

GRADUATE COLLEGE

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MISSION

The Graduate College mission is to be an advocate for graduate education and provide quality service to graduate programs, faculty, and students with the goal of developing individuals who have advanced abilities to address issues of significance for the quality of life.

ROLE AND SCOPE

The Graduate College acts to assure that postbaccalaureate education at Missouri State University has a high level of academic quality so that students are motivated and educated to be independent leaders in their professions and communities. To this end, the Graduate College fosters an instructional environment that enables excellence in teaching, research and creative activities, and encourages involvement with the community at large. These activities are central to a robust graduate education climate.

The Graduate College coordinates a diverse group of graduate programs that have in common the challenge to aid student progress toward a maturity of thought and discipline-related capabilities. The College functions to support both existing programs and the development of new programs in those disciplines congruent with the University themes and where the University has the vision and capacity to serve the needs of the public.

In fulfilling its mission, the Graduate College works in partnership with the six Missouri State University colleges. Within each college there are academic departments that

offer graduate programs and have graduate faculty. The graduate faculty are committed to research, teaching, and service at the graduate level; they affirm the values of teaching and mentoring graduate students in the practice of their disciplines. A major aim of graduate education is to develop the resourcefulness and responsibility of individuals by enhancing their ability to handle effectively the materials and affairs of life, and to judge critically the value and limitation of information.

The Graduate College assists students in making the best use of the University's resources, in utilizing resources to engage in research and applying knowledge to the solution of problems, and in developing an environment in which critical thinking and problem-solving behaviors are nurtured.

GRADUATE COUNCIL

The Graduate Council is the faculty governance structure that recommends policies governing graduate study to the Dean of the -Graduate College. Each department offering a graduate degree program has one faculty representative on the Graduate Council. Each interdisciplinary program also has a representative on the Council. The Graduate Council acts on curriculum matters, new programs, general policies, and appointments to the Graduate Faculty. The Graduate Council is proactive in representing the needs of graduate education and proposing strategies to allow the Graduate College to fulfill its mission.

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GRADUATE FACULTY

Appointment to the Graduate Faculty is required for persons to teach courses open only to graduate students and to guide graduate students as advisors or as members of graduate advisory committees. Faculty members holding an earned terminal degree and with recognized competence in an area of specialization appropriate to graduate study at the University may be approved as members of the Graduate Faculty. Normally, the Graduate Faculty is composed of individuals with the academic rank of Assistant Professor or higher in departments that offer graduate degree programs or supporting graduate courses. A limited number of faculty members without earned terminal degrees, but who are widely recognized as leaders in their academic disciplines, may become members of the Graduate Faculty.

Recommendation forms to initiate the process for Appointment to Graduate Faculty can be found online at graduate.missouristate.edu (under Faculty Resources).

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

The purposes of the Graduate Student Council are to enhance communication among graduate students, to be a liaison between students and the Graduate Council, and to promote the general interests of graduate students.

Meetings are open to all currently enrolled graduate students in good standing at Missouri State University. The president of the Graduate Student Council (or designee) is a representative on the Graduate Council and is responsible for conveying the ideas, requests, questions and proposed policies of the Graduate Student Council. The Graduate Student Council provides a representative to the Faculty Senate, two representatives to the Senate of the Student Government Association, and makes appointments to several committees that are part of the student self-governance process.

Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Annually, in the spring semester, the Graduate Student Council in conjunction with the Graduate College, co-hosts the Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum (IDF). This public affairs event allows graduate students to give oral and poster presentations of their research and creative projects. This forum is a tremendous educational experience for graduate students; participation is voluntary. There were 115 presentations at the 2009 IDF. For complete information on the IDF, see graduate.missouristate.edu (under Interdisciplinary Forum).

Additional information about the Graduate Student Council and the IDF may be obtained at graduate.missouristate.edu (under Current Student Resources).

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

MASTER OF ARTS

Communication

English

Tracks: Creative Writing; Literature; TESOL

History

Tracks: American Studies; Global Area Studies; U.S. and World

Religious Studies

Theatre

Writing

Tracks: Rhetoric and Composition; Technical and Professional Writing

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF GLOBAL STUDIES

Areas: National Security; International Economics and Business; International Relations/Comparative Politics; Public Administration

MASTER OF MUSIC

Concentrations: Conducting; Education; Pedagogy; Performance; Theory and Composition

MASTER OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Concentrations: Health Care Administration; Public Safety; Public Policy; Local Government Management

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Administrative Studies
Options: Applied Communication; Criminal Justice; Environmental Management; Project Management; Sports Management; Individualized
 Applied Anthropology
 Biology
 Cell and Molecular Biology
 Chemistry
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
Options: Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Speech Pathology
 Computer Information Systems
 Counseling
Options: Community Agency; Elementary School Counseling; Secondary School Counseling
 Criminology
 Defense and Strategic Studies
 Early Childhood and Family Development
 Geospatial Sciences in Geography and Geology
 Health Promotion and Wellness Management
 Materials Science
 Mathematics
 Nurse Anesthesia
 Physician Assistant Studies
 Plant Science
 Project Management
 Psychology
Tracks: Industrial/Organizational; Clinical; Experimental
 Student Affairs

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Educational Administration
Options: Elementary; Secondary
 Elementary Education
 Instructional Media Technology
 Reading
 Secondary Education
(18 subject emphasis options)
 Special Education
Emphasis areas: Developmental Disabilities; Mild to Moderate Disabilities; Orientation & Mobility; Special Education Alternative Certification; Visual Impairment

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Role Specializations: Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Educational Administration
Options: Elementary Principal, Secondary Principal, Superintendent

DOCTORATE IN AUDIOLOGY

DOCTORATE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Cooperative Doctorate with the University of Missouri -Columbia

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The postbaccalaureate for-credit certificate programs are designed for those who want to complete a recognized concentration of study in an area. Missouri State University currently offers eighteen graduate certificate programs.

