

Academic and Student Services

Middle Tennessee State University has a large and beautifully landscaped campus of approximately 500 acres and 172 permanent buildings totaling over 4.5 million square feet. Campus buildings are shown on a map printed in this catalog.

Alumni Association

The mission of the Middle Tennessee State University Alumni Association is to foster sound relationships between the University and its alumni and to provide a strong force for the advancement and support of the University by its alumni. A board of directors governs the association and the Alumni Relations Office facilitates the programs and services of the association. Establishing and promoting scholarships is an ongoing endeavor of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Relations Office is located at 2259 and 2263 Middle Tennessee Blvd. Visit www.mtalumni.com or call 1-800-533-MTSU.

Department of Art Slide Library

Located in Andrew L. Todd Hall 223, the Slide Library is a resource for the art faculty and for the University population at large. The library's 50,000 slides and 8,000-image digital database include examples of art from the prehistoric to contemporary eras.

Athletics

The MTSU athletics program strives for excellence in the development of its student-athletes and the quality of its several sports teams. The program supports the academic, athletic, and social education of its student-athletes by encouraging them to develop the values of respect for themselves and others and to take pride in achievement and making positive contributions to the communities in which they live.

MTSU is committed to quality athletic programs that bring the campus community together and promote a sense of pride and tradition in academic and athletic excellence. Athletics also brings the University regional and national recognition and provides a link between the University and its alumni and the community at large. It helps generate alumni and public support for all aspects of the University. The athletics program provides quality faculty and leadership to campus programs. It gives students, faculty, and alumni opportunities for innovative public service activities such as the "Reading Raider" program, which has partnered with area elementary schools to promote student reading skills. It uses athletic, financial, and physical resources to maintain and develop athletic programs to accomplish the mission of the University.

The University is a member of the Sun Belt Conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association, competing in NCAA Division I in all sports. MTSU is represented annually in baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, tennis, indoor track, and outdoor track for men and by basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track, and volleyball for women.

Both full-time and part-time students are admitted to all home football, basketball, and baseball games by presenting their valid ID cards at the gate. Athletic events in other sports require no admission and are open to the public and campus community. The ticket office is located at Floyd Stadium Gate 1A. Additional ticket information can be obtained by phoning (615) 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU or visiting GoBlueRaiders.com!

MTSU's Title IX coordinator is Forrestine Williams, 220 Cope Administration Building, (615) 898-2185.

Cafeterias

Four University locations offer wholesome food for students at reasonable rates: the Grill in Keathley University Center; RFoC (Real Food on Campus), McCallie Dining Hall in Corlew; RaiderZone, James Union Building; and CyberCafe in Woodmore. There are four additional satellite locations for take-out foods and beverages in Walker Library, Business and Aerospace, Bragg Mass Communication, and Lightning's Limo in the Floyd Stadium breezeway near Murphy Center. They are operated for the benefit and convenience of the students, faculty and their guests and other guests on the campus who may be attending conferences or other official functions. Several different meal plans are available for those who are interested.

Career and Employment Center

The University provides a year-round, centralized placement service for students and alumni through the Career and Employment Center located in Keathley University Center, Room 328. Satellite offices can be found in the following locations: Jennings A. Jones College of Business, BAS S123; College of Basic and Applied Sciences, JH 309; College of Education and Behavioral Science, KUC 328; College of Liberal Arts, TODD 226; College of Mass Communication, COMM 130. The program is designed to assist prospective graduates and alumni in securing career positions. Each year employers from business, industry, government, and education conduct on-campus interviews with students in the Career Center. Other placement services include the development of reference files for credentials, career job listings, part-time and summer employment opportunities, and the career library. Students seeking part-time jobs in the community may apply through the Student Employment Center, (615) 898-2500. Referrals to prospective employers will be made. Students may visit the Career and Employment Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~career.

Center for Historic Preservation

One of two Centers of Excellence at MTSU, the Center for Historic Preservation (histpres.mtsu.edu/histpres) was established in 1984. It is a research and public service institute committed to the preservation, protection, enhancement, and sensitive promotion of the historic environment. Through its varied projects, programs, and activities, the center responds directly to the needs and concerns of communities and organizations working to include heritage in their future economic development strategies. Providing leadership and assistance on a local, state, regional, and national basis, the center's work falls within four initiatives.

