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# DISCOVER WESTERN, AND YOU'LL DISCOVER A GREAT PLACE TO WORK AND A GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME.

Missouri Western State University is a model for the new American regional university, characterized by applied learning and applied research and service. As such, Western's focus is on interacting with the world beyond the campus, becoming an active "citizen" of our region, and partnering with others for the greater good. Our educational focus is on creating opportunities for students to connect the theory of the classroom with practice in the public and private sectors. Thus, upon graduation, students are well prepared to build careers as individuals and lives as citizens.

## Faculty

**82% of Western Faculty hold the highest degree in their field.**

### Points of Pride:

- A professor in biology had a cave-dwelling invertebrate named after him. He was honored because of his several years of work in monitoring the ecosystem of the cave.
- A professor of biology and a professor of mathematics co-authored an article published in the October 31, 2008 issue of Science magazine.
- A professor of music and director of percussion studies is a recipient of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Award.
- A professor of biology and a professor of mathematics led a team of six Western students and a high school student to an international competition at MIT, and won first in Best Oral Presentation.

## Benefits

**Western offers a wide array of benefits, including the following:**

- Medical insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance
- Retirement plan
- Life insurance
- Long term disability (LTD) insurance
- Employee assistance program (EAP)
- 100% tuition waiver for employees and dependents/spouses
- Cafeteria plan
- Paid holidays
- Leave time
- Access to fitness facilities
- Direct deposit
- Wellness screening/programs

## University Growth

### Record Enrollment

In 2008, Western had a total undergraduate enrollment of 5,470 students for fall, setting a record for the fourth consecutive fall term. With 65 graduate students, the current total number of students at Western is 5,535, an increase of 3.3% from the previous year.

### Building Projects

The \$35 million construction of Remington Hall and renovation of Agenstein Hall will be completed in the Fall of 2010. The construction will enhance Western's already excellent science and math programs.

### Achieving Greatness Capital Campaign - Record Giving

In 2008, Western received three record-breaking monetary gifts. A \$5 million gift was given toward the construction of Remington Hall, a \$5.5 million gift was given to create the Craig School of Business, and a \$1 million endowment for the sciences was given to fund programs and equipment.

### Steven L. Craig School of Business

The newly created Craig School of Business provides a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Majors include accounting, finance, management or marketing.

### Extended Campuses

Western operates two extended campuses - at the Tuileries Plaza in Kansas City, Mo. and at the Downtown University Center in St. Joseph.

### Science and Technology Incubator

In May 2008, Western dedicated the Christopher S. "Kit" Bond Science and Technology Incubator.

Located within the Animal Health Corridor, the facility helps in the overall economic growth of our region. Through the Incubator, Western provides office/lab space and assistance for start-up companies.

In November 2008, Western signed its first tenant - IMULAN BioTherapeutics LLC.

## Our Students

Nearly 90% of all Western students participate in an applied learning experience related to their major field of study allowing Western graduates to be well prepared for the world of work, community service or graduate study, a unique feature among area universities. Applied learning experiences include undergraduate research, internships and practica, service learning or study away.

## Grants, Research and Consulting Opportunities

Numerous grant, research, and consulting opportunities are available to Western faculty. A full-time Grants and Sponsored Programs office provides technical support for grant and research development and implementation. This office offers support for proposal writing, budget development and internal and external reporting.

Western is uniquely located within a Life Sciences research corridor allowing close collaboration with faculty and industry. The new Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator

facility support the research and business development needs of the Industrial Institute of Applied Life Sciences (IIALS). Recent IIALS projects include the Animal Health Workforce Initiative and the Incubator Clean Room.

Western's strong partnerships within the region provide numerous consulting opportunities.

Grants support a wide variety of initiatives such as the nationally recognized Prairie Lands Writing Project, a health initiative for K-12 students, GAME On Griffs! which supports healthy goal achievement through mentoring and exercise, the Western Regional Center for Public-Safety Innovations and numerous fine art activities including the Junior Griffon Singers and the International Guitar Festival.

