MSU-WP at a glance

**Student Population:** 1,930*

**Average Class Size of 16**

**Founded In 1963**

**Over 50 areas of study**

**25+ Student Organizations**

**Open Admission Campus**

of the Missouri State University System

**PROMISE:**

At Missouri State-West Plains, we believe if students make a good faith effort and follow simple, proven techniques, they should be successful in their studies. This belief is the basis for the Missouri State-West Plains Education Guarantee.

[www.wp.missouristate.edu/educationguarantee](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu/educationguarantee)

students come from *

- 57 MO COUNTIES
- 23 STATES
- 13 COUNTRIES

**97%**

of students received **Financial Aid**†

- 3 Athletic Teams
- Men’s Basketball
- Women’s Volleyball
- Coed Cheer Team

**A+ Scholarship Program participant**

**Mission**

Missouri State University-West Plains empowers students to achieve personal success and to enrich their local and global communities. As a two-year public institution, we provide accessible, affordable and quality educational opportunities.

Accredited by the **Higher Learning Commission**

(www.hlcommission.org; phone: 312-263-0456).

**95%**

of 2018 graduates were satisfied with the quality of instruction at Missouri State-West Plains

*Fall 2017
†Fall 2017 full-time freshmen
At Missouri State University-West Plains, you’ll discover what we’ve known for more than 50 years – big opportunities come in small packages!

Nestled in the “heart of the Ozarks,” Missouri State-West Plains is small enough to give you personalized attention, but large enough to get you well on your way to an exciting career!

Our small class size, dedicated faculty and caring staff create a learning atmosphere that promotes success, and our state-of-the-art facilities ensure the education you receive will prepare you for 21st century challenges.

Missouri State-West Plains offers educational programs that meet a wide range of needs. You can choose from a rigorous transfer program that will prepare you to enter a four-year college or university, or one of our two-year career programs that provide the technical, hands-on training you need to find employment in a variety of fields. And, with a campus in Mountain Grove, a growing list of online classes, and several evening programs, access to a college degree is easier than ever!

Students don’t have to stop with an associate’s degree at Missouri State-West Plains. Thanks to the Outreach Program offered by Missouri State University’s Springfield campus, several bachelor’s and master’s degrees can be completed on the West Plains campus.

You’ll find plenty of opportunities to get involved on campus, too. Missouri State-West Plains has many student organizations geared toward a variety of interests. And, you won’t want to miss the exciting action of our nationally recognized Grizzly basketball and volleyball teams!

With a variety of financial aid options available, including the A+ Program, Missouri State-West Plains makes obtaining a degree even more affordable.

Want to know more? Start by scanning this admissions guide filled with information about Missouri State-West Plains and see how your new beginning can lead to endless possibilities!
One of the best resources available to students is Missouri State-West Plains’ well-qualified faculty. Not only have they excelled in their fields of study, they are dedicated to sharing their knowledge with you! They make teaching their number one priority, and they take a personal interest in their students, going the extra mile to help them succeed. Because of that commitment, and the campus’ small class size, you’ll find the opportunity for more one-on-one attention.

“The faculty and staff truly want to help students succeed and make the learning experience fun.”

LINDSEY HICKS
ALUMNA
WEST PLAINS, MO
MISSOURI STATE-WEST PLAINS ADMISSION COUNSELOR
“THE STUDENT RESOURCES ON CAMPUS HELPED ME WITH SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GETTING MORE INVOLVED ON CAMPUS AND FINDING WORK. WITHOUT THESE RESOURCES, I AM NOT SURE WHERE I WOULD BE.”

WESTON PHIPPS
ALUMNUS
HOUSTON, MO
CHINA INTERN 2017
CURRENTLY ATTENDING MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, SPRINGFIELD
student
RESOURCES

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER
Our center’s trained and caring staff will guide you in selecting the appropriate classes to meet your educational and career goals.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Utilizing the office's computer lab and published information, you can search and apply online for financial aid and scholarships, explore career options and check the web for job listings.

DRAGO COLLEGE STORE
You’ll find textbooks, classroom materials, computer software, study supplies and a variety of university souvenirs and Grizzly Gear apparel you can’t do without.

GARNETT LIBRARY
An impressive collection of electronic resources, including online journals, full-text databases, e-books, electronic reference titles, and a physical collection of over 43,000 volumes, are available to help you make the grade. The library has a computer lab and experienced librarians to help guide you to the resources you need.

GRIZZLY TUTORING SERVICES
Tutors and study groups in a variety of subject areas are available to help you come up with the right answers.

TRIO
This federally-funded program provides personalized, comprehensive academic support services to low income, first generation and disabled college students in an effort to increase their post-secondary educational success.

