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# TOPICS WE'LL COVER

## September 10th, 2020

- Beginning Your Search
- Applying to College(s)
- The Admissions Process

## Schedule

- 6:00-6:30 | Welcome Session
- 6:30-7:05 | College Breakout Session 1
- 7:05-7:40 | College Breakout Session 2
- 7:40-8:00 | **Optional** Individual College Q&A

# STEP 1: BEGINNING YOUR SEARCH

## WAYS TO RESEARCH SCHOOLS

Virtual Fairs, High School Visits, Websites, Mailing Lists, and Social Media

## FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Location
  - Urban or Rural
- Public v. Private
- Average Class Size
- Total Out of Pocket Cost
  - Aid vs. Cost of Attendance
- Fit for Achieving Career Goals or College Experience Dreams

# STEP 1: BEGINNING YOUR SEARCH

## RESEARCH MAJORS/CAREER INTERESTS

- Consider Your Strengths, Hobbies, and Goals
  - Explore majors that can get you there!
- Compare your interests to programs offered at the schools you're considering
- Mentors4College

## VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Campus Visits/Tours to meet with academic programs and resources
- MOACAC Show-Me My Future Virtual Fairs
- 1-on-1 Conversations (ex: via calendly.com)



- Good Examples
  - [sctcollege@gmail.com](mailto:sctcollege@gmail.com)
  - [ashleystl@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleystl@yahoo.com)



- The simpler, the better!
- The easier to remember, the better!



# CREATE A COLLEGE EMAIL

**to organize all of your college  
communications and messages!**

## TYPES OF APPLICATION TIMELINES

- Early Decision
  - Binding -- if admitted, must attend
- Early Action
  - Non-Binding -- receive early response, but have until May 1st to decide
- Priority Deadline
  - Usually associated with merit-based scholarships
- Rolling Admission
- Regular Admission

# STEP 2: APPLYING TO COLLEGE(S)



## TYPICAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Where to apply?
  - University's Individual Application
  - The Coalition Application
  - Common App
  - Common Black College Application
- Application Fee
  - Fee Waiver (ask your High School Counselor)
- SAT/ACT Scores
  - Superscore?
  - Test Optional
    - Admission? Scholarships?

# STEP 2: APPLYING TO COLLEGE(S)

## **ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Letters of Recommendation
  - Ask people who can speak to your academic track record/potential
  - Give at least 3+ weeks notice
- Admission Essay
- Resume
- Major Specific Requirements
  - Additional Application
  - Audition
  - Portfolio

# **STEP 2: APPLYING TO COLLEGE(S)**





- Name of School
- Type of Application
- App Deadline
- Priority Scholarship Deadline
- Financial Aid Deadline
- Essay Required?
- Rec Letters Required?
- Separate App for Major?
- Additional Documents Needed?
- Contact Info for the Admissions Rep



**MAKE A  
SPREADSHEET**  
to keep track of application  
pieces and their deadlines!

# STEP 3: ADMISSION

## HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE?

- Assured or Automatic Admission
  - Set admissions requirements
- Holistic Review
  - Every student is reviewed on a case by case basis

## TIME FRAME FOR THE DECISION

- When should you expect to hear back?
  - Check with your Admissions Rep if you are concerned too much time has passed!



- What are your most popular majors?
- What does campus housing look like?
- What is your school known for?
- What can I get involved in?
- Are there opportunities for research?
- How diverse is your campus?
- What kinds of students from St. Louis go to your school?
- Are you open for campus visits?



# GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR REP

**because we want to help you!**



Central Methodist University, Tim Holmes

Drury University, Diane Drilling

Illinois Wesleyan University, Milt Berwin

Kansas State University, Samantha Thomas

Millikin University, Gavin Halpin

Missouri Southern State University, Torrence Baldwin

Missouri State University, Alicia Saitta

Missouri University of Science & Technology, Kelly Money

Murray State University, Trent Fenwick

Rockhurst University, Will Brasel

Southeast Missouri State University, Tamerka Herrion

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Cerra Goree



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University of Kansas, Emma Green

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William Woods University, Trevor White

**Breakout Room Links Available at [www.starrmissouri.com/css-links](http://www.starrmissouri.com/css-links)**

**Start in either room after this, then switch at 7:05pm!**



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Go EAGLES!!!  
49 Clubs and Organizations

Nationally Ranked NAIA Athletics

Scholarships for Music, Theater,  
Dance and Cheer

# CMU

## Central Methodist

### UNIVERSITY

#### Fast Facts of CMU

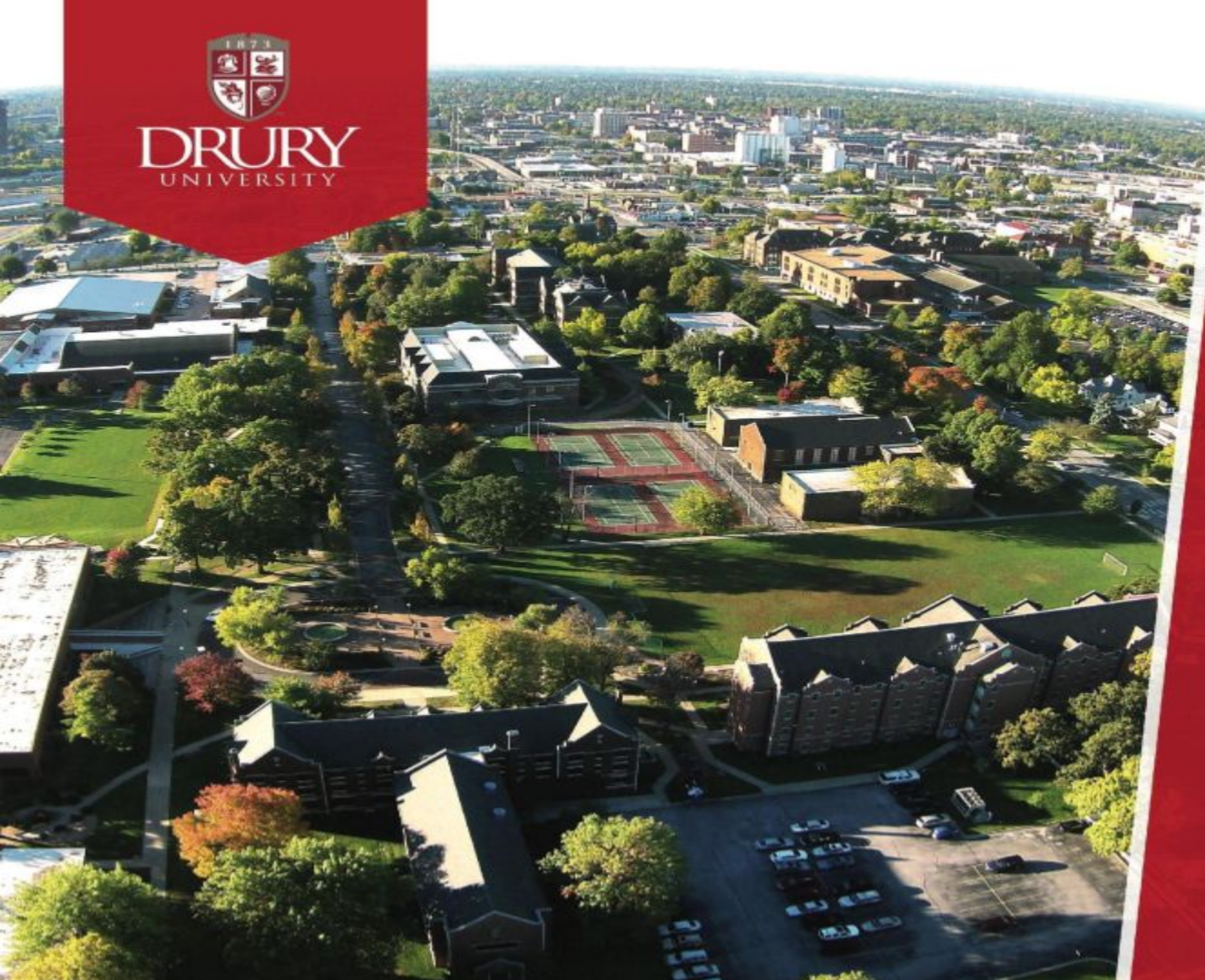
- Free IPAD for all on-campus students
- Top Programs-Nursing, Marine Biology, Music Education
- 100% of students receive scholarships