- Autism and Spectrum Disorders (18 hrs)
- Conflict and Dispute Resolution (16 hrs)
- Defense and Strategic Studies (12 hrs)
- Forensic Child Psychology (12 hrs)
- Geospatial Information Sciences (12 hrs)
- Homeland Security and Defense (12 hrs)
- Instructional Technology Specialist (15 hrs)
- Internal Auditing (12 hrs)
- Orientation and Mobility (18 hrs)
- Ozarks Studies (15 hrs)
- Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner (27 hrs)
- Post-Master’s Nurse Educator (12 hrs)
- Project Management (12 hrs)
- Public Management (18 hrs)
- Religious Studies for the Professions (12 hrs)
- Sports Management (18 hrs)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages - TESOL (15 hrs)
- Technology Management (12 hrs)

Each graduate certificate program is a focused combination of courses designed to significantly increase competency in the stated discipline area. Students completing these certificate programs will have that completion status reflected on their official Missouri State University transcript. Although certificates may be earned independent of a graduate degree program, the course work in some certificates can be utilized in conjunction with obtaining a master’s degree, simultaneously or later. As noted in the titles, two of the currently offered certificate programs require a previously earned master’s degree. Specific details on each program are shown under the home academic department (see catalog index for specific page). For details on certificate application and completion procedures, see section on Special Academic Opportunities.

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GRADUATE PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDY

Contact for graduate admission information:

Graduate Admissions, Missouri State University
Carrington Hall, Room 308
901 S. National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65897

Phone: (417) 836-5331

Fax: (417) 836-6200

Master's And Specialist Admission Requirements

The minimum standards for admission to graduate study are documented in this section. Additional requirements and higher standards may be stipulated for specific graduate programs, and applicants should check for such requirements in the departmental section of this catalog.

The minimum requirements for graduate admission are:

1. a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by agencies recognized by Missouri State University; *AND* an overall grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale overall, *OR* at least a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.00 scale for the last 60 hours of academic course work; *OR* have a score of 475 or higher on either the verbal or quantitative section of the Graduate Record Examination*, *AND* a score of not less than 400 on the other section; *OR*
2. a bachelor's degree from a college or university not accredited by an agency recognized by Missouri State University, a grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale overall, *OR* at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.00 scale for the last 60 hours of academic course work; *AND* a Graduate Record Examination* score of 475 or above on either the verbal or quantitative section, *AND* a score of not less than 400 on the other section; *OR*
3. a bachelor's degree from a college or university recognized by Missouri State University; *AND* recommendation in writing by both the department head of the student's desired major area and the dean of the College in which that discipline is located, and approval of the Dean of the Graduate College.

*Percentile rank scores on the GMAT, MAT, LSAT, or MCAT that are comparable to the stated GRE level will satisfy the minimum criterion.

Doctoral Admission Requirements

The standards for admission to a doctoral program are more stringent than for a master's program, in accordance with the higher demands of the degree. The admission standards for a particular program may be even higher than the following university-wide standards, and a program may have additional requirements. Therefore, applicants must review the section in this catalog that pertains to their particular doctoral program of interest, and contact the department for admissions criteria.

As a minimum, applicants for a doctoral program must meet the following:

1. Submission of scores from the GRE or comparable standardized exam for their discipline.
2. A minimum GPA of 3.00 in their most recent degree, either cumulative or for the last 60 credits of that degree, or have demonstrated success in previous graduate work.
3. Strong writing skills to ensure success in the program, as evidenced by submission of a "Statement of Interest/Goals," a prior research/term paper, or other writing example specified by the department.
4. Letters of recommendation.

Test Requirements

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) are primarily administered as computer-based tests. GRE and GMAT scores are acceptable for 5 years. Scores more than 5 years old are accepted only with the recommendation of the program director. The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will not send out TOEFL scores older than 24 months. MSU Graduate College will not accept unofficial scores.

Arrangements for taking the GRE test can be made by contacting Sylvan Learning Center at (417) 882-0740 or (800) 300-0740. Arrangements may be made to take the GMAT by contacting Pearson Professional Centers at (800) 717-4628.

Additional test information can be obtained from:

GRE <http://www.gre.org>

GMAT <http://www.gmac.com/gmac/thegmat>

TOEFL <http://www.toefl.org>

Telephone: GRE (609-771-7670); GMAT (800-717-4628);
TOEFL (609-771-7100)

Surface mail for all 3 tests: Educational Testing Service,
PO Box 6000, Princeton, NJ 08541

The Miller Analogy Test (MAT) is offered on a monthly basis by the Missouri State University Counseling and Testing Center. You can obtain more information by calling (417) 836-5116.

Arrangements for taking the MAT can also be made by contacting: The Psychological Corporation - Miller Analogies, PO Box 98215, Chicago, IL 60693. Telephone: (800) 622-3231

Admission Procedures

The application deadline to avoid a late fee is set as follows:

- Fall semester, July 20
- Spring semester, December 20
- Summer semester, May 20

Some tips regarding application deadlines:

- Graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply **at least six weeks before** the start of the semester.
- Please note that some programs have specific once a year deadlines, and applications sent in after those deadlines might not be considered.

Check the departmental listing in this catalog to see if your department of interest has a specific deadline. Students applying after the published application deadline dates will be required to submit a \$25 late fee in addition to the required application fee.

A student desiring admission into a graduate degree program needs to take the following steps:

1. Complete a Graduate College Application online at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu>. Applications must be completed and submitted online.
2. Pay the **non-refundable application fee** of \$35. The application fee can be submitted with your online application or be sent by check or money order to the Graduate College.
3. Submit to the Graduate College two official transcripts showing course work for the bachelor's degree and any graduate-level courses. At minimum, the bachelor's transcript must show the last 60 hours of course work or the necessary additional undergraduate transcripts are required. Missouri State University transcripts do not need to be requested. Please note that transcripts are not considered official unless they are received directly from the institution where the course work was completed.
4. Send application, fee, transcripts, and test scores to: **Graduate College, Missouri State University 901 S National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65897**

5. Check with department of interest for any additional materials necessary for admittance. These may include:
 - GRE, GMAT, or MAT scores
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Resume
 - Departmental/Program Application

Please note that letters of recommendation, resumes, departmental/program applications, and other supplemental materials specific to individual programs must be sent directly to the department.

