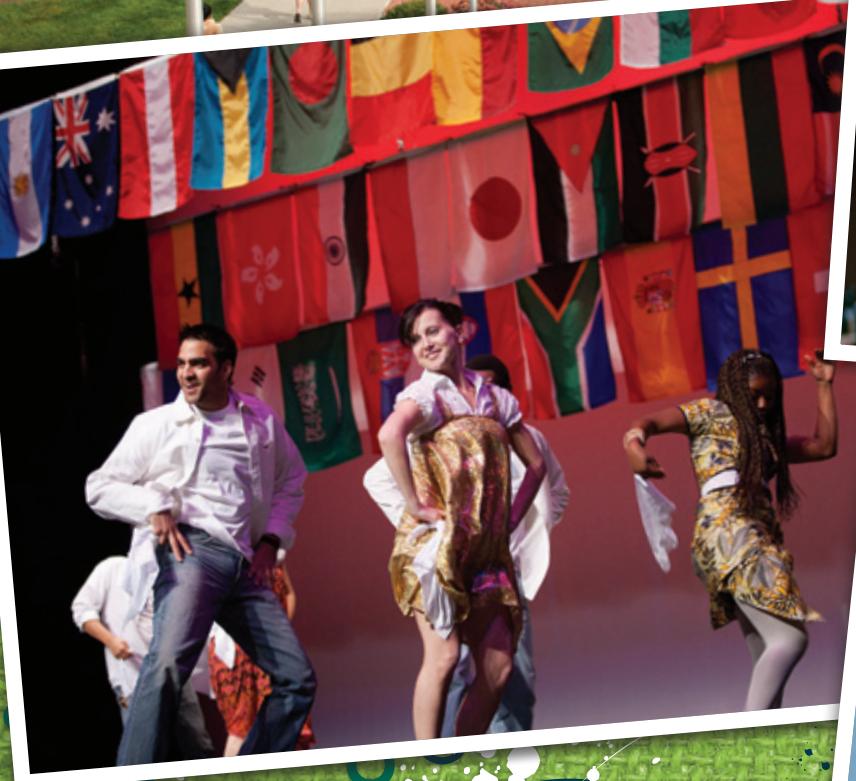


NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

EXPERIENCE NORTHWEST

International Student Guide / ESL / Undergraduate / Graduate





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NONDISCRIMINATION

Northwest Missouri State University does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, national origin, color, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status. The University also affirms its commitment to providing equal opportunities and equal access to University facilities without reference to affectional or associational preference. For additional information on nondiscrimination policies, contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, 800 University Drive

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The background of the page is a high-angle aerial photograph of the Northwest Missouri State University campus. The campus is a mix of modern and traditional architecture, including several large brick buildings, smaller administrative structures, and modern dormitory-style residence halls. It is surrounded by a mix of green lawns, trees, and paved roads. Beyond the campus, the town of Maryville, Missouri, is visible, featuring a grid of streets, residential houses, and some larger commercial buildings. The overall scene is a blend of academic and community life.

Founded in 1905, **Northwest Missouri State**

University is a fully-accredited, coeducational, primarily residential, regional university offering a broad range of undergraduate and select graduate programs. The University's academic programs place special emphasis upon **business, computer science, geographic information science, agriculture, mass communication, biology and teacher education.**

Northwest also offers innovative interdisciplinary programs including majors in **nanoscale science** and **interactive digital media.**

As a Northwest Missouri State University student, you will receive a well-rounded education through **small classes** where the professors know your name using innovative hands-on learning experiences. Northwest offers **124 programs of study**, and **72 percent of classes have fewer than 30 students.** This means you have the same academic opportunities as you would at a large school, but with more individual attention from faculty who teach full-time.

At Northwest, learning extends beyond the classroom. Students research alongside growing businesses in the **Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship**, students staff numerous University **publications** and the campus **TV station** and **two campus radio stations** employ students. In addition, more than 900 students build their résumés through **jobs right on campus.**

Students at Northwest are involved in campus leadership. More than **70 percent of students actively participate** in more than **150 student organizations**, and more than 800 students donate their time to **volunteering and service learning** every year. Involvement isn't limited to upperclassmen, either. Whether through a student organization, research opportunities, on campus job, hands-on learning experiences or service learning, **students become involved starting their freshman year.**

Through the **living, learning and working experiences** at Northwest, we **celebrate diversity** as an opportunity to broaden cultural experiences, enhance understanding of cultural perspectives and value each person's heritage.