Rural preservation recognizes the unique heritage, resources, and problems of rural areas and small towns. The overall goal is to create a heritage infrastructure for successful, long-term project development in small towns that have outstanding resources but lack the expertise to use heritage resources for cultural and economic improvement. National Register nominations for individual buildings, historic districts, and cemeteries are an ongoing priority of this initiative. The Tennessee Century Farm Program, established in 1985 in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, is centered on program expansion, new publications, agritourism potential, and regional conservation planning for farms that have been in the same family for at least 100 years. The Rural African American Church Project, established in 1997 in partnership with African American heritage groups and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is a continuing project that documents the state's historic black churches.

Heritage education addresses the use of local historic resources as teaching tools in the K–12 grades. The center works closely with school systems and community heritage organizations to guide and assist them in preservation and education projects. The center administers *Teaching with Primary Resources in Tennessee*, a program of the Library of Congress that promotes the classroom use of the digital images of this vast national collection across the state. The center director also serves as the senior editor of the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, a valuable tool for high school and college teachers.

The **Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area** (histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar) was created by Congress in 1996. The Heritage Area focuses on the preservation, interpretation, and heritage development of the multiple legacies of the Civil War and Reconstruction era in Tennessee. The center is the only university unit in the nation to serve as the administrative head of a National Heritage Area, which are partnership units of the National Park Service. The Heritage Area provides technical services to institutions, agencies, and property owners across the state and develops funding partnerships with groups, governments, and institutions which work with the center to establish joint projects and programs of long-lasting benefit to the state and nation. As part of the Heritage Area effort, the center plays an active role in the Alliance of National Heritage Areas and assists the alliance's Heritage Development Institutes, which are professional training workshops held across the nation. The alliance provides support for student interns who participate in the workshop programs.

Heritage diversity focuses on incorporating the stories and traditions of all Tennesseans into the history and preservation of the state. Identifying, documenting, and assisting in the interpretation of historic African American schools, cemeteries, farmsteads, and businesses and contributions to the arts are a part of this initiative. National Register documentation of Tennessee and southern sites associated with the civil rights movement are continuing projects. Women in architecture and preservation as well as women involved in farming across the state are important issues addressed by the center. The center works with the National Park Service to document and develop preservation alternatives for National Register-eligible properties along the Trail of Tears in Tennessee. In cooperation with the MTSU Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the center has partnered with archaeology staff and students on projects associated with the sensitive interpretation of sites of prehistoric Native American habitation.

Graduate-level staff teach two historic preservation courses each year for the Department of History and direct a large number of theses. The center funds a limited number of graduate research assistantships and fellowships each year. Graduate and undergraduate students work at the center to assist staff on a variety of applied research and public service projects, gaining valuable interdisciplinary experience to supplement their in-class training. The Downtown Heritage Center in Murfreesboro, provides a learning lab for students to address real-world issues in preservation and history.

The center's largest history project, *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture* Online Edition, is a partnership among the center, the Tennessee Historical Society, and the University of Tennessee Press. With ongoing revisions, the encyclopedia Web site is a comprehensive reference for the state's history.

Center for Popular Music

The Center for Popular Music (CPM) is an archive and research center devoted to the study of American popular music from the Colonial era to the present. It was established in 1985 as one of sixteen Centers of Excellence at universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents system. The center's mission is to promote research and scholarship in American popular music and to foster an appreciation of America's diverse musical culture. To carry out this mission, the CPM maintains a large research library and archive; presents public programs that interpret various aspects of American vernacular music; engages in original research projects; and disseminates the results of research through publications in various media.