The Graduate College will not be responsible for the loss or misplacement of any supplemental materials beyond the Graduate College application, transcripts, application fees and test scores.

The Graduate College or the appropriate department will inform you of your admission status. To check your admission status online, go to graduate.missouristate.edu and click on "Check admission status." Please allow approximately **6 weeks** to process your application.

Late Applicants: Students who submit the Application for Graduate Admission after the deadline will be assessed a late fee of \$25 in addition to the \$35 application fee. Applications that arrive after the deadline and do not have necessary transcripts may make it impossible to process for a specific program in time for the start of a semester.

At the -discretion of the Dean of the Graduate College, late applicants will be admitted as a non-degree seeking student pending full review of their materials. Please keep in mind that as a non-degree seeking student, students are NOT eligible for financial aid.

Accelerated Masters Admission

Undergraduate students who apply for an accelerated master's option must submit their application for the semester following the completion of their undergraduate degree.

<u>Undergrad Graduation</u>	<u>Accelerated Application Date</u>
Spring 2010	Summer or Fall 2010
Summer 2010	Fall 2010
Fall 2010	Spring 2011
Spring 2011	Summer or Fall 2011

For example, a student who is scheduled to graduate with her bachelor's degree in Fall 2010 should list Spring 2011 on her accelerated master's application. She will be able to receive mixed credit during her undergrad years, but will not be considered a full time graduate student until the Spring 2011 semester

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International Student Admission

International students should request application materials or apply online via the World Wide Web. For more information, please contact:

International Student Services
Missouri State University
301 S. Jefferson , Suite 101
Morris Center for Continuing Education
Springfield, MO 65897 U.S.A.

Telephone: (417) 836-6618
Fax: (417) 836-7656

E-mail: internationalstudentservices@missouristate.edu
World Wide Web: <http://international.missouristate.edu>

Deadlines for applications and all required materials are May 1 for the fall semester courses (beginning in August) and September 1 for the spring semester courses (beginning in January). Students who provide required materials after these dates will be considered for the next semester upon request. Also, please check specific program deadlines.

Missouri State University is authorized under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. United States Citizenship and Immigration Service *Certificate of Eligibility* (Form I-20 for non-Immigrant "F1" Student Status) will be provided upon completion of all admission requirements and receipt of required financial statements. International students making application to graduate study at Missouri State University are required to submit the following:

1. International Student Application: available online.
2. International Student Application Fee
3. All Graduate College and degree-program admission requirements including grade point average and appropriate test scores.
4. Verification of financial support in an amount determined by the University as stated in the application materials.
5. A complete academic record including proof of degree attained. The applicant must have completed all requirements that are equivalent to a U.S. baccalaureate degree in an accredited, licensed, or recognized college or university and have appropriate undergraduate training to pursue the graduate degree of the applicant's choice. If your transcripts have previously been evaluated by World Education System (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE), or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRO), you may choose to include that in your application for possible consideration.

6. Standardized examination scores. Applicants to certain programs must submit GRE or GMAT scores. Please check for specific program admission requirements.
7. Applicants whose primary language is other than English are required to submit appropriate proof of English proficiency (see table below).

TOEFL	550* (paper)	213** (computer)
iBT TOEFL	79***	
IELTS	6.0	
Missouri State ELI	Level 5	
* 50 Listening; 50 Writing; 50 Reading		
** 16 Listening; 18 Writing; 17 Reading		
*** 21 Writing, 20 Speaking, 17 Listening, 19 Reading		

For applicants who do not meet the TOEFL or IELTS requirement, Missouri State University offers a full-time intensive **English Language Institute** on campus. An online application is at <http://ccpe.missouristate.edu/eli>.

For more information contact:
English Language Institute, Missouri State University,
301 South Jefferson Avenue, Springfield, MO 65806 U.S.A.
Telephone: (417) 836-6540
Fax: (417) 836-4784
E-mail: JaneRobison@missouristate.edu

Note: International Students must be enrolled in at least 9 hours to meet SEVIS requirements as a full-time student. Only 3 hours of online course work can be included in meeting this 9 hour minimum for full-time classification.

GRADUATE CLASSIFICATIONS

Degree Seeking

Students who are admitted or are seeking admittance into a graduate degree program.

Non-Degree Seeking (Unclassified)

Students who meet the general Graduate College requirements but are undecided on a specific degree program. In this category, students may register for courses for which they meet the prerequisite.

Non-degree seeking students are not candidates for a degree and are not assured future admission to a degree program. **Typically, no more than 9 hours of graduate credit accumulated under this classification may be applied to a degree program.** Graduate courses (600-level and above) taken as a non-degree seeking student or a postbaccalaureate student will be counted in the student's graduate GPA. Any C grade or below may jeopardize a student's ability to enter into a degree program.

Request for Change of Status or Academic Area: A student may request a change from non-degree seeking to a degree-seeking status, or request a change from their current academic program to a different academic area. In these cases, acceptance into the program requested is based on the review and recommendation of the department. Students wanting to change their academic area must complete the *Change of Academic Area Form*. This form is available in the Graduate College, 306 Carrington Hall, or online at graduate.missouristate.edu (under “Forms”).

Postbaccalaureate

Students admitted into the postbaccalaureate classification have not been admitted to the Graduate College; they have only been given permission to enroll for graduate-level courses to earn graduate credit. A postbaccalaureate student is not required to furnish the application fee or transcripts and there is no minimum grade point average for admission. Enrollment as a postbaccalaureate student does not guarantee future admission into a specific degree program.

Postbaccalaureate students may take either undergraduate or graduate courses. **The only limitation is that no more than 9 hours of graduate credit may be accumulated under this classification or applied to a degree program.** Graduate courses (600-level and above) taken as a postbaccalaureate student will be counted in the student’s overall graduate GPA. Any C+ grade or below may jeopardize the ability to enter into a degree program.

Students under this classification have completed a bachelor’s degree and are graduate students. They are therefore governed by all Graduate College policies. Post-baccalaureate students must make satisfactory progress in graduate courses and any student receiving more than 9 hours of “C+” grade or below will not be allowed to enroll in further classes.