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UNIVERSITY



**DIANE DRILLING**  
Regional Director  
St. Louis Regional Rep.

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**A "BEST VALUE"  
UNIVERSITY**

-U.S. News & World Report

**1,372 UNDERGRAD**  
**27 STATES**  
**50 COUNTRIES**

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**FRESHMAN CLASS:**  
AVERAGE ACT: 25.1  
AVERAGE GPA: 3.67

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**NOW IS YOUR TIME TO  
THRIVE**



Illinois Wesleyan University

Milt Berwin

[www.iwu.edu/admissions](http://www.iwu.edu/admissions)



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## WILDCATS

best health  
services  
2021 Princeton Review

#3

#1  
grads have the highest  
starting salary in Kansas

22,000+  
total enrollment

job/graduate school

97%

placement rate

16   
Division I sports in the Big 12

#1  
happiest students  
in the country  
2021 Princeton Review

18:1  
student-to-  
faculty ratio

students that love  
their college  
2021 Princeton Review

#2

Popular Programs for K-Staters from St. Louis

Architecture • Business • Pre-Vet • Engineering



Need ONE to  
be admitted:

21+ ACT  
3.25+ GPA  
1060+ SAT

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SAMANTHA THOMAS

# Millikin University Fast Facts

**2,000**

student  
enrollment

**58%** female  
**42%** male

*Millikin students are from 37  
states and 35 countries*

**10:1**

student to  
faculty ratio

**\$44.2**

million  
awarded

*100% of admitted  
students receive a  
scholarship for up to  
\$22,000*

**\$15,000 average**  
financial aid awarded

**\$36,262**

2019-2020  
tuition

**99.4%**

graduate  
success rate

*for gaining employment  
or entering graduate  
school within six months  
of graduation*

**6** sororities  
**5** fraternities

**16**

student-run  
ventures

**50+**

academic  
programs

*including three  
graduate programs*

**23**

men's & women's  
Division III sports

**CCIW**

*College Conference  
of Illinois and Wisconsin*



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**MILLIKIN**  
UNIVERSITY®



- 140 Programs - Top 5 (Biology, Education, Health Sciences, Criminal Justice, & Business)
- International Mission (16 Partner Schools for Study Abroad & Fall Theme Semesters)

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- 70 + Student Organizations
- 15 Athletic Teams (compete in NCAA II & members of MIAA)
- Cheer (compete in UCA Nationals)
- 8 Bands, 4 Choirs

2

Traditional Dorms  
Apartments  
Suites  
Quads

4

Admission Requirements:  
2.25 GPA  
21 ACT Score or  
1370 SAT scores  
Top 50% of class

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- Campus & Virtual Tours website: [mssu.edu/campus-tours](http://mssu.edu/campus-tours)
- Contact: [tours@mssu.edu](mailto:tours@mssu.edu)

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Admission Counselor  
Torrence Baldwin  
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314-474-7219

- 200 scholarships ranging from \$400-\$7,000
- Tuition: approx. \$7,461
- Total Cost of Attendance :approx. \$13,937
- 97% of students receive financial aid

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MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY





**20,000+**  
STUDENTS

**40%** of our  
graduates have ZERO  
student loan debt

**MAKE YOUR  
MISSOURI  
STATEMENT™**

**22:1**  
STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

**#1** IN AFFORDABILITY

**375+**  
Student organizations

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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS  
completed by our students  
each year



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at the NCAA Division I level.  
Students get in free to most  
home athletics events.

