

Community Profile: Missouri State University

History and Geography

On March 17th, 1905, the Missouri General authorized the establishment of State Normal School #4, now Missouri State University, in the Southwest District. Currently, Missouri State University (MSU) comprises 195 acres on the core campus. The main campus comprises 56 structures, administrative and academic, with ten academic structures located within the downtown area of Springfield.

Population and Demographics

Table 2F.1: Enrollment Figures: 2008-2009 School Year: Race and Ethnicity: MSU.

Category	Number	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	16,646	83.54%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	542	2.72%
Hispanic	364	1.83%
Asian American	313	1.57%
Native American	158	0.79%
International Students	1,035	5.19%
Unknown	867	4.35%
Total	19,925	100%

Table 2F.2: Enrollment Figures: 2008-2009 School Year: Age: MSU.

Age	Female	Male	Total
17 or less	47	22	69
18	1,293	795	2,088
19	1,364	1,038	2,402
20	1,426	1,101	2,527
21	1,446	1,134	2,580
22	1,084	930	2,014
23	586	627	1,213
24	408	413	821
25-29	1,003	1,044	2,047
30-34	438	362	800
35-39	311	225	536
40-49	402	239	641
50-59	178	81	259
60 or greater	34	26	60
TOTAL	10,020	8,037	18,057

Faculty Members: 721
Staff Members: 1,254
Students: 19,925

Emergency Alert System

A mass notification system is in place that will notify students, faculty, staff and other individuals signed up for the service via text messaging or e-mail in the event of an emergency. Additionally, audible sirens and voice notification devices are located strategically across the campus. Speakers are also located on campus patrol vehicles.

Recreational Centers/Arenas

There are two centers/arenas used for recreational activity on campus. There is the Plaster Student Union and the Meyer Library.

Arenas

There are three arenas on campus used to host events. The McDonald Arena has a capacity of 1,200. The Hammons Student Center has a capacity of 8,800. The JQH Arena has a capacity of 11,000.

Trails

Bikeways and shuttle routes are intertwined throughout the core campus area.

Future Plans

A student recreation center is in the planning stages and will be built at Madison and JQH Parkway. The construction is estimated to begin in 2011. There are several additional projects, renovations, annexes, etc planned for the campus.

Historic Significant Disasters

Missouri State University sheltered more than 300 individuals at the McDonald Arena during the 2006-2007 ice storms. MSU also housed individuals who evacuated or relocated from Louisiana during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Identified Assets

Missouri State University operates six shuttle routes daily Sunday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. This service carried more than 777,000 passengers during 2008.

Emergency Services**Communication**

There is a 24/7 Dispatch Center located on campus with county-wide communication with others within the 911 system including police, fire and EMS.

Law Enforcement

MSU has public safety officers assigned to campus 24/7. Additionally, MSU has a contract with the Springfield Police Department which assigned ten Springfield PD Officers to the campus for 24/7 service and work out of a substation located on campus.

Fire Services

Springfield Fire Station #1 is the closest to campus and provides emergency fire services and fire protection.

Emergency Medical Services

MSU operates a health care facility, the Taylor Health Center, located on campus.

Utilities

All utilities are coordinated and run by the Facilities Management Office and Power House, located on campus.

Inventory

Greenwood Laboratory School teaches grades Kindergarten – 12th and is located on campus and considered a part of MSU. The Child Development Center is located in the Professional Building and is also part of the university.

Parking Garages

The University has two major garages with a total parking capacity of 2,500 vehicles. Additional parking is available, though not in a covered area.

Community Profile: Ozarks Technical Community College

History

Educational opportunities in the Ozarks took an important step forward on April 3, 1990, when residents of Springfield and thirteen surrounding public school districts voted to establish a “community technical college.” As the region’s new comprehensive community college, Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) provided an open admission, two-year college with a focus on technical education. Citizens now could earn a one-year Certificate, two-year Associate of Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) or an Associate of Arts degree (A.A.). Word spread quickly of OTC’s commitment to small class sizes, professional faculty and staff and diverse curriculum.

In September of 1991, OTC opened its doors at Cox Medical Center North and a5 815 N. Sherman in Lincoln and Graff Hall to 1,198 college credit students.

In 1996, OTC, on its first attempt, received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

OTC’s potential to meet the job training needs of the area became apparent. New programs were developed and existing programs continually revised with guidance and input from the members of 41 programs advisory committees, who are citizens and business and industry leaders. Since 1991, more than 100,000 citizens of southwest Missouri have taken advantage of one or more of the college’s educational services.

Enrollment grew at an annual compound rate of 16.7 percent between 1991 and 2004. Not only did enrollment soar, but quality education continued to prevail. In February of 2001, OTC was given a ten-year reaccreditation from the North Central Association.