Generally, students in the postbaccalaureate classification are not eligible for financial aid. Students who first register in the postbaccalaureate classification and later initiate the process to change to a degree program will be required to submit the Graduate Admission Application along with the application fee and necessary transcripts. The application will be reviewed by the Graduate College and the director of the degree program to which the student applied and the student will be notified of the decision.

Post Masters

Students who have received a master’s or higher graduate degree and wish to continue taking course work for graduate credit without pursuing another graduate degree. In this category, students should apply through the Extended Campus office or the Graduate College.

Readmission Requirements

The procedure for readmission of a graduate student who has not maintained continuous enrollment (summer excluded) is based on the period of absence.

1. **Applied and accepted, but never attended or completed a class as a graduate student.** If the time period has been less than one year, students may call the Graduate College and update their semester application (program exceptions are: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Counseling, Nurse Anesthesia, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Psychology, and Social Work). If the time period has been more than one year, students will need to reapply and repay the application fee.
2. **Return after 1 to 3 years.** Students remaining in the same degree program and returning after a 1 to 3 year absence may “quick admit” through any of the registration centers and register for classes for the semester they wish to return. Assuming there are no encumbrances on the student’s record, the registration official will update information and register the student. However, a few programs have a limited enrollment and students will not be able to return by the “quick admit” process. Programs that do not allow students to “quick admit” include: Counseling, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Nurse Anesthesia; Physical Therapy; Physician Assistant Studies; Psychology; Public Health; and Social Work. For these programs, students need to reapply and be readmitted by the department.
3. **Return after 3 years.** Students will need to reapply and be readmitted into the program. If at least one class was completed as a graduate student in the prior enrollment, no additional application fee will be required.
4. **Return after more than 8 years.** Students will need to complete and submit a new application form and any supporting materials which are needed by the Graduate College or the department. If at least one class was completed as a graduate student in the prior enrollment, no additional application fee will be required.
5. **Former Missouri State University master’s degree recipients.** Students returning to take additional classes and who are not seeking an additional degree may “quick admit” through any of the registration centers and register for classes for the semester they wish to return. These students will be classified as Post Master’s students. Students wishing to pursue an additional degree will need to complete and submit a new application form and any supporting materials which are needed by the department. No additional application fee will be required.

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GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In the first week of the semester of intended graduation, students must complete an application for graduation and submit it to the Graduate College. Graduation applications are available in the Graduate College or on the web at graduate.missouristate.edu (under “Forms”).

Master’s And Specialist Degree Requirements

To complete a master’s or specialist degree, a candidate must:

1. complete the minimum number of credit hours required for the graduate program (minimum hours for different programs range from 30 to 83). Keep in mind that courses taken for undergraduate credit may not be used on the Program of Study for a master’s or specialist degree;
2. complete at least one-half of the minimum semester hours in courses with no undergraduate parallel course;
3. attain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on all graduate work utilized in the degree program that includes Missouri State University and transfer courses;
4. satisfy a research requirement;
5. pass a comprehensive examination (applies to all programs except the MBA, MAcc, MS in CIS, MS in PAS and MS in Project Management);
6. and meet all additional program-specific degree requirements;
7. complete all requirements within an eight-year period (exclusive of time spent in the U.S. Armed Forces).

Doctoral Degree Requirements

The completion of a doctoral program indicates the attainment of the highest possible training and intellectual development in one’s discipline. As such, the rigor of a doctoral degree program is necessarily higher than that of a Masters degree program, and is set above the level that an average student would generally be able to attain. Because the requirements for completion of a doctoral degree are discipline-specific, and often linked to national accreditation standards, some programs may have higher/additional requirements. Nonetheless, minimal university-wide standards include:

1. All students must complete the stated courses and minimum number of required credit hours for the program. Keep in mind that courses taken for undergraduate credit may not be used on the Program of Study for a doctoral degree.
2. All students must complete a doctoral research project, to be directed by a faculty member from their discipline with Graduate Faculty in Research status.

3. In addition, each project will be supervised by a Doctoral Research Committee. Each will consist of at least two (2) additional faculty members with Graduate Faculty status (research, clinical/practitioner, or performance). For doctoral students who are completing a doctoral thesis, their committee will also have a fourth member from outside the department who has Graduate Faculty status in Research.
4. Presentation of the research results (thesis or project) at a forum approved by the department.
5. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all course work associated with the degree.
6. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive exam, as specified by the department.
7. Students must complete all degree requirements within an eight-year period (excluding time spent in the United States Armed Forces).
8. Students must meet all program-specific degree requirements (including research, practicum, comprehensive examination, etc).

Advisement

Graduate students are assigned an advisor at the time of admission. The advisor’s name and phone number are listed on the Admission Recommendation which notifies a student of acceptance into a program. In some cases, the graduate advisor will be changed once a student is fully matriculated into the program. This occurs most often when a research topic is chosen and it is appropriate for a different faculty member to direct that project.

The role of the graduate advisor is to:

1. assist the student in the selection of course work for his/her graduate program;
2. evaluate transfer credits as acceptable for meeting requirements;
3. recommend acceptance or rejection of all graduate course work toward the program of study as listed on the student’s Advisor-Approved Program of Study;
4. advise and assist the student -in comple-tion of all Missouri State University and departmental requirements for degree.

It is extremely important that students have early contact with their advisor and gain advisor approval before registering for classes. The advisor is a key person in helping individuals plan their graduate program, ensuring that classes fit the program, planning an appropriate class sequence, and providing other input that ensures a student is successful in their graduate program. All degree-seeking students must have the advisor complete an electronic release prior to registering via the web, in person, or by fax or mail registration.

Advisor-Approved Program Of Study

The student's Advisor-Approved Program of Study is a form listing all courses that will be used to fulfill degree requirements. A student may submit an Advisor-Approved Program of Study- at any time after having been admitted to graduate study in a degree program; however, it should be submitted to the Graduate College **before** 14 hours have been completed.

