

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 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 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 has developed the David M. Barton Agriculture Research Center, a 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 with a global perspective; professional and liberal arts and sciences curricula; co-curricular opportunities; and real-world experiences. By emphasizing student-centered and experiential learning, the University, in collaboration with other entities as appropriate, 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.

Becoming the University of First Choice

Southeast Missouri State University will be the university of first choice for students, faculty, staff, and employers in a geographical area that includes eastern Missouri and surrounding states. The University will be nationally recognized as a leader among all area higher education institutions in serving the agriculture, arts, business, education, health, human service, science, and technology needs of that region.

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 – ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
- ACEJMC - ACCREDITING COUNCIL FOR

EDUCATION IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

- ACS - AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
- ADA – AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION
- ASHA - AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION
- 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
- CADE - COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR DIETETICS EDUCATION
- CCNE - COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION
- CHRIE – COUNCIL ON HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION
- CSWE - COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION
- NASM - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF MUSIC
- NAEYC – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG CHILD
- NCATE – NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION
- NRPA/AAPAR NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION/AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATION

The institution is a member of:

- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- American Association of State Colleges & Universities
- American Council on Education
- Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
- College Board
- Council of Graduate Schools in the United States
- Educause
- Fulbright Association
- Higher Learning Commission
- National Association for Campus Activities

- National Association for College Admissions Counselors
- National Association of College & University Business Officers
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
- National Collegiate Athletic Association
- National Collegiate Honors Council
- The Renaissance Group

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

With more than 60,000 alumni, 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 offers a variety of services to alumni and friends. 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. iAMsoutheast is an interactive online community that allows alumni to stay personally and professionally connected to one another. Both services, along with many others, are provided free to all alumni and friends of Southeast Missouri State University.

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.