VIP CENTER
The Veterans Incentive Program (VIP) Center helps veterans navigate the enrollment process and provides specialized support to veterans as they complete their studies.
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

GENERAL STUDIES
The AA in General Studies degree allows students to complete general education requirements for virtually any bachelor’s degree before transferring to Missouri State University or other four-year colleges or universities. This degree also is available online and at our extended campus in Mountain Grove.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
The AA in Health Professions degree provides the general education and pre-professional prerequisites needed to pursue degrees that will allow you to become a physician assistant, physical therapist or other health professional.

TEACHING
The AA in Teaching degree provides a common transfer curriculum for students seeking a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at one of several Missouri four-year institutions.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE (AS)

The AS degree is intended to transfer into a pre-professional program, allowing students to move into a bachelor’s degree completion program and/or enter the workforce.

- AGRICULTURE
- BUSINESS
- NURSING
- PRE-ENGINEERING
“I KNEW FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAD ALREADY ATTENDED MISSOURI STATE-WEST PLAINS THAT I WOULD BE RECEIVING A QUALITY EDUCATION THAT WOULD PREPARE ME FOR THE EVENTUAL TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY.”

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

The AAS degree is primarily an occupationally oriented degree, allowing students to enter a particular job market after graduation.¹

- **BUSINESS**
  - Accounting, Computer Information, Entrepreneurship, Management and Technology Management

- **CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

- **COMPUTER GRAPHICS & PROGRAMMING**
  - Game Development

- **CULINARY & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT**

- **ENOLOGY**

- **GENERAL AGRICULTURE**

- **HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- **TECHNOLOGY**
  - Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Alternative Energy, General Technology and Technology Management

- **VITICULTURE**

- **WINE BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Certificate options are available in many of these subject areas. The degree program offerings at Missouri State-West Plains continue to expand. The most current listing of all degrees and certificates is available online.

[www.wp.missouristate.edu/academics](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu/academics)

¹While not designed as transfer degrees, some AAS degrees can be used as the first two years of a Bachelor of Applied Science degree; however, students will need to take additional general education courses, as well as courses in the major field.
Through Missouri State University’s Outreach Program, students can complete several undergraduate and graduate degrees locally in a variety of disciplines, as well as take courses leading to other degree areas.

Child and Family Development (BS); Elementary Education (BSEd); General Agriculture (BAS); General Business (BS-Online); Nursing (BSN-Online); Technology Management (BAS-Online); Business Administration (MBA-Online); Elementary Education (MSEd-Online); Education, Literacy (MSEd-Online); Educational Administration (MS and Specialist); Social Work (MSW); Teaching (MAT); Counseling (MS)

Visit www.outreach.missouristate.edu for the most current listing of all degrees offered.

GOCAT

The Greater Ozarks Center for Advanced Technology (GOCAT) provides advanced, hands-on training in manufacturing processes to individuals looking to expand their skills in a technical field. Major manufacturers of our area, such as DRS Technologies, Armstrong Flooring, Regal and Caterpillar, helped develop the training programs to benefit industry and employees alike engaged in technology-focused and technology-enabled manufacturing.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Technology, with options in Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Alternative Energy, General Technology and Technology Management, is available to students through a combination of seated, blended, online and laboratory courses.
While many Missouri State-West Plains graduates move on to other four-year institutions in Missouri and beyond, those transferring to the Springfield campus will find a uniquely smooth transition within the Missouri State University System.

**EXTENDED OPPORTUNITIES**

**MOUNTAIN GROVE CAMPUS**
The AA in general studies degree can be completed at Shannon Hall in Mountain Grove, Mo.

**ONLINE CLASSES**
Students can take Missouri State-West Plains courses anytime, anywhere, thanks to our online “campus.” Students can complete the entire Associate of Arts in General Studies degree online. Online courses are available in other degree programs, as well.

**EVENING CLASSES**
Missouri State-West Plains offers four degrees with classes starting at 4 p.m. or later: Associate of Applied Science in Child and Family Development, Associate of Arts in General Studies, Associate of Science in Business, Associate of Science in Nursing.

**CHINA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**
Selected students can spend a semester taking courses and serving as an intern at Missouri State-West Plains’ branch campus at Liaoning Normal University in Dalian, China.

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**
While many Missouri State-West Plains graduates move on to other four-year institutions in Missouri and beyond, those transferring to the Springfield campus will find a uniquely smooth transition within the Missouri State University System.
Sometimes, the best way to learn something new is to experience it firsthand. At Missouri State-West Plains, you'll find many opportunities to go beyond the campus to learn and grow.