**Missouri State.**  
UNIVERSITY

# Missouri University of Science and Technology

**7550**

Undergraduate Students

**\$63,497**

Average starting job salary

**250**

Clubs, Organizations, & Design teams

**Ranked #3  
Engineering**

15 fields of Engineering & Comp  
Science -99 Academic Degree  
Programs



**30:1      18:1**

Ratio of student per class/lab



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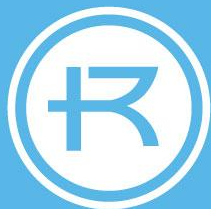
## Quick Facts:

- Enrollment – 10,113
- 15:1 student to faculty ratio
- 3.5 hours from Saint Louis, MO
- Regional Tuition for MO & IL students
- 143 undergraduate programs
- Merit scholarships beginning at 21 ACT/1060 SAT & 3.0 GPA

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Undergraduate **RESEARCH**  
**OPPORTUNITIES**

**16 NCAA Division II SPORTS**

**70+** **DEGREE PROGRAMS +**  
**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**98%** **JOB AND GRAD SCHOOL**  
**PLACEMENT RATE WITHIN**  
**6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION**

**Home of 3,000 RU STUDENTS**

**14:1 student teacher ratio**

**RU RANKS 4TH AMONG MO COLLEGES**  
**AND UNIVERSITIES** for return on  
investment and in the top 17% nationwide

**55 ACRE CAMPUS MINUTES FROM**  
**DOWNTOWN KC**



Southeast Missouri State University

Tameka Herrion

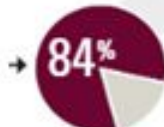
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# SIU AT A GLANCE

**14-to-1**

Student-to-faculty ratio.



84%  
of courses  
offered  
have fewer  
than 30  
students.

**57 PER  
CENT**  
of classes have 19  
or fewer students.



SIU is among the top

**5%**

of all U.S. higher ed  
research institutions

**3,567**

graduate students  
are working toward  
their master's,  
Ph.D., law or  
medical degrees.



FACULTY MEMBERS  
in 2017

**\$41**

MILLION RESEARCH GRANTS  
AWARDED TO SIU.



3 Million - Books  
at Morris Library. Books are  
only part of the collection.

**14,554**

students from every  
state and more than  
100 countries.

**COSTS**

**\$14,599**  
Tuition and fees  
**\$10,622**  
Housing and meals



**90% +**

Receive Financial Aid

**17%**

of undergraduates  
are from out-of-state

**44**

Medical professionals at  
Student Health Services

It's a Saluki nation  
- we've eliminated  
out-of-state tuition.



**28'**

CLIMBING  
WALL  
AT THE  
STUDENT  
REC  
CENTER.



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The University of Alabama, Amanda Sisk  
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Steve Held  
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University of Kansas, Emma Green  
University of Kentucky, Ashley Beck  
University of Memphis, Jamie Staggs  
University of Missouri, Tim Eggleston  
Western Illinois University, Mike Gruzeski  
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William Woods University, Trevor White



# THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA®

♥  
Tuscaloosa

Alabama

**38,103**  
Total enrollment

**58%**  
Out-of-state  
enrollment

**#2**  
among public  
universities for National  
Merit enrollment

**#1** in the SEC and **#2** in the nation  
for internship placement

**90%**  
job placement rate

**23:1**  
Student:faculty ratio



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**Fall 2019 Freshman Class**  
3.77 Average GPA  
27 Average ACT  
256 National Merit Scholars

- Conditional admission process available for Fall 2021 students not able to take ACT/SAT yet
- **Out-of-state merit scholarships** beginning with 3.5 GPA and 25 ACT/1200 SAT (or 3.0-3.49 GPA and 27 ACT/1260 SAT)
- January 15<sup>th</sup> scholarship application priority deadline
- 200 academic programs and 7 honors programs
- 600+ student clubs/organizations





UNIVERSITY OF  
Nebraska  
Lincoln



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B1G

20,830  
Undergraduates

150+ Majors  
600+ Organizations

Smallest B1G  
Public School

► Tuition/Fees: \$25,896

Room/Board: \$11,830

» New 3.0 cumulative HS GPA will satisfy  
performance requirement for admission

(test scores still necessary for scholarships)