The CPM's library and archive is one of the largest and best popular music research collections in the country. Materials in the center's archive and library fall into three broad categories. First are extensive holdings of the various types of media in which music has been fixed and sold as a commodity. These include print materials such as sheet music, song books, song broadsides and songsters, and sound recordings in formats ranging from cylinders to compact discs. The center's sound archive is one of the largest in the country and consists of approximately 170,000 commercial sound recordings as well as

many hours of unique unpublished recordings of music and interviews. The CPM's sheet music collection of approximately 70,000 items is the largest in the Southeast, and its library of gospel songbooks is one of the most extensive of any repository not associated with a religious organization. Second are various materials that are needed to study popular music in all its musical, cultural, historical, technological, and commercial contexts, including items such as photographs, posters, playbills, concert programs, trade catalogs, news clippings, and personal papers of musicians, songwriters, and business people. Third are books, periodicals, and other reference materials about popular music. The center has one of the largest and most comprehensive libraries of books and periodicals about popular music in the country.

Materials in the center's collection do not circulate but are available to anyone doing research on American popular music. The center's resources support undergraduate, graduate, and faculty research in a variety of disciplines and departments. In keeping with one of the aims of the Centers of Excellence program, the Center for Popular Music serves as a research resource for people far beyond the bounds of the University. Center staff members have fielded research queries from every state in the union and from foreign countries representing every continent except Antarctica. Authors, journalists, media producers, performers, and students writing dissertations have all made use of the center's archive and library.

The center's public programs include lectures, conferences, symposia, and concerts of contemporary and historical popular music.

Child Care Lab

The MTSU Child Care Lab, located in the Womack Lane Building on Homecoming Circle, provides quality care for children ages 3–5 whose parents are MTSU students. In the Fall and Spring semesters, first priority is given to families who need Monday/Wednesday/Friday care OR Tuesday/Thursday care; second priority is given to families who need full-time care (Monday–Friday). In the Summer term only, first priority is given to students who need full-time child care. In addition to educational programming, a hot lunch and two snacks are provided daily. The MTSU Child Care Lab serves as a lab/observation experience for students enrolled in various MTSU courses. Hours of operation are Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., whenever classes are in session (including finals). For more information, call (615) 898-2970 or visit the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/childcare.

Disabled Student Services

Disabled Student Services offers a wide variety of services to students with disabilities. The office acts as an advocate for disabled students at the University, surveying the needs of these students and developing programs to meet those needs. Information and assistance can be obtained by calling (615) 898-2783, visiting the office located in Keathley University Center, Room 120, or by visiting the Disabled Student Services Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~dssemail. MTSU's ADA/504

coordinator is Watson Harris, 119 Cope Administration Building, (615) 898-5366.

Endowed Chairs

Several academic programs are enriched through the establishment of Chairs dedicated to the support of a particular discipline. The chairholders may be full-time faculty members or may be individuals from the appropriate business or professional field who are on campus for special seminars or lecture series.

Two Chairs, funded by gifts to the University Foundation, are administered through the Economics and Finance Department, of which the chairholders are members. More information is available through that department. The Chairs are

Martin Chair of Insurance
Weatherford Chair of Finance

MTSU houses nine **Chairs of Excellence**, established with a combination of private, University, and state funds. They are

The Jennings A. Jones Chair in Free Enterprise

Jennings A. Jones College of Business

The Jennings and Rebecca Jones Chair in Urban and Regional Planning

Jennings A. Jones College of Business

The John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies

College of Mass Communication

The Dr. Carl Adams Chair in Health Care Services

Interdisciplinary

The National HealthCare Chair in Nursing

School of Nursing

The Robert E. and Georgianna West Russell Chair in Manufacturing Excellence

Engineering Technology Department

The Katherine Davis Murfree Chair in Dyslexic Studies

Interdisciplinary

John C. Miller Chair in Equine Reproductive Physiology

School of Agribusiness and Agriscience

Mary E. Miller Chair in Equine Health

School of Agribusiness and Agriscience

Albert Gore Sr. Research Center

The Albert Gore Sr. Research Center preserves and makes available for research a variety of historical documents and photographs. Its collections focus on the history of politics and public policy and on Middle Tennessee State University and the region it serves. The Gore Center assists a variety of researchers, including undergraduates; graduate students; MTSU administrators, faculty, and other scholars; the media; and citizens of the local community. The center is named for Albert Gore Sr. (B.S., MTSU '32), whose papers from his Congressional career (1939–1970) form the largest and one of the most important collections in the repository.

Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center

This recently renovated facility houses Student Health Services, MTSU Campus Pharmacy, and the Recreation Center.

Student Health Services accommodates students on an outpatient basis only. Students must be enrolled at the time they seek service to be eligible for care. Services include consultation for individual problems and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, lab tests, FAA physicals, women's health clinic, and a dispensary. Health Services personnel include board certified physicians, certified mid-level practitioners, and registered nurses. Appointments are available by calling (615) 898-2988.

MTSU Campus Pharmacy, a part of Health Services, serves students, faculty, and staff and their dependents. A drive-through option adds to the convenience.

Recreation Center, considered one of the best facilities in the region, includes the Campus Recreation Office, which administers a comprehensive recreation program for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and MTSU affiliate members. After a recent \$34 million expansion, the facility is now almost 220,000 sq. ft. There are new office areas; a multi-purpose room for wellness education programming and meeting; six basketball/volleyball courts; six racquetball courts; a three-lane indoor track; a 4,000-sq.-ft. aerobic room; and a 2,800 sq. ft. sport club/dance room; more than 10,000 sq. ft. of free weights; a 4,000 sq. ft. cardio room with a variety of exercise machines; an expanded outdoor equipment rental area; an indoor swimming pool, 33 meters x 25 yards, with water slide and diving board; a new equipment checkout area; locker rooms; a rock-climbing wall; a 4-ft. deep outdoor swimming pool and sun deck with four sand volleyball courts adjacent; and a challenge course that also includes an Alpine climbing tower.

Campus Recreation also maintains several intramural fields for competitive opportunities between campus groups and organizations. A Sports Club Complex on East Main Street also offers recreational opportunities for specific sport teams. This complex houses a sports club facility, running/walking track, and four sports fields.

The Recreation Center is open seven days a week but is closed during Fall Break, Thanksgiving holidays, Christmas holidays, and Spring Break. The schedule may be adjusted during other University holidays and for certain special University events. More information on programs or the center may be obtained by contacting the Campus Recreation Office at (615) 898-2104 or by visiting www.mtsu.edu/~camprec.

Housing and Residential Life

More than 3,200 students in 22 residence halls and apartments make their homes on the MTSU campus. Information may be obtained from Housing and Residential Life, Keathley University Center 300.

Philip C. Howard Music Library

Located within Instructional Media Resources in McWherter Learning Resources Center, Room 101, Howard Music Library houses audio and video recordings and equipment, musical scores, and reference materials. Anyone with a valid MTSU ID may borrow scores. Recordings circulate only to faculty and staff but may be used by anyone in-house. The Howard Music Library is part of the School of Music. (See also School of Music in this catalog.)

Information Technology

The MTSU Information Technology Division (ITD) supports computing and information technology resources on campus. ITD manages the campus network and MTSU's primary academic and administrative computing systems; provides telecommunication services for the campus; promotes and supports instructional technology, including faculty consultation and training and maintenance support for all campus technology-based classrooms; provides technical support and training for the use of microcomputer hardware and software; provides a 24/7 help desk during the semester; supports MTSU's primary administrative applications including student information, human resources, finance, PipelineMT, and the data warehouse; and administers the STA (Student Technology Assistant) program, the campus ID system, and the MTSU Web site.

Any MTSU student or faculty or staff member may have an account on the central server for accessing on-campus resources and state, regional, national, and international networks including the Internet. Students may activate their accounts at www.mtsu.edu/changepw, on any Internet-accessible computer. The account will be ready to use within 10 minutes. Faculty and staff accounts are created upon completion of an application. The application forms are available online at www.mtsu.edu/itd/forms and at the Information Technology Division Office, Cope Administration Building, Room 3.

For more information, call the ITD help desk at 898-5345 or e-mail help@mtsu.edu.