1. Program of Study forms are available online at graduate.missouristate.edu (under *Forms*).
2. It is essential that students meet with their advisor before completing the Advisor-Approved Program of Study.
3. Once the advisor has signed the Advisor-Approved Program of Study to show approval, it should be submitted to the Graduate College.
3. The student will receive a copy of the approved Program of Study from the Graduate College.
5. Changes to the Program of Study may be made by completing a Change of Advisor-Approved Program of Study form which can be obtained in the Graduate College or online at graduate.missouristate.edu (under *Forms*).
6. Grades of "C-" and below will not be applied to a student's Program of Study.
7. At least one-half of the minimum semester hours must be in courses with no undergraduate parallel course.
8. Courses taken for undergraduate credit may not be used on the Program of Study for a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree

Research Requirement

Most of the Missouri State University master's programs provide for either a Thesis or Seminar/Degree Paper Option as the research component to be completed in partial fulfillment of the degree requirements. Refer to specific departmental regulations in this catalog regarding their research requirements.

Thesis Option: A maximum of 6 hours of thesis credit shall be applied toward the minimum hours required for a master's degree. Guidelines explaining the requirements for the preparation of a thesis are available in the Graduate College or online at graduate.missouristate.edu (under Current Student Resources). Registration in a course number 799 and title designated "thesis" is limited to students pursuing completion of a thesis.

A thesis is supervised by the student's advisory committee, which consists of three to five persons. A minimum of three, including the chair of the committee, must be members of the Missouri State University Graduate Faculty. The thesis shall be approved by the committee and by the Graduate College before the degree is granted.

Seminar/Degree Paper Option: This option requires the completion of an extensive seminar/degree paper or creative work. The advisor for the degree paper must approve the final research paper. In some cases, evidence of fulfillment of the research requirement is shown through the successful completion of a certain course. In other instances, evidence requires the advisor to complete a Seminar Report form that is approved by the Graduate College. Students should check with their academic department to determine if this form is required. Departments may or may not require an advisory committee for students electing the seminar/degree paper option for meeting the research requirement.

Research Compliance Requirements: Missouri State University requires that all research involving human subjects in any way, regardless of the source of support funds, must be reviewed by the Protection of Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (IRB) before it is undertaken. Applicants are required to complete online training before engaging in projects involving human participants. The Privacy Rule of the Human Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) contains additional requirements for anyone conducting human participant research that involves protected health information; online training is available on HIPAA for researchers.

Research involving recombinant DNA techniques and other biohazards (e.g., infectious or venomous agents) must be reviewed by the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). The IBC reviews the proposed research and consults with researchers on biosafety procedures; trains faculty, staff, and students involved in biohazardous research to obtain compliance with appropriate rules; and does surveillance of laboratory accidents involving biohazardous agents.

The U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals requires institutions to establish and maintain proper measures to ensure the appropriate care and use of all animals involved in research, research training, and biological testing activities conducted or supported by the PHS. In accordance with this policy, the University requires that all projects proposing to use live vertebrate animals be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Participation in animal care and use training is required for anyone involved in using animals in research or teaching.

Students, faculty, and staff who work with animals in educational and research activities are required to enroll in the Animal Occupational Health and Safety Program. This includes those who handle or are exposed to animal tissues, fluids, secretions and/or excretions, as well as those who handle cages and other equipment potentially exposed to animal tissues or excretions.

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Complete information on training and documentation requirements can be found online through the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs website at www.srp.missouristate.edu. All required training and documentation must be done prior to initiating research. No research will be accepted by the Graduate College if these requirements are not met.

Comprehensive Examination

Comprehensive examinations will be administered at a time and place to be designated by the department (no later than two weeks before commencement).

1. To be eligible to take the comprehensive examination, a student must have an approved Advisor Approved Program of Study on file in the Graduate College and must have a 3.00 graduate GPA. The student's department will determine if the necessary 3.00 GPA has been acquired.
2. Comprehensive Examination Application/Result forms are available from the Graduate College or online at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu> (under Forms) and should be returned to the student's department upon completion.
3. The department will notify the student of the time and place of the examination. The use of various modes of technology during the exam, such as computer word processing, will follow the departmental policy and may vary from one graduate program to another.
4. The department will forward results of the examination to the Graduate College.
5. The student will receive written notification of the results from the Graduate College.

A student not passing the comprehensive examination may repeat the exam upon the recommendation of the advisor and the department head and with the approval of the Graduate College. Except for students in the MBA, the MAcc, the MSCIS, MS in PAS and MS in Project Management, a comprehensive examination must be passed by the candidate before a degree will be granted.

Transfer Credit

On a case-by-case basis, Missouri State may accept graduate credit earned at other regionally accredited institutions or well-established international institutions. Acceptance of transfer credits on a graduate degree program occurs through recommendation of the student's major advisor and approval of the Graduate College. Transfer hours may count for up to 30% of the Program of Study. The policy on transfer credit also applies to students who are currently enrolled in, but have not completed, a graduate degree program at another institution.

As with all credits applied toward a graduate degree, transfer credits must have been earned within the eight-year time limit for a degree program. Grades on transfer courses accepted in the degree program are included in the overall graduate grade point average.

Collaborative Agreements: The limitation on transfer credit may be superseded when the university develops a collaborative agreement with another institution for delivery of an academic program. In cases where Missouri State University shares program responsibility with another institution, both institutions may teach courses that might be applied to a degree program. For more information on a specific program, see the appropriate section of the catalog.

Second Masters Degree

A student who has been awarded a master's degree at Missouri State University or at another accredited institution may apply up to 9 hours of graduate credit earned on the first degree toward meeting the requirements of a second degree. This same policy applies to a student who is admitted to and working on two degree programs at Missouri State University at the same time. All courses must be approved by the advisor.

Anyone working on an advanced degree at another institution, but who has not completed the degree, may be approved to transfer up to 30% of the total hours required for the Missouri State University program of study. (See "Transfer Credit").

Grade Requirements for Degree

No course with a grade "C-" or below may be applied toward a graduate degree or graduate certificate. A graduate student becomes ineligible for graduate study if more than 9 semester hours of "C+" or lower are earned in graduate courses taken in the degree program, or if the student does not meet any additional specific degree retention requirements imposed by a department or program.

