

Overview



HISTORY AND LOCATION

The University was established by statute in 1873 as the “Third District Normal School” with a mission of educating teachers for the public schools of the region from St. Louis to the Bootheel of Missouri. By legislative enactment in 1919, the institution became “Southeast Missouri State Teachers’ College” and was authorized to grant degrees. The name “Southeast Missouri State College” was adopted on September 21, 1946, by permission of the General Assembly. The expanding educational mission of the school was reflected in the latest name change on August 24, 1972, when the Board of Regents, acting under authority from the legislature, approved the name “Southeast Missouri State University.”

Cape Girardeau, the home of Southeast Missouri State University, is situated on the Mississippi River and is one of the most historic cities in Missouri. The earliest European settlement dates to about 1733, and the town of Cape Girardeau was incorporated in 1808. The city offers a variety of cultural, recreational, educational, and health facilities to its nearly 40,000 residents and serves as the principal commercial center for a wide area with a population of more than 250,000, providing numerous employment opportunities for students.

The University’s main campus of over 328 acres includes the more than 100-year-old landmark building, Academic Hall, situated on a hill overlooking the city and the river. A second campus, located on a river bluff south of Cape Girardeau’s historic downtown area, was opened in 2007 and houses the University’s Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts. The River Campus includes the Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Regional Museum and four state-of-the-art performance venues – the 950-seat Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall, the 205-seat Robert and Gertrude Shuck Recital Hall, the 200-seat Wendy Kurka Rust Flexible Theatre, and a dance studio with a 125-seat capacity. The University has developed the David M. Barton Agriculture Research Center, a 252-acre demonstration farm west of Cape Girardeau. In addition, the University has three regional campuses south of Cape Girardeau -- at Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston -- and it administers the Perryville Area Higher Education Center where classes are taught by faculty from both Southeast and Mineral Area College.

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Mission: Southeast Missouri State University provides student-centered education and experiential learning with a foundation of liberal arts and sciences, embracing a tradition of access, exceptional teaching, and commitment to student success that significantly contributes to the development of the region and beyond.

Vision: Southeast Missouri State University strives to be one of the nation’s most academically competitive regional comprehensive universities, recognized for excellence in education, engagement, research, and creativity.

Values:

Student Success – Southeast Missouri State University values student-centered education and experiential learning through engaged and adaptive modes in and beyond the classroom in a safe, friendly, supportive environment that offers academic and career achievement for our students.

Excellence – Southeast Missouri State University values sustained commitment to quality teaching, research, and creative activities integrated into impactful academic and cocurricular programs that offer students a transformative educational experience.

Access and Diversity – Southeast Missouri State University values access to affordable, high-quality education with a diverse student body, faculty, and staff that respects and celebrates a diverse learning community in a global society.

Community – Southeast Missouri State University values an engaged campus learning community committed through shared purposes and service; sustained by respect, accountability, and adaptability; and strengthened through collaborative partnerships that extend the expertise and accomplishments of faculty, staff, students, and alumni beyond the campus.

ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Southeast Missouri State University is fully accredited by:

- NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
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- Higher Learning Commission Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)

The University holds specific program accreditations from:

- AACSB INTERNATIONAL – THE ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS
- ABET, Inc.
- ACEJMC - ACCREDITING COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS
- AND/ACEND – ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS/ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
- ACS - AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
- ASHA/CAA - AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION/COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION IN AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
- ATMAE – ASSOCIATION OF TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND APPLIED ENGINEERING
- CAATE – COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION
- CACREP - COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF COUNSELING AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- CAEP – COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION (formerly NCATE)
- CCNE - COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION
- CEPR/PRSA – CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA
- COSMA – COMMISSION ON SPORT MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION
- CSWE - COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION
- NASM - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF MUSIC
- NAST – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF THEATRE
- NAEYC – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN
- NCFR/CFLE – NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS/CERTIFIED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATOR
- NIBS – NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOLS
- NKBA – NATIONAL KITCHEN AND BATH ASSOCIATION
- NRPA/COAPRT - NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION/COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM, AND RELATED PROFESSIONS

The institution is a member of:

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- American Association of State Colleges & Universities
- American College Personnel Association
- American Kinesiology Association
- American Society for Engineering Education
- Association of College and University Housing Officers-International
- Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
- Associate of Student Conduct Administration
- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
- College Board
- College and University Professional Association for Human Resources
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education
- Council for Opportunity in Education
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Council of Graduate Schools in the United States
- Educause Learning Initiative
- Fulbright Association
- Higher Learning Commission
- Midwestern Higher Education Compact
- Missouri Academy of Science
- Missouri Association of Colleges of Nursing
- Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel
- National Association of College Admission Counseling
- National Association of College and University Food Services
- National Association of College Auxiliary Services
- National Association for Campus Activities
- National Association of Charter Schools Authorizers
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- National Association of College & University Business Officers
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
- National Collegiate Athletic Association
- National College Access Network
- National Collegiate Honors Council
- Ohio Valley Conference
- Society for Human Resources Management – Southeast Missouri Chapter
- Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

With approximately 70,000 alumni in all 50 states and nearly 80 countries, the Southeast family stays strong through shared experiences, fond memories and exciting opportunities for lifelong involvement. The Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Association works to support alumni and keep them connected to the University they call home.

In its efforts to advance Southeast's mission of becoming the University of First Choice, the Alumni Association has extended complimentary membership to all alumni which include a variety of services. The "Magazine of Southeast Missouri State University" is a 32-page, full-color magazine published twice a year. The magazine includes feature articles, updates on campus news, and profiles of alumni, faculty and other members of the Southeast family. The alumni website, www.iAMSoutheast.com, and the Alumni Association's social media websites allow alumni to stay personally and professionally connected to one another. These services, along with many others, are provided free to Alumni Association members of Southeast Missouri State University.

The Aleen Vogel Wehking Alumni Center at 926 Broadway is located in the building formerly occupied by Cape Girardeau's First Baptist Church. During the fall and spring semesters, the Alumni Center is generally open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Spring break and summer hours for the center are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed during major holidays and also the week between the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Alumni Relations Department may be reached at (573)651-2259 or via email at alumni@semo.edu.

For more information on the Alumni Association, visit www.iAMSoutheast.com.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

A state-assisted institution, Southeast Missouri State University receives only a portion of its funding from state revenue, tuition and auxiliaries. The remainder is raised by the Southeast Missouri University Foundation in the form of private gifts by alumni and friends who believe in bringing students a high-quality education that ensures students experience success in our global society.

Since its founding in 1983, the University Foundation has worked diligently to raise and manage funds

for the betterment of Southeast Missouri State University and its students that support:

Scholarships and financial aid that help make a Southeast education even more affordable for future students;

Faculty advancement, including continuing education funds, endowed faculty chairs and classroom resources;

Technology upgrades that bring the newest technology to students in all disciplines; and

Facilities improvements that guarantee students and faculty will have the best environment in which to learn and grow.

For more information on the Foundation and ways to support Southeast, visit www.semofoundation.org.



