

# UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

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As Missouri's official applied learning university, Missouri Western State University prepares students for lives of success through affordable, hands-on education. More than 29,000 alumni have transformed their lives, and the lives of their families, through the power of a Missouri Western education. From its founding in 1915, Missouri Western has remained committed to being a place where students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to succeed and thrive with innovative career-focused degrees.

Missouri Western offers a wide range of degrees through its College of Business and Professional Studies, College of Science and Health, and College of Liberal Arts. Missouri Western's Graduate School also offers masters programs in a variety of fields.

Located on more than 700 wooded acres, Missouri Western's beautiful campus boasts state-of-the-art lab and classroom facilities, suite- and apartment-style residence halls, many dining options, indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities, green spaces and trails.

Missouri Western is committed to its important mission of excellent student-centered education and the deep traditions that define what it means to be a Griffon.

## The Griffon

A Griffon, which is half lion and half eagle, was chosen in 1918 as the mascot of St. Joseph Junior College, the institution which later became Missouri Western State University. The mythical creature was selected because it is considered a guardian of riches, and education is viewed as a precious treasure. Its wings are spread in the shape of the state of Missouri to signify the union of the college with the state.