Graduation

The deadline for the Application for Graduation is the first week of the semester in which the student plans to graduate. A student is advised, however, to apply in advance of the semester that they intend to graduate.

1. Applications for graduation are available online at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu> (under "Forms") or in the Graduate College office. This form must be submitted to the Graduate College during the first week of the semester in which the student plans to graduate.

2. Students should work closely with the advisor to ensure that all of the degree requirements are met.
3. Student's not enrolled in classes during the semester they plan to graduate will be automatically enrolled in GEN 600. Students do not receive any course credit for GEN 600 and no enrollment fee is charged.
4. Students who have completed all course work and are only working on their research component may sign up for **GEN 798 (Active in Research)**. This zero credit course offered at a reduced fee (\$75) allows the following:
 - access to the library, including online services such as interlibrary loans, MOBIUS, and restricted access databases;
 - opportunity to purchase a parking permit; and
 - access to computer services and campus email.

GEN 798 is graded as "P" (pass) or "N" (if the student discontinues participation and is dropped from the course). A special permission form is required which includes approval by the student's advisor, department head, and the Graduate College.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Admission Requirements And Procedures

The minimum standard for admission to a graduate certificate program is a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by agencies recognized by Missouri State University Graduate College. Additional requirements and higher standards may be stipulated for specific graduate certificate programs and applicants should check for such requirements in the departmental section of this catalog.

To be considered for admission to a graduate certificate program, a student must complete the Graduate College Application (refer to the "Admission Procedures" section). If a student is currently attending Missouri State University in a degree-seeking graduate classification, no additional application fee will be required. Once the application is received by the Graduate College, the information will be sent to the Certificate Advisor for an admission recommendation.

Plan Of Study Form

Following admission to a certificate program, a *Plan of Study Form* will need to be submitted to the Graduate College. This form is available on the Graduate College website at graduate.missouristate.edu/certificates.htm.

The Plan of Study lists all of the courses to be used toward fulfillment of certificate completion requirements. A student should work with the certificate program advisor to complete the form, as signatory approval of the advisor is required. Keep in mind that courses taken for undergraduate credit may not be used on a Plan of Study for a graduate certificate. Completed forms should be submitted to the Graduate College. If it becomes necessary to change a course originally listed on the Plan of Study, a *Change of Certificate Plan of Study* form is required.

On a case-by-case basis, Missouri State University may accept graduate credit earned at other regionally accredited institutions. Acceptance of transfer credits on a graduate certificate program occurs through recommendation of the student's major advisor and approval of the Graduate College. No more than 6 credit hours may be transferred to Missouri State University as part of a certificate program. Collaborative programs may have different requirements. As with all credits applied toward a graduate degree, transfer credits must have been earned within the eight-year time limit for a degree program. Grades on transfer courses accepted in the degree program are included in the overall graduate grade point average.

Certificate Completion Requirements

A Notification to Complete a Certificate Program Form must be submitted to the Graduate College during the semester in which the student plans to complete the program requirements. This form is available at graduate.missouristate.edu/forms.htm.

To be eligible for a graduate certificate, a candidate must:

1. Complete the minimum number of hours required for the certificate program. Minimum hours for specific programs vary.
2. Attain a grade point average of at least 3.00 on all graduate work utilized in the certificate program (that includes Missouri State University and transfer courses).
3. Complete all requirements within an eight-year period (exclusive of time spent in the U.S. Armed Forces).
4. Meet all additional program-specific certificate program requirements.

The certificate is mailed to the student approximately three weeks after the end of the semester of completion. A hold will prevent the release of a transcript or certificate.

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SPECIAL ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Accelerated Masters

The Accelerated Master's degree option provides a transition that enables outstanding Missouri State University undergraduate students to begin taking graduate course work in their junior or senior year and thus combine components of the undergraduate and graduate curriculum.

Students must apply and be admitted to the accelerated master's program by the department and the Graduate College before enrolling for any courses to apply to the graduate degree. Graduate programs at Missouri State University offering an accelerated option are listed:

- Accounting (MACC)
- Biology (MS)
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Cell and Molecular Biology (MS)
- Chemistry (MS)
- Communication (MA)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (EDHH) (MS)
- Geospatial Sciences in Geography and Geology (MS)
- Global Studies (MGS)
- Material Science (MS)
- Mathematics (MS)
- Natural and Applied Science (MNAS)
- Nursing (MSN)
- Plant Science (MS)
- Project Management (MS)
- Public Administration (MPA)
- Religious Studies (MA)
- Theatre (MA)

Depending on the program, 6 to 12 hours of graduate credits will apply toward completion of the undergraduate degree requirements. This dual counting of a course for both undergraduate and graduate credit will only occur when a student completes a Mixed Credit form prior to the semester the course is taken. Students accepted into an accelerated program must complete a Mixed Credit form and submit it to a registration center at the time of registration. This form can be obtained from the student's department or the Graduate College, 306 Carrington Hall. Completion of this process is necessary for appropriate designation of course credit; this designation is a factor in Financial Aid determinations.

Missouri State University, Evangel University, Drury University, and Southwest Baptist University have entered into agreements that provide for undergraduate students at Evangel, Drury, or SBU to participate in Accelerated Masters programs at Missouri State. The SBU arrangement is limited to the Accelerated Master of Accountancy.

Under the Accelerated Master's degree option, a student will be fully admitted to the Graduate College upon completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Undergraduate students interested in the Accelerated Master's opportunity should contact their department or Graduate Admissions (417-836-5331) for admission information.

Senior Permission

Missouri State University seniors and visiting degree seeking seniors from another institution who are classified as non-degree seeking while at Missouri State, may be permitted to take 600- and above numbered course work for graduate credit. Senior permission enrollment is allowed during the last two semesters of a baccalaureate program upon the recommendation of the head of the department in which the course is offered and approval of the Graduate College. To be eligible, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work. Courses completed for graduate credit under Senior Permission cannot be applied toward an undergraduate degree.