► \$13k/year - Average Merit Scholarship

» Institutional, Common & Coalition App

► Business, Engineering, Education and Journalism – Top Colleges  
Self-report academic information

» \$160 million in enhancements + new facility

► Test flexible for admission & scholarships for College of Engineering opening 2022/2023

» New \$47 million facility for College of Education and Human Sciences opening Fall 2022

Website: [Admissions.unl.edu](https://admissions.unl.edu)

Email: [admissions@unl.edu](mailto:admissions@unl.edu)



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4,500 total enrollment  
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NCAA Division I athletics  
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25 Avg. Fresh Class  
Size  
14:1 Student: Faculty

50  
Majors  
60+  
Minors

NCAA D-II Great Lakes  
Valley Conference  
18 Varsity Sports

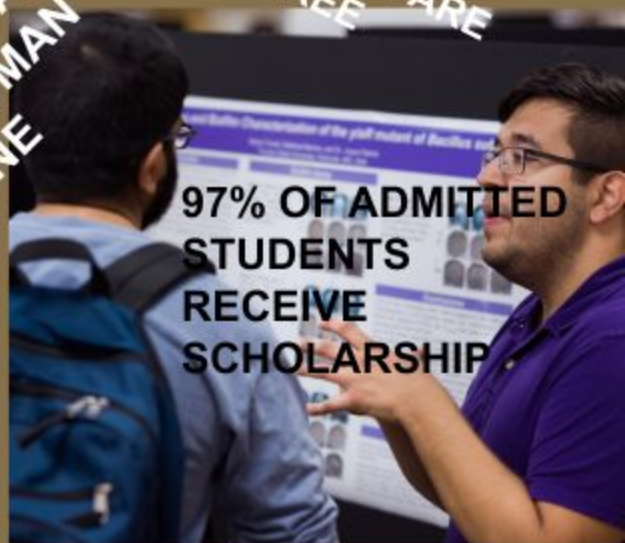
HALF OF ALL  
GRADUATES ARE  
DEBT FREE



#1 23 yrs  
running  
U.S. News  
"Best Buy"  
Midwest  
Region



FREE  
APPLICATION  
COMMON APP  
OR TRUMAN  
ONLINE



97% OF ADMITTED  
STUDENTS  
RECEIVE  
SCHOLARSHIP

48 Countries and 40 State  
represented on campus

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
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230 + Organizations  
on campus



# IOWA



**John Kundel**

Admission Counselor  
St. Louis Regional Representative



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**34th** Best Public University  
*U.S. News and World Report*

Among the **top 5%** of all universities in the world  
*Times Higher Education World University Rankings*

A **best buy** for 16  
years in a row  
*Fiske Guide to Colleges*

**#1 Best College Town** in the United States  
*Reviews.org*

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One of the smallest  
schools in the Big Ten

**32,535** total students  
**23,482** undergrad students

**61%** Iowa students  
**39%** nonresident students

ACT

AVERAGE: 25.7\*

GPA

AVERAGE: 3.58\*

ALL 50 STATES & 110 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



74% OF CLASSES HAVE  
30 STUDENTS OR ↓

88% OF CLASSES HAVE  
50 STUDENTS OR ↓

19,059

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

OUT-OF-STATE\*



STUDENTS OF COLOR\*



\*2018 KU Freshman Class





# WELCOME TO THE *University of Kentucky*



25.9

AVG. ACT  
3.77  
AVG. GPA

30,000+

TOTAL  
ENROLLMENT

2.5 BILLION

INVESTED  
SINCE 2008

85%

OF CLASSES  
HAVE 50  
STUDENTS OR  
FEWER

500+

STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS

200+

ACADEMIC  
PROGRAMS

## TEST-FLEXIBLE FOR FALL 2020

  
Diversity Champion by  
Insight into Diversity  
magazine

2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020

24,000+  
7,400+

Job Postings

Internships  
2019- 2020

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FOR  
among colleges and universities  
whose graduates are CEOs of  
fortune 100 companies



