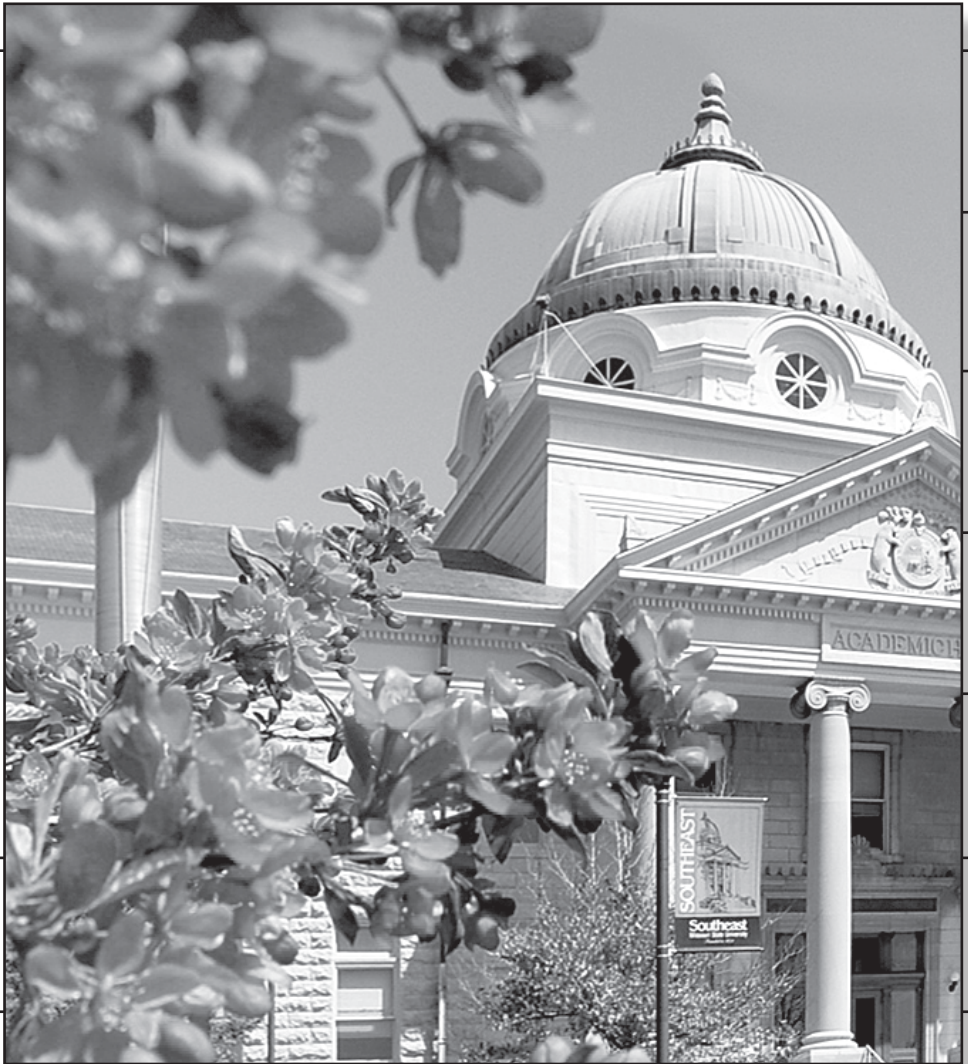


Overview



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 over 250,000, providing numerous employment opportunities for students.

The University’s main campus of over 300 acres includes the 101-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 new 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 is developing a new, 252-acre demonstration farm west of Cape Girardeau and is in the process of converting an existing 400-acre farm on Interstate 55 north of Cape Girardeau into a new research village. 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, ROLE AND SCOPE

Southeast Missouri State University provides professional education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences and in practical experience.

The University, through teaching and scholarship, challenges students to extend their intellectual capacities, interests, and creative abilities; develop their talents; and acquire a lifelong enthusiasm for learning. Students benefit from a relevant, extensive, and thorough general education; professional and liberal arts and sciences curricula; co-curricular opportunities; and real-world experiences. By emphasizing student-centered and experiential learning, the University prepares individuals to participate responsibly in a diverse and technologically-advanced world and in this and other ways contributes to the development of the social, cultural, and economic life of the region, state and nation.

ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Southeast Missouri State University is fully accredited by:

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The University holds specific program accreditations from:

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- AAFCS – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
- ABET – ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
- ACEJMC - ACCREDITING COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION
- ACS - AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
- ADA – AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION
- ASLHA - AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION
- CAATE – COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION

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.