A senior student may enroll in a maximum of 9 semester hours of graduate credit during a semester, with a maximum enrollment of 15 hours, including both undergraduate and graduate course work. Students may not complete more than a total of 12 semester hours of graduate credit under Senior Permission. Credit earned under Senior Permission can be applied toward a graduate degree at Missouri State University with this application of credits contingent upon approval of the head of the department in which the course is offered and the Graduate College. "Senior permission" forms are available from the Graduate College, 306 Carrington Hall and must be completed and submitted to a registration center at the time a student registers.

Teacher Certification

Students in any graduate classification who wish to seek teacher certification should contact the Teacher Certification Office (417-836-8772). This office provides a program evaluation service for initial certificates (evaluation fee required), and advisement and assistance to gain additional certifications and/or additional endorsements. Official transcripts from all previous colleges attended are required for students seeking initial certification.

Those desiring Missouri initial certification in any area authorized by the State Board of Education must:

1. successfully complete Supervised Teaching;
2. satisfy all Missouri teacher certification requirements which are in effect at the time of certification;
3. have a cumulative combined (both Missouri State University and transfer) GPA of 2.50 or higher;
4. receive a departmental recommendation for the certification area(s);
5. meet all criteria established by the Missouri State Board of Education exit evaluation procedures (Praxis II);
6. complete professional education courses with a GPA of 2.50 (Missouri State University and transfer combined) and no grade lower than a "C";
7. complete certification subject area(s) courses with a GPA 2.50 (Missouri State University and transfer combined) on a 4.0 scale.

Students seeking initial certification may be required to complete a web-based Professional Preparation Portfolio.

In some cases, part or all of the Missouri teacher certification requirements can be met with appropriate graduate courses. Students should inquire about these opportunities in secondary and special education. It may be advantageous to couple those courses meeting certification with a graduate degree program.

Master of Arts in Teaching: This is a secondary education program that provides a pathway to a master's degree while also obtaining teacher certification. (See the catalog description of this degree program.)

Special Education Certification: Students interested in pursuing initial certification in Special Education may enroll in a combined certification/Master's degree program. Students selecting this pathway will need to apply for admission to the MEd, Special Education, and work with their advisor to develop an appropriate Advisor-Approved Program of Study. Students seeking special education certification will need to choose from the following program options within the MEd in Special Education

- Special Education, Alternative Certification Track (SEACT). This program allows students to earn initial certification in Mild/Moderate, Cross Categorical Special Education (K-12).
- Visually Impaired Track (VIP). This program allows students to earn initial certification in Blind and Partially Sighted (Birth to Grade 12).

Graduate Internet Course And Program Offerings

Missouri State University offers two graduate degree programs online:

- Master of Science, Administrative Studies (core courses and all option areas except Environmental Management available online)
- Master of Science, Computer Information Systems

The course work for completing a major part of several other graduate programs also can be obtained online. These programs include:

- Master of Science in Education, Elementary Education
- Master of Science in Education, Special Education, Visual Impairment Track
- Master of Science, Project Management
- Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator role specialization
- Master of Arts, History, American Studies track

The following Graduate Certificate programs are available online:

- Conflict Dispute and Resolution
- Homeland Security and Defense
- Orientation and Mobility
- Project Management
- Sports Management
- Post-Master's Nurse Educator
- Technology Management

Internet courses and programs have undergone the same academic review and scrutiny as programs offered on campus and students taking Internet courses are supported through access to a variety of campus services including advising and registration, help-desk support, and library access. Students can access their courses anytime and anyplace, thus enabling students to study and participate in discussions and other course work whenever and wherever they choose.

Note: International Students must be enrolled in at least 9 hours to meet SEVIS requirements as a full-time student. Only 3 hours of online course work can be included in meeting this 9 hour minimum for full-time classification.

For additional information visit msonline.missouristate.edu or call 417-836-6111 or Toll Free 888-767-8444.

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Graduate Education Off-Campus

Selected graduate courses are taught on-site or by Interactive Video (ITV) delivery at several locations in the 24-county Missouri State University service area. Off-campus course locations include the Missouri State University West Plains Campus, Missouri State University Mountain Grove Campus, Lebanon, Nevada, Neosho, and locations as demand necessitates. The MBA program is delivered via ITV to West Plains, Lebanon, and Nevada. The Extended University Handbook gives a complete listing of off-campus graduate courses available in a specific semester (417-836-4128 or 1-888-879-7678).

Joplin Graduate Center

Missouri State University provides graduate education to students in the Joplin region through a variety of courses offered at the Joplin Graduate Center located on the Missouri Southern State University campus. Most courses are offered with the instructor on-site, while others utilize the Interactive Video (ITV) distance learning system. Five degree programs can be completed through work at the Joplin Graduate Center:

- Master of Science in Education, Elementary Education
- Master of Accountancy
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Arts in Teaching

In addition, selected graduate courses in educational administration, reading, special education, counseling, and several other disciplines are offered each semester.

Information on course availability can be obtained through the Graduate Center office in Joplin (417-625-3133), the Extended Campus (417-836-4126), or the Extended Campus Handbook published each semester.

Bull Shoals Field Station

The Missouri State University Bull Shoals Field Station is located on a tract of land overlooking Bull Shoals Lake in Taney County, Southwest Missouri. The nearby terrestrial and aquatic habitats are mostly undisturbed, comprising an ecosystem with considerable biodiversity. The Field Station provides a wide range of opportunities for research endeavors of graduate students in the natural sciences. Certain class activities and service programs utilize the Field Station as an integral component of the educational experience. For further information contact the Field Station Director, Dr. Janice Greene (PH: 417-836-5126 or JaniceGreen@missouristate.edu).

INTER-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIONS

Missouri State University and Missouri Southern State University Joint Master of Arts In Teaching

The two Universities cooperate in offering the Master of Arts in Teaching program in Joplin. This alternative and innovative masters/certification program is approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and fully accredited by NCATE. It provides students the opportunity to earn teacher certification in one of 20 different areas of secondary education while also completing a master's degree. Students completing this partnership program in Joplin receive a diploma issued by Missouri State University signifying completion of the cooperative program with MSSU. Refer to the Master of Arts in Teaching section of this catalog (Department of Reading, Foundations, and Technology) for additional detail (contact person: Scott Fiedler, 417-836-8772).