With this growth rate, the campus expanded to accommodate the demand for facilities. The Technical Education Center opened in the summer of 1997, the Information Commons in the summer of 1998, the Information Commons East in the summer of 1999 and the Industry and Transportation Technology Center in 2000. Renovation of historic Lincoln Hall was completed in 2001, after the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in May 2000. A plaque recognizing the building’s placement on the National Register, honoring it as the first Julius Rosenwald School in Missouri was unveiled in August 2004. The Information Commons West opened in 2002. The newly renovated Graff Hall reopened in the fall of 2003. The pedestrian mall was funded by a state grant and the foundation was made possible by a gift from John Q. Hammons.

In August 2005, ground was broken for the first classroom building on what is now the Richwood Valley campus. The first classes were held at Richwood Valley in the spring 2007 semester. Named for the historic area where the campus now stands, Richwood Valley is located on Highway 14 between the cities of Ozark and Nixa.

Our student successes also continued with regional, state and national award winners from our technical programs in the Skills/USA competitions. The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

organization and Student Government Association also have won a variety of awards for their work in the community.

OTC Today

In addition to its college credit component, OTC provides area citizens with a variety of educational options:

- High School juniors and seniors can participate in half-day job skill programs through OTC's area vocational-technical school.
- Specific training can be custom designed for business and industry at the work site.
- Non-credit personal and professional enrichment courses are offered at local high schools and community centers throughout the Ozarks.
- English as a Second Language classes are available throughout the year.
- Adult Education and Literacy is available to adults working towards the General Education Diploma (GED) in a variety of locations throughout the Ozarks.

OTC's comprehensive mission, focus on job-skill training and college transfer preparation have made it a vital part of one of the fastest growing areas in the state of Missouri. During the 2007-2008 academic year, the college served approximately 21,000 citizens with more than 13,123 enrolled in college credit classes. OTC looks to a promising and productive future as faculty, staff and community members work together to provide the best possible educational value for all residents of the Ozarks.

OTC Main Campus

The college operates primarily in Springfield at the 40-acre main campus at the corner of Chestnut Expressway and National Avenue.

- The Norman K. Myers Technical Education Center houses classrooms, electronic media labs and science labs.
- The Information Commons houses the College's business office, administrative offices and the Learning Resources Center.
- The Information Commons East provides many more classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, and the Area Vocational High School Office.
- The Information Commons West houses the culinary arts and hospitality programs, student services facilities, classrooms, flexible meeting rooms, a cafeteria, and a multi-purpose hall large enough to seat 500 people.
- The Industry Transportation and Technology Center provides the latest technology and laboratory facilities for many of the technical degree programs.
- The Allied Health programs are located in historic Lincoln Hall along with additional technical program labs.
- Graff Hall houses the Networking and Computer Services Department, information Technology, Fire Science and Business and Marketing programs and labs, along with the Adult Education and Literacy programs.
- The Continuing Education Center is located at 800 E. Central Street, Springfield, Missouri.

- The Center for Workforce Development is located at 614 N. Washington Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.
- The campus also offers day care services in the Early Childhood Education Center located at 936 N. Hampton, Springfield, Missouri.

Richwood Valley Campus

The Richwood Valley Campus is located on Highway 14 between Ozark and Nixa.

- The Life Science Technology Center houses a variety of general education classrooms, computer and science labs and faculty offices.
- Student amenities include a full-service student services facility, a learning resources center, an academic achievement center and a student café. A spectacular student atrium is the centerpiece of the building.
- The campus offers an A.A. transfer degree and an A.A.S. in Business and Marketing. AEL and GED programs are also available.
- A community room is available to outside organizations who wish to host a meeting on the campus.

Regional Education Centers

In addition to the main campus and Richmond Valley campus, OTC offers degree programs at three regional education centers.

- The Lebanon Education Center is in the Nelson Community Center located at 533 W. Bland.
- The Branson Education Center is located at the Shoppes at Branson Meadows located at 4440 Gretna Road.
- The Waynesville Education Center is located in the Town Field Plaza Center, Suite U, 320 Ichord Avenue.

The Adult Education and Literacy program is offered at the Branson Education Center and selected non-credit courses are held at all locations.

Transportation

The college does not provide transportation to employees or students to or from campus. Employees and students drive or take public transportation. Some high schools do bus students to and from campus.

Community Partnerships

The college partners with some area high schools to provide specific classes for juniors and seniors. The college partners with Springfield R-12 district to provide “Middle College” classes to at-risk juniors and seniors.

Additional Locations

OTC has campuses in Greene County, Christian County and educational centers in Taney County, Laclede County and Pulaski Counties of Missouri.