Field trips to natural landmarks in the area; projects and course work that require hands-on experiences outside the classroom; and study away opportunities that take you to such places as China, Europe, India, Ireland and the United Kingdom, bring the lessons taught in the classroom to life and give students a better understanding of the world around them.
There are plenty of opportunities to reach higher and improve your individual strengths as you study with like-minded student scholars.

The William and Virginia Darr Honors Program is expressly designed for the student-scholar who enjoys active learning.

Interdisciplinary in nature and in focus, the Darr Honors Program strives to foster an educational experience that lays a foundational understanding of the world’s most influential ideas, stimulates creative and critical thinking, and cultivates the growth of a learning community on and off campus and in and out of the program itself.

The program, which is made up of two honors-specific courses and enhanced general education classes, incorporates intensive reading, writing and discussion among classmates and faculty, who encourage students to think outside the box. Students who successfully complete the program earn the Associate of Arts in General Studies degree with a Specialization in Honors.

Graduates are automatically eligible for admission into the Honors Program at Missouri State University in Springfield. The AA degree also transfers to most other four-year colleges and universities.

Learn more at [www.wp.missouristate.edu/academics](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu/academics) about the honors program and requirements for admission.
“Seriously consider West Plains as you start your plunge into being an adult. At no point did I ever regret enrolling.”

D’ETTE MILLER
Director of Purchasing, Aldi

Spotlights

Darrius Young
“The West Plains community was amazing, and I was able to build relationships . . .”

www.wp.missouristate.edu/spotlights

March 15
Missouri State-West Plains graduates are finding success in their careers. This video introduces you to six of them. Learn more about these alums and others in our spotlight blogs.

What a great move-in weekend! Thanks to everyone who participated! #grizzlyup #grizzlylife #MSUWP

AUGUST 21
Congratulations, Grizzlies! Region XVI Champions!!
#MSUWPGrizzlies #GrizzlyUp

Good luck on your finals this week, Grizzlies! You’ve got this!

#NationalSunglassesDay #GrizzlyUp
EXPERIENCE CAMPUS LIFE
From Welcome Week and back-to-school picnics to homecoming activities and ball games, there are plenty of opportunities to experience the exhilarating lifestyle of a college student at Missouri State-West Plains!

Start by joining one of our many student organizations. Regular meetings and sponsored activities will give you the opportunity to express yourself in a whole new way! Kick back and relax at the Putnam Student Center, where you can shoot some pool, hang out with friends, grab a bite to eat or watch TV on the big screens!

Play a pick-up game of basketball, volleyball or racquetball at the 10,000-square-foot Student Recreation Center! The center also serves as a storm shelter during inclement weather. Attend exciting Grizzly basketball and volleyball games, which always keep students and area fans on the edge of their seats! Help cheer them on with the Grizzly Cheer Team, and show your Grizzly Pride with the latest in Grizzly wear and accessories from the Drago College Store.

Drop by the newest building on campus, Hass- Darr Hall, in between classes to have a cup of coffee and enjoy some downtime at the Carol Silvey Student Union.

You also have access to the West Plains Civic Center where you can swim in the collegiate-sized pool, work out in the fully-equipped fitness center, or attend one of the many university-sponsored musical performances, stage plays, art exhibits or film showings in its theater!
Experience all aspects of college life by living in the Grizzly House, a 60-person residence hall located in the heart of the Missouri State University-West Plains campus. The Grizzly House provides students with a friendly atmosphere in which to live. The Garnett Library, classroom buildings and the Putnam Student Center and cafeteria are within walking distance.

AMENITIES
- Four-person suites
- Community room complete with TV and DVD player
- Free cable TV and internet
- Computer Lab
- Lighted basketball courts
- Laundry facility
- Close proximity to fitness center and pool
- Adjacent to Student Rec Center
- Separate dining facility (includes game room)
- Security cameras and limited access entries
Moving to a new place can be intimidating, but living where you study will help with your transition. Missouri State University-West Plains offers two residence halls, the Grizzly House and Grizzly Lofts. Our residence halls will help you build relationships while also providing places to study and relax.

Visit www.wp.missouristate.edu/housing to check out the housing policy and get more information.
INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

At first glance, the cost of attending college may seem out of reach, but studies show that a degree, whether it’s an associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s or higher, more than pays for itself in lifetime earning potential. When you attend college, you’re investing in your future!

Missouri State-West Plains is a great place to start that investment. With fees lower than most four-year colleges and a comprehensive scholarship and financial aid program, Missouri State-West Plains is one of the most affordable options available.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Although fees are low, Missouri State-West Plains offers a variety of federal, state and institutionally funded financial aid packages to help you cover the costs of your education. You’ll find a list of the most common ones available on the next page.