## Library Facilities

The Hearnes Center includes a full service library providing books, electronic text and electronic databases. Interlibrary lending expands library capacity nationwide. Enjoy comfortable lounge seating and the library coffee bar as you conduct research or interact with students.

## Building Graduate Programs

Western began enrolling graduate students in the fall of 2007.

Western has launched five unique graduate programs with plans for future graduate degrees.

### Graduate degrees include:

- Master of Applied Science, with options in Chemistry, Human Factors and Usability Testing and Information Technology Management
- Master of Applied Science in Assessment, with options in Learning Improvement and Writing
- Master of Applied Arts in Integrated Media, with options in Applied Integrated Media and Convergent Media
- Master of Applied Arts in Written Communication, with options in Writing Studies and Technical Communication
- Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing



WESTERN IS ACCREDITED BY THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION, A MEMBER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (NCA), AND IS AN AQIP PARTICIPANT.

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# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

In 2008, *Business Week* identified St. Joseph as one of the top three best places to raise kids in Missouri. St. Joseph was commended for having good schools, solid recreational facilities for children, affordable housing, and a safe, family-oriented community. St. Joseph has also been named a Missouri Creative Community and one of the nation's "100 Best Communities for Young People."

With a population of approximately 72,000, St. Joseph offers you a community steeped in history and an array of exciting activities and attractions. The city has been described as being "*where the Pony Express began and Jesse James ended*" and was recently named the #1 Top Western Town by True West Magazine.

It's not just St. Joseph's amazing past that makes it a great place to live. While the city does offer more than 50 national historical places and 15 museums to visit, it also offers a vast array of activities and recreational facilities. There are 48 parks, including a world class, 26-mile parkway system with amenities like baseball diamonds, tennis courts and swimming pools. Sports facilities include the Northside Recreational Complex, Noyes Sports Complex and Water Park, Bode Sports Complex and Ice Arena, Phil Welch Stadium and five golf courses.

## Nearby Cities

Missouri Western State University is conveniently located just 35 miles north of Kansas City International Airport.

### St. Joseph is located near several major cities:

- Kansas City, MO - 35 miles
- Topeka, KS - 100 miles
- Omaha, NE - 135 miles
- Des Moines, IA - 170 miles
- Wichita, KS - 235 miles
- Tulsa, OK - 290 miles
- St. Louis, MO - 305 miles

## PreK-12 Education

St. Joseph offers many options for preK-12 education, including 43 preschools, 29 elementary schools, 14 middle schools, nine high schools, 29 public schools, and 37 private schools.

- Six St. Joseph Public School District elementary schools earned 14 Top Ten school rankings.
- Eugene Field Elementary and Bessie Ellison Elementary are National "Blue Ribbon Schools."
- Bessie Ellison Elementary, Eugene Field Elementary and Coleman Elementary are designated "Gold Star Schools."
- The St. Joseph Public School District has received Missouri's Distinction in Performance Award for two years in a row.



## Local Cultural Events

### St. Joseph Symphony

The St. Joseph Symphony performs an exciting season each year at the beautiful and historic Missouri Theater.

### Performing Arts Association

The Performing Arts Association serves the community by bringing top quality performance groups including jazz, popular music, dance, and theater.

### Robidoux Resident Theatre

St. Joseph's community theater group performs at the Missouri Theater and the Robidoux Landing Playhouse.

### Trails West!® Festival

This unique outdoor festival celebrates the cultural heritage of St. Joseph. Attractions include popular music groups, fine arts and crafts, and great food.

### Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art

The museum houses a collection of American Midwest art from the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

### Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival

Famed jazz musician Coleman Hawkins was born in St. Joseph. A festival is held in his honor every June.

### Center for Community Arts

The Western Institute at Missouri Western State University houses the Center for Community Arts. Noncredit classes are offered to community members of all ages across many artistic disciplines. With more than 600 enrollments per year, the center makes a positive impact on the St. Joseph community.