WELCOME TO NORTHWEST



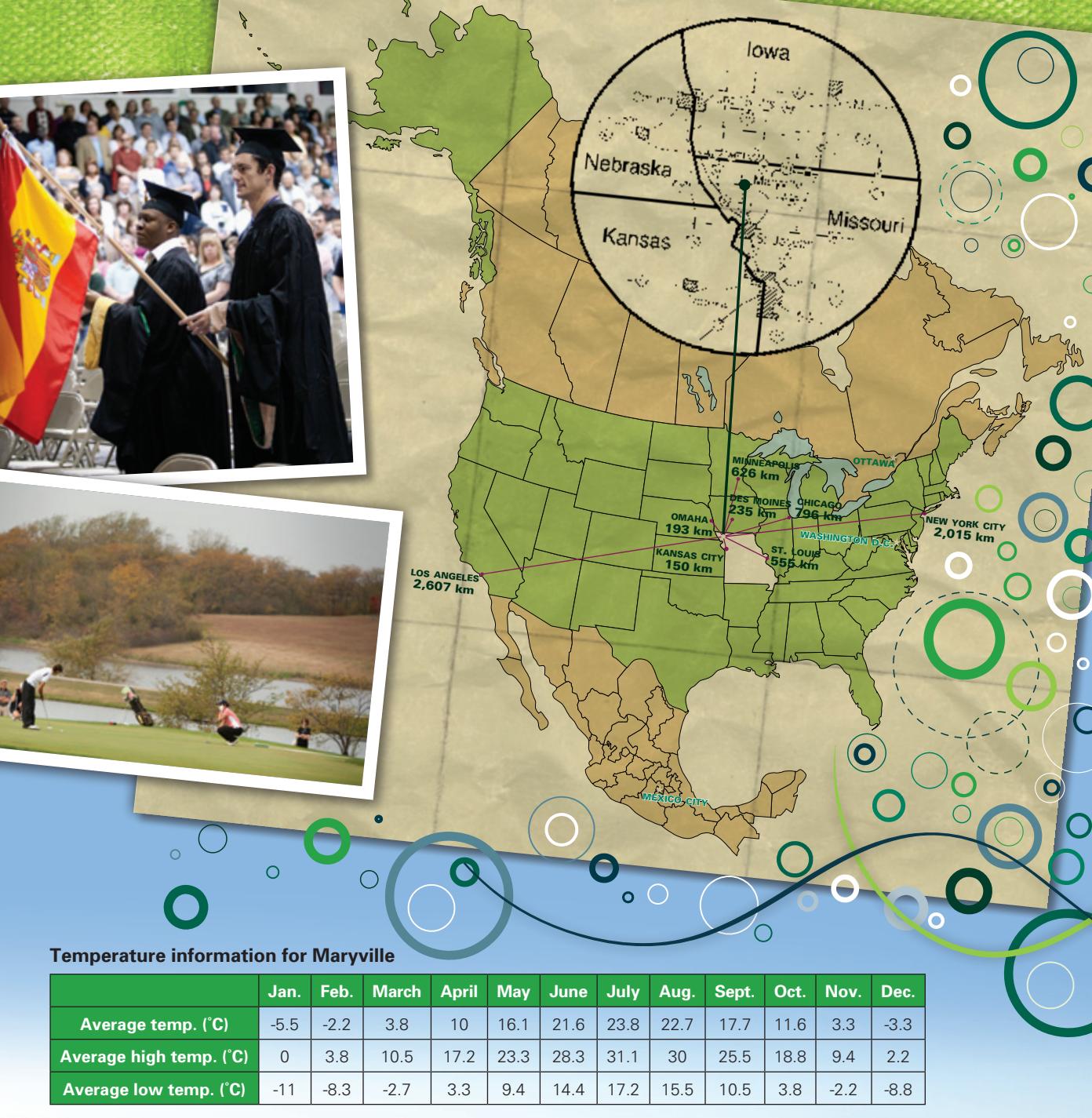
LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Northwest Missouri State University is located in Maryville, a town of about 11,000 in northwest Missouri.

