, sciences, humanities, social sciences, English, speech, and physical education. Each academic department has its own sequence requirements for graduation. The average course load is 12-15 credit hours per semester. Missouri Western's academic year consists of fall and spring semesters.

Intersession is offered for a two-week session between the spring and summer sessions. Summer school is available in four-week and eight-week sessions.

### **ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

Facilities on campus are available to all students to expand their academic knowledge. The library contains over 165,000 volumes and subscribes to more than 1100 journals. Microfilm, microfiche, company annual reports, pamphlets, flyers, and newspapers provide additional information for MWSC students. The Inlex, a new computer-based catalog, allows students to gain quick access to the library's collection.

A Center for Academic Support offers a variety of free services to help students meet their academic challenges. Student who want to brush up on basic skills, test-taking, and study techniques can visit the Center. The Center is staffed by full-time professionals and peer tutors who give students one-on-one tutoring.

The Instructional Media Center, IMC, houses over 25 00 non-print educational items such as films, slides, audio cassettes, and video cassettes. All items are listed in the library's on-line catalog. The IMC also provides audiovisual/video equipment for student projects. Students have access to each computer lab on campus. Computer labs are available in each department, the dormitory, and the library. Each lab is staffed with a computer-knowledgeable assistant.

### **COSTS**

The total cost for Missouri residents for the 1992-93 year at MWSC is \$4150. Non-Missouri residents pay \$5788. Costs include tuition, fees, room and board.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

MWSC recognizes the need for financial assistance in higher education. The college extends many opportunities for students to receive as much financial aid as possible in the form of scholarships, loans, grants, and work-study awards. Pell grants, Perkins Loans, and Stafford Student Loans are available to students. Approximately seventy-seven percent of MWSC students receive financial assistance. For additional information and applications contact the Financial Aid Office, (816) 271-4361.

### **FACULTY**

MWSC has an outstanding teaching faculty who hold degrees in their area of expertise. The faculty to student ratio is 1 to 18.7. No academic classes are taught by graduate students, and full professors teach even freshman-level courses. Faculty members are readily accessible to any student, both in and out of the classroom.

Faculty members are the backbone of our award winning advisement system. Every degree-seeking student at MWSC is assigned an academic advisor. Your advisor will be an instructor in the department in which you plan to major. Your advisor will help plan your course selection and schedule to ensure you are taking required classes. Advisors will offer valuable suggestions and hints regarding career choices. Advisors also know about special resources that will help you be more successful at Missouri Western.

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Our Student Government Association (SGA) actively represents the voice of students in nearly all campus matters. It has a major responsibility in coordinating campus life and activities. Students are encouraged to become involved in the organization.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Missouri Western is an open admissions institution; we believe in giving each student a chance in the college setting. The college does recommend a core of high school courses be completed. Students should have graduated from an accredited high school or completed GED requirements. Scores from the ACT examination are required for acceptance, but used for placement only.

## **APPLICATION & INFORMATION**

For further information regarding admission and programs offered at MWSC, students should contact:

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