University of Missouri-Columbia Cooperative Doctorate In Educational Leadership

Missouri State University collaborates in a cooperative program with the University of Missouri - Columbia (UMC) leading to an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Courses for the degree are offered on the Missouri State University Springfield campus and on the UMC campus. The degree is conferred by UMC. (See Department of Counseling, Leadership, and Special Education for additional information.)

University of Missouri-Columbia Master of Arts in Library and Information Science

Through a collaborative agreement with the University of Missouri - Columbia (UMC), Missouri State University provides on-campus access to components of the M.A. in Library and Information Science. While the degree is offered by UMC, at least 6 courses in the program can be acquired on the Springfield campus. Contact Dr. William Edgar, Missouri State University Library, for partnership details (417-836-4529; billedgar@missouristate.edu).

University of Missouri-Columbia Doctoral Program in Plant Science

A cooperative doctoral arrangement is in place between the Department of Agriculture at Missouri State University and the Plant Sciences Unit at the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC). Upon completion of the M. S. degree in Plant Sciences at Missouri State University, students can apply for admission to the doctoral program in the Plant Sciences Unit UMC. If admitted, students are eligible to compete for graduate assistantships on the UMC campus. Although enrolled in an UMC degree program, students can continue at Missouri State University and conduct doctoral research programs under the advisement of faculty at Missouri State University who hold adjunct appointments in the Plant Science Unit at UMC. For further information, contact Dr. Anson Elliott, Department Head at 417-836-5638 or AnsonElliott@missouristate.edu.

Inter-University Accelerated Masters Agreements

Missouri State has collaborative arrangements with Evangel University, Drury University and Southwest Baptist University (SBU) that provide for qualified students from these institutions to be accepted and take courses in the Accelerated Master's program at Missouri State. This arrangement allows Evangel and Drury students who wish to obtain a master's degree in disciplines where Missouri State has an Accelerated Master's option to start taking courses at Missouri State before they finish the undergraduate program. Collaboration between SBU and MSU applies to the Accelerated Master of Accountancy only. Enrollment at Missouri State is simultaneous with students completion of the work at either Evangel, Drury or SBU.

In a similar collaboration, Missouri State senior students could start the Drury University M. A. in Integrated Marketing Communication.

Dual-Degree Plant Science Programs

China Agricultural University (CAU): Missouri State University and CAU in Beijing, People's Republic of China, have an articulation agreement where CAU plant science graduate students can complete a portion of the CAU program and then be selected to enter the M.S. in Plant Science at Missouri State. These dual-degree students will subsequently complete both the CAU and Missouri State master's degrees in plant science. (contact Dr. Wenping Qui, 417-926-4105)

Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University (NAFU): Missouri State University and NAFU in Yangling, Shaanxi, China have an articulation agreement whereby master's students of the NAFU plant science program will complete a portion of the NAFU program and then enter the M.S. in Plant Science at MSU. These dual-degree students will subsequently complete both the NAFU and Missouri State master's degrees in plant science. (contact Dr. Wenping Qui, 417-926-4105).

Alliances Between Missouri State University Academic Departments and Other Regional Universities

Chemistry: A cooperative agreement between the chemistry departments at Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC) facilitates the acceptance of master's degree graduates from Missouri State University into the doctorate program in chemistry at UMC. Contact Dr. Alan Schick, Department Head, for details at 417-836-5506 or AlanSchick@missouristate.edu.

Mathematics: Post-Master's students may transfer up to 18 credit hours of mathematics and statistics course work taken at Missouri State University to the Missouri University of Science and Technology (MST) toward a doctoral program. The course work will focus on the subject matter covered by the MST Qualifying Examinations in statistics or mathematics. For information, contact Dr. Yungchen Cheng, Department Head, Mathematics (417-836-5112 or YunghenCheng@missouristate.edu).

International Program Alliances

International School for Management Studies: ISMS, located at Chennai (Madras) in southern India, is a sister institution to the Madras School of Social Work and is under the sponsorship of the Society for Social Education and Research (SSER) in Chennai. The partnership is a twinning agreement that facilitates entrance of graduates of Indian universities into Missouri State University's MBA. The 24-credit hours of MBA foundation courses may be completed at ISMS and the remaining 33 hours of the MBA program will be completed in Springfield.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management: LBSIM is located in New Delhi, India. The Missouri State-LBSIM agreement facilitates admission into the MBA program similar to the arrangement with ISMS in Chennai. The provisions of this twinning arrangement also provide opportunities for the exchange of business students and faculty at the graduate level, development of a joint-MBA in International Business with students from both institutions participating in course work at the two campuses, and other mutually beneficial programs.

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Institutions in South America: Missouri State University has entered into twinning programs with the *Instituto Brasileiro de Mercado de Capitais (IBMEC)*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and *Universidad de Las Americas (UDLA) - SYLVAN® International Universities*, Santiago, Chile that offer excellent opportunities for faculty as well as graduate and undergraduate students with Portuguese (Brazil) and Spanish (Chile) language competencies to take part in faculty/student exchanges.

Beijing University of Technology: Missouri State University and Beijing Tech have an agreement that facilitates joint research projects for graduate students and faculty. A particular focus is in materials science, and this relationship enhances the opportunity for students from both universities to do their thesis research in the environment and laboratory facilities of the other university.

National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU): Missouri State University's Department of Political Science and the Graduate Institute of Political Science at NSYSU in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, have a student exchange agreement. This relationship facilitates Missouri State University students taking courses at the Graduate Institute of Political Science of NSYSU, and likewise NSYSU students are aided in the opportunity for graduate studies at Missouri State.

Strategic Research and Educational Partnerships with China Universities

Missouri State University has a number of strategic partnerships with universities and institutions in China. The primary partnership universities include: China Agricultural University, Liaoning Normal University, Qingdao University, Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University, and Henan University of Finance and Economics. In addition, MSU has a research partnership with the Ningxia Forestry Institute in Yinchuan which operates the State Key Laboratory of Seedling Bioengineering. Students from the strategic partner universities qualify for the International Partners Scholarship described in more detail on page 56.