Northwest is designated as the Missouri Arboretum. Flower gardens also beautify the campus during the growing season. The campus has 14 major academic buildings, nine residence halls and a wide variety of service and recreational facilities.

Northwest is a classic American university environment where students feel safe and supported in order to succeed.





WHY NORTHWEST?

Northwest focuses on student success – every student, every day.

HOW?

EXCELLENT FACULTY FOCUSED ON YOUR SUCCESS

- 95% of all tenure and tenure-track faculty have the highest degree in their field.
- 100% of classes are taught by full-time professors, not graduate assistants.
- The average class size is 27, allowing professors to know you by name and provide one-on-one instruction.
- Our student-to-faculty ratio of 22-to-1 allows our faculty to serve as your academic advisor, professor, student organization advisor and colleague.
- Our faculty members have posted office hours, so you know when your professors are available to meet with you.
- Our students and faculty stay in contact long after graduation.

HIGH QUALITY STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- All full-time students are provided modern wireless laptops. State-of-the-art computer labs across campus feature the latest hardware and software necessary for your success. There are wireless hot spots in public areas of all major buildings on campus. Residence hall rooms support wireless access as well as high-speed wired access.
- General labs equipped with computers are located in the library and in academic buildings.
- There also are specialized labs on campus, including a Pentium lab for upper-division computer science classes, Macintosh labs for graphic design and student publications, and an interactive chemistry and mathematics lab.

OWENS LIBRARY

- Throughout the library, areas for group and private study and reading are available as well as academic support services. Together with the latest computers and an exhaustive catalog of holdings, the library is a dynamic learning environment you can use daily.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

- Offered to students who need extra assistance to gain entrance to the University, or for students wishing to improve their English skills, the English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides its students with linguistic skills they will need to be successful at Northwest and the academic skills and information that will help them succeed.

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

SAFE:

- All exterior residence halls' doors are secured 24/7 with an electronic access system. Resident Assistants conduct rounds throughout the building each night. Campus police also offer a protective escort to students' vehicles or back to their residence halls if needed.

SUPPORTIVE:

- Free transportation is available via a shuttle to go to places around Maryville for shopping and entertainment.
- Recreation facilities are available both on and off campus. Community amenities include 11 parks, an aquatic center, an 18-hole public golf course, a 1,000 acre recreational lake, a bowling alley. On campus

amenities include basketball courts, student recreation center featuring a variety of weightlifting equipment, racquetball courts and workout stations, an indoor running track, outdoor tennis courts, soccer fields and other facilities in several locations on campus.

- A variety of entertainment opportunities include academic and diversity speakers, corporate headliners, Hollywood entertainment including comedians, films, acts and concerts. Cultural events such as symphonies, professional artists, ballets and Broadway plays bring artistic diversity to campus.

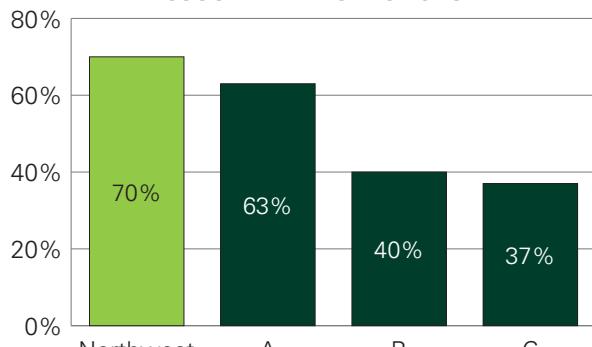
SUPERIOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES:

- The International Affairs Office creates and provides professional and interculturally competent services to international students. Beginning with acceptance into the University and continuing years past graduation, the office is honored to serve you. Services include visa application assistance, airport pickup, orientation, University policy interpretation, social and academic advisement, immigration assistance, career choice and beyond. International students report the International Affairs Office is their home away from home.