Instructional Media Resources (Media Library)

Instructional Media Resources (IMR), located in McWherter Learning Resources Center, Room 101, manages a large collection of videotapes, DVDs, laserdiscs, audio tapes, CDs, and CD-ROMs. It also features study rooms and carrels, an open computer lab with both Macintosh and Windows computers, laser printers and scanners, and typewriters available for walk-in use by faculty and students. Faculty members may check out all materials, reserve IMR materials, and place their own multimedia resources on reserve in the Media Library for use by their students. Staff and students may view video materials in the Media Library and may check out audio materials.

Instructional Technology Support Center

The Instructional Technology Support Center (ITSC), in the McWherter Learning Resources Center, provides facilities, training, and support for the use of instructional technology by MTSU faculty, MTSU students, and K–12 teachers. The ITSC consists of several related units and facilities, including Audio/Visual Services, Instructional Media Resources, two computer labs, a graduate student multimedia development center, a twenty-first century classroom, and a satellite web-casting center.

Two PC computer labs and one PC/Macintosh computer lab are available in the ITSC for use by faculty and students. A description of the hardware and software in the computer labs and a monthly listing of open hours are posted on the ITSC Web page (www.mtsu.edu/~itsc). Graduate students can create multimedia projects or presentations at four multimedia development stations in the ITSC.

Audio/Visual Services maintains an inventory of audio/visual equipment for faculty check-out, repairs campus audio/visual equipment, provides dubbing services, records off-air programming for classroom use, and supports satellite services. Audio/Visual Services also offers professional video production services for MTSU faculty and administrators, including studio production, remote production, postproduction, and satellite uplinks and downlinks.

Instructional Media Resources (Media Library) - See above.

The **Satellite and Webcasting Center** offers quality educational programming to K–12 schools by satellite to many rural Tennessee counties and by cable television to viewers in Rutherford and other middle Tennessee counties. We also webcast our programs to viewers across the state. The satellite facilities can be scheduled by units across campus for local, statewide, or national broadcast of special events and programs. Both digital and analog C-band transmission options are available.

Intercultural and Diversity Affairs

The Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs provides a welcoming and supportive environment for minority students. The office also serves as a link between ethnic minority students and the University community. The mission of the Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs is to provide support services for students; to assist in achievement of life goals; and to increase academic, social, cultural, moral, and physical development. In addition, the director of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs is an advocate for the needs of the ethnic minority student population. Services offered include registration assistance, financial aid, counseling, academic referral, tutoring, mentoring, and programming in multicultural awareness. More information may be obtained by calling (615) 898-2987 or writing to MTSU P.O. Box 88, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 or by visiting the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mulcuaf/.

Keathley University Center and James Union Building

The Keathley University Center and James Union Building are service-oriented buildings for the use of the campus community. Services and facilities include

- a modern, self-service bookstore;
- a complete-service post office with individual mailboxes available;
- a mini-market with a variety of snacks;
- meeting rooms, ballroom, and auditorium for clubs, organizations, and campus-sponsored programs;
- diversified programs which include movies, musical groups, speakers, dances, and cultural events all planned and presented by student committees; and
- food services including the Keathley University Center Grill and James Union Building banquet and luncheon services.

Libraries and Archives

Numerous library and archive resources are located on the MTSU campus. Copying of materials housed in these facilities is permitted only in compliance with federal copyright statutes and in accordance with departmental rules and regulations. Resources include the Department of Art Slide Library, Center for Popular Music, Gore Center, Howard Music Library, Instructional Media Resources, Walker Library, and Women's Studies Library. Detailed information about each is in this section.

McWherter Learning Resources Center

The McWherter Learning Resources Center provides the opportunity for a different approach to learning. Completed in 1975, this unique 65,000 square-foot facility received national recognition for the award-winning design and is still considered a model by other institutions throughout the region. The McWherter Learning Resources Center is the primary facility for teacher education programs and provides instructional technology support to faculty and programs at MTSU as well as area school districts.

In addition to the Instructional Technology Support Center, the support areas of Photographic Services and Publications and Graphics have the dual responsibility of producing materials for classroom use and for serving the entire University community's photography and publication needs. Also housed in the facility is the WMOT-FM radio station.