Newest  
residence halls  
in the SEC

#3

SAFEST  
METRO CITY  
IN AMERICA

5 HOURS

ST. LOUIS > LEXINGTON

#15

BEST CITY FOR  
YOUNG  
PROFESSIONALS

**Top Majors:** Engineering • Biology • Business • Nursing • Psychology

**New Majors:** Biomedical Engineering • Public Policy • African American Studies • Product Design



# THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

- 22,000 Students
- 250 Areas of Study
- 250 Student Organizations
- Division I Athletics
- Diverse Student Body
- Top 10 for Internships





# Campus Visits Have Resumed!

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Departmental Visits

One-on-ones with admission reps

Current student panels

Virtual campus tours

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**Tim Eggleston**

**St. Louis Regional Admissions Representative**

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University of Missouri



**7600 + enrollment**

**60 + majors**

**18 average class size**

**13:1 student to faculty ratio**

**250+ student organizations**

**17 NCAA Sports**

**96.3 % Full-Time Faculty  
Teaching Classes**



**Western Illinois  
University**



[mj-gruzeski@wiu.edu](mailto:mj-gruzeski@wiu.edu)

**Top Majors: Law Enforcement and  
Justice Administration, Biology,  
Psychology, Agriculture, Music**

**In- State Tuition and Cost Guarantee  
for your undergraduate degree**

- **New options in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration**
- **New major in actuarial science**
- **New minors in Cannabis Production & Cannabis & Culture**
- **New BS.Ed. in Educational Leadership (non-licensure for students who**
- **want to work in education but outside the classroom - corporate training etc)**
- **New minor in American Sign Language**



**Western Illinois  
University**





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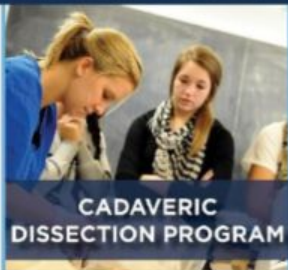
WESTMINSTER OFFERS

**29 & 39**

MAJORS

MINORS

UNIQUE SELF-DESIGNED MAJOR!



**CADAVERIC  
DISSECTION PROGRAM**



BUSINESS



BIOLOGY



EDUCATION



POLITICAL  
SCIENCE



PSYCHOLOGY



**DUAL AND SPECIALTY  
PROGRAMS**

**10:1**

STUDENT-TO-  
FACULTY RATIO

**1 on 1**

CAREER COACHING  
AND RESUME  
BUILDING

MORE THAN  
**200**

INTERNSHIPS  
COMPLETED  
IN 2018-2019

**98%**

PLACEMENT RATE IN  
JOBS OR GRADUATE  
SCHOOL

TOP  
**15%**

GRADUATE  
EARNINGS

RANKED AS A TOP COLLEGE BY:

**FORBES  
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT  
THE PRINCETON REVIEW  
MONEY MAGAZINE**

**GREEK  
LIFE**  
6 FRATERNITIES  
3 SORORITIES

IN THE TOP  
**10**

COOLEST SMALL  
TOWNS IN AMERICA  
BY BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE

MORE THAN  
**50**

CLUBS AND  
ORGANIZATIONS



**ATHLETICS**

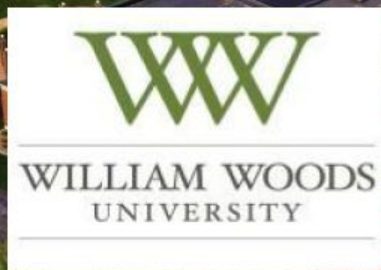
18 NCAA  
DIVISION III TEAMS



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DLAMINI**

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- 1,000 traditional undergraduates representing more than 35 US states and 24 countries on our 225-acre campus in Fulton, Missouri
- Ranked 75<sup>th</sup> Best Regional Universities in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report* for graduates with lightest debt load
- Ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> Best Value School by *U.S. News & World Report*
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- 2020 is our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, schedule a visit and help us celebrate!
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