A+ SCHOLARSHIP

Missouri’s A+ Scholarship Program provides funds to graduates of A+ designated high schools to cover the costs of tuition and common fees at participating two-year colleges and vocational programs.* Graduates certified A+ eligible by their high school can use these benefits at Missouri State-West Plains.

A+ recipients also may receive Missouri State-West Plains’ institutional scholarships and can apply for endowed and restricted scholarships.

**LIFETIME EARNING RELATIVE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES BY EDUCATION LEVEL**

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*Source: College Board: Education Pays 2013

*More information available at the Missouri Department of Higher Education’s A+ Program web site. [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)
**FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST**

- Apply for admission as a degree-seeking student.
- Complete the scholarship application and submit by deadline. Most scholarship deadlines are **March 1**.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at FAFSA.gov as soon as possible after October 1 for federal, state and/or institutional financial aid.
- Missouri State-West Plains federal code: 031060. Our priority deadline: **March 31**.

**FEDERAL NEED-BASED PROGRAMS**
- Federal Work-Study
- Pell Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Loan
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

**FEDERAL NON NEED-BASED PROGRAMS**
- Federal Plus Loan
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

**STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**
- A+ Schools Program
- Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program
- Higher Education Academic Scholarship (Bright Flight)
- Marguerite Ross Barnett Scholarship
- Missouri Returning Heroes Education Act

Sample scholarships for entering freshmen
Additional scholarship opportunities and details: [www.wp.missouristate.edu/finaid](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu/finaid)

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* The number of scholarships available varies. Students who receive these scholarships and transfer to Missouri State-Springfield for their junior and senior years can continue the scholarships, provided they meet the Springfield campus’ renewal criteria for those scholarships.

**OTHER INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Arkansas Tuition Scholarship
- Corps of Opportunity Scholarship/Work Program
- Incentive Scholarship
- Multicultural Leadership Scholarship
- Promise Scholarship
- Student Ambassador Book Scholarship

"Missouri State-West Plains was incredibly affordable. The price per credit hour is low compared to other universities."

Dillon Cordel, Alumnus
West Plains, MO
Currently attending Missouri State University, Springfield, and serving as Student Government Association Vice President
CONTACT US:
Call 888.466.7897 or 417.255.7255
Email wpadmissions@missouristate.edu

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BECOME A GRIZZLY

Now that you’ve decided you want to become a Grizzly (and we’re sure you have), you can begin the admission process at Missouri State-West Plains!

As the open admission campus of the Missouri State University System, all you need to do is submit an application for admission and required high school or equivalency exam transcripts (and college transcripts if you’re a transfer student). Applications are available online at www.wp.missouristate.edu/applynow or from the Missouri State-West Plains admissions office.

When you complete the admission process, you’ll join thousands of students, near and far, who already have discovered that new beginnings really do lead to endless possibilities at Missouri State-West Plains!

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Email wpadmissions@missouristate.edu

“I ENJOYED IT HERE. ALL OF THE TEACHERS KNOW YOUR NAME, AND YOU ARE ABLE TO GET A LOT OF ONE-ON-ONE TIME, IF NEEDED.”

OTHA BELL, ST. LOUIS, MO
STUDENT AMBASSADOR ALUMNUS
TRANSFERRED TO ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, JONESBORO.
Tucked in the Ozark Mountains near pristine wilderness areas and spring-fed streams is the City of West Plains. The largest city in south-central Missouri, West Plains considers itself the “Heart of the Ozarks.” A small-town feel with big-city conveniences, West Plains is a place where you can enjoy all that life has to offer.

POPULATION

MARK TWAIN National Forest

PHOTO BY DENNIS CRIDER
Missouri State University is a community of people with respect for diversity. The University emphasizes the dignity and equality common to all persons and adheres to a strict nondiscrimination policy regarding the treatment of individual faculty, staff, and students. In accord with federal law and applicable Missouri statutes, the University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, or veteran status in employment or in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the University. In addition, the University does not discriminate on any basis (including, but not limited to, political affiliation and sexual orientation) not related to the applicable educational requirements for students or the applicable job requirements for employees. This policy shall not be interpreted in a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The University maintains a grievance procedure incorporating due process available to any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against. Missouri State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Inquiries concerning the grievance procedure, Affirmative Action Plan, or compliance with federal and state laws and guidelines should be addressed to Brenda Polyard, Affirmative Action Liaison, Missouri State University-West Plains, 128 Garfield Ave., West Plains, MO 65775, 417-255-7966.