

Mission Statement

University Policies

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Missouri Western State University has a proud tradition of providing a high quality, affordable education to students in the state of Missouri and beyond. More than 25,000 alumni have transformed their lives, and the lives of their families, through the power of a Missouri Western education.

From its founding as the St. Joseph Junior College in 1915 to becoming a comprehensive, master's granting university in 2005, Missouri Western has remained committed to being a University where all students, from all backgrounds, have the opportunity to succeed.

Students hail from throughout the United States and more than 30 countries. Missouri Western alumni live and work around the world. From its humble beginnings in 1915, Missouri Western continues to deepen its impact on the community, region, nation and world.

Missouri Western is a four-year, state-supported institution providing a variety of degree programs through the college of liberal arts and sciences, the college of professional studies, the School of Fine Arts, the Craig School of Business & Technology, and the School of Nursing and Health Professions. The University is authorized under Missouri statutes to offer professional master's degrees, four-year baccalaureate programs, two-year associate degrees, pre-professional transfer programs and one-year certificates. In addition, the university offers continuing education courses, seminars, conference and workshops suited to the needs of the community and serving groups throughout the nation.

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Vision

Missouri Western will be the premier open access regional university, known for transforming the lives of our students and the communities we serve.

Mission

Missouri Western State University is a student-centered learning community preparing individuals for lives of excellence through applied learning.

Values

In fulfilling our mission and pursuing our vision, we the people of Missouri Western State University hold in common these values:

Service

We share the common purpose of serving students, one another and the people of the region.

Quality

We are committed to the quality of our programs, our students, and our partnership with the people of the region.

Enthusiasm

We are enthusiastic about learning and confident that we can make a difference in the lives of students through their learning.

Freedom

We promote the free exchange of ideas that makes education liberating and democracy unique.

Respect

We act as individuals and as a campus community with respect for diversity and for the best in human potential.

Courage

We seek the challenge and adventure of shaping the future with an increasingly global perspective.

Diversity Statement

As a student-centered learning community, Missouri Western is dedicated to inclusion and the promotion of diversity as essential to our mission as a public university. This commitment contributes to transforming lives and demonstrates our values of freedom, respect, and courage.