Off-Campus Student Services Center

The Off-Campus Student Services Center serves as an information and referral center for students, especially for those returning to formal studies or beginning college for the first time as adult learners. The center is an advocate for the needs

of adult learners. Workshops designed to help the adult learner succeed in entering college are offered. Located in Keathley University Center, Room 320, the center helps make available the services of various other University offices to students on campus at hours other than regular business hours. Students may pick up a variety of forms so that their concerns may be forwarded to the appropriate offices. The center also provides a place to meet and share ideas with other adult learners. A student organization called OWLS (Older Wiser Learners) is coordinated through the center. Additional information is available by calling (615) 898-5989.

Murphy Center

Charles M. Murphy Center is a multipurpose building for instruction, recreation, athletics, and convocations. This versatile structure provides facilities that enhance total health, physical education, recreation, and safety programs as well as hosting outstanding athletic and entertainment events. The complex includes the Monte Hale Basketball Arena, two auxiliary gymnasiums, four handball courts, classrooms, two dance studios, an indoor track, men's and women's dressing rooms, and weight training equipment.

Statement of Community Standards and Expectations

Middle Tennessee State University is committed to the ideal of developing and nurturing a community of scholars. The choice to associate or affiliate with the MTSU community is freely made by students, staff, and faculty; nevertheless, it is assumed that each person who joins the community will accept and practice the following core values and expectations:

1. **Value of Honesty.** The notion of personal honesty and academic integrity is central to the existence of the MTSU community. Community members will not engage in cheating, plagiarism, or fabrications of any type. All members of the community will strive to achieve and maintain the highest standards of academic achievement.
2. **Respect for Diversity.** The MTSU community is composed of individuals representing different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and cultures. The community embraces and celebrates this diversity as a pillar of its strength.
3. **Commitment to the Community.** Citizens of the MTSU community will be good stewards of the University's resources and will not engage in conduct which damages or exploits the community.
4. **Freedom of Expression.** The MTSU community is a marketplace of ideas and opinions. Community members are encouraged to freely communicate their ideas and opinions concerning issues both within and outside the community.

Student Access to Educational Records

This policy may be found on page 49 of this catalog.

James E. Walker Library

James E. Walker Library is an important resource for a quality education. The centrally located facility, opened in January 1999, contains print and electronic research collections and a variety of services to support course assignments, term papers, general reference, projects, and student research. Through partnerships and carefully selected databases, the library provides access to a broad selection of information and research from both local and worldwide sources. The building offers a variety of individual and group study areas as well as close to 300 computers for accessing information resources. Special features of the library include group studies, two instruction rooms for learning how to use library resources, Special Collections, and an Adaptive Technologies Center to meet needs of students with disabilities.

Librarians are available to help with reference, research, and information questions. Students are encouraged to ask for help. With a University ID card and PipelineMT account, students can access all books, periodicals, and electronic databases in the library collection from within the building and from their campus dorms, and most library resources are available from off-campus locations. Classes as well as individual instruction sessions are offered on the use of library resources, and research guides are published to provide further information about collections and services.

More information can be found on the library's Web site at <http://library.mtsu.edu/> or by calling (615) 898-2772.

Women's Center

The June Anderson Women's Center (JAWC) has been serving individuals at MTSU since 1977. The office is located on the main floor of the James Union Building, Room 206, and provides a safe space for students to meet together, discuss issues, and organize projects. The JAWC offers information and referral services that connect individuals with needed campus and community resources including a free legal clinic available to all MTSU members each month during the academic year and a yearly *Fellowships, Grants, and Scholarships for Women* booklet. Staff members and volunteers organize a number of campus programs on gender, diversity, and empowerment issues, such as a monthly career/professional development brown bag series and annual events that raise awareness of sexual assault, domestic violence, body image, and women's contributions to society. Students are invited to attend JAWC activities, and the office has a student volunteer program available to those interested in getting more involved. Additional information about the Women's Center's activities or services is available by calling (615) 898-2193 or by visiting www.mtsu.edu/~jawc.

Women's Studies Program Library

The Women's Studies program, located in JUB 308, maintains a collection of materials related to women's and gender studies. Most volumes circulate.