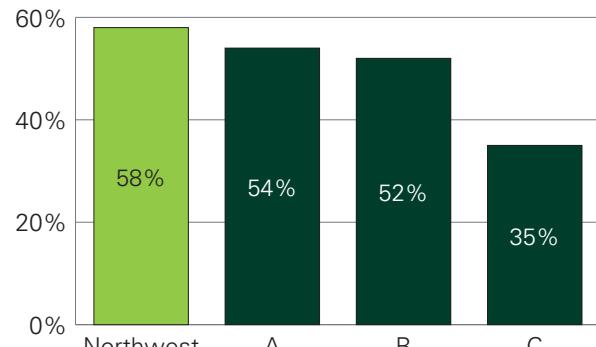
WHERE STUDENTS SUCCEED

FRESHMAN SUCCESS RATE FOR MISSOURI PEER INSTITUTIONS



Northwest has a higher freshman success rate than other moderately selective universities in Missouri*. 2009 cohort

SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE FOR MISSOURI PEER INSTITUTIONS



Northwest has a higher graduation rate than other moderately selective universities in Missouri*. Publish 2009 (National average 45%, source: ACT, Inc.)

STUDENT SATISFACTION

- On a national survey given to thousands of college students each year, Northwest freshmen ranked the University No. 1 in 10 of 12 areas.
- Northwest ranked No. 1 in academic advising, campus climate, concern for the individual, campus life, support services, instructional effectiveness, registration effectiveness, recruitment and financial aid, student centeredness and service excellence.



CAREER CONNECTION

95 percent of Northwest's undergraduates and 97.1 percent of graduate students report that they have secured employment or are continuing their education within six months of graduation.

Additionally, more than 50 of our majors boast a 100 percent placement rate.

Northwest Career Services office will assist you in selecting a major, finding an internship and landing full-time employment after graduation. Services offered to students include:

- Career counseling/assessment
- Résumé critiques
- Interview skill workshops
- Internship participation
- Mock interview days
- Career days
- Education Expo
- On-campus interviews

Northwest graduates are in demand. Our alumni work at many of the world's top employers, including:

- Google
- Citibank
- Sprint PCS
- Cerner
- Apple
- Microsoft
- Yahoo!
- Intel
- Garmin
- Hallmark

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

More of our students, on average, succeed in the classroom in their first year and feel like Northwest was the right fit for them. Not only do our students choose to attend Northwest, but they are happy with their experience once they set foot on campus. It also means more of our students finish their education and find jobs.



Northwest alumnus Bobby Gumm works as a music supervisor creating movie trailers for Hollywood hits.

THE UNITED STATES ACADEMIC SYSTEM

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Northwest's academic year is divided into three equal semesters: fall, spring and summer trimesters.

The fall trimester begins in late August and ends early December. The spring trimester runs from mid-January to early May. Summer trimester classes are offered in four sessions, (May, June, July and August) each lasting about four weeks.

Each term is a complete unit of study requiring examinations and completion of coursework. Grades are recorded on your permanent record at the end of every term.

PREPARATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

U.S. citizens normally enter a college or university after a 12-year span of elementary and secondary schooling that begins at age 5. Applicants from other countries should have similar academic backgrounds. In particular, mathematics and science subjects should have been studied at the secondary level.

THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

This university degree usually takes four to five years to complete.

All bachelor's degrees include three types of coursework: general education in the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities; coursework in a field of specialization called the major subject; and elective courses that are chosen on the basis of individual interest. The major is often combined with one or two related areas of study called minors. Together they form the student's field of concentration.

THE MASTER'S DEGREE

If you have excelled at the undergraduate level, you may wish to continue your studies through graduate work. Generally, application to a graduate or professional school is made

after receiving the bachelor's degree or during the final year of undergraduate study.

Students entering graduate school often study the same subject that they majored in as undergraduates. Students who choose a new graduate program area subject may be required to complete undergraduate courses in that subject (without graduate credit) to make up deficiencies in background. The master's degree is generally completed within two years.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

A class period, normally 50 minutes long, may be devoted to a lecture, a group discussion or an examination.

The professor may devote the class period to lectures on material not included in the readings or to discussion of important points from the assigned readings. All texts, reference books and lectures are in English, except in foreign language courses and graduate research courses that use original sources in another language.

The type and number of examinations in a course are usually determined by the individual professor. Tests may be given one or two times during the trimester in addition to the final examination (often comprehensive) at the end of the trimester.

CREDITS

Credit earned toward a degree is expressed in semester hours and is used to determine undergraduate class standing. Bachelor's degree programs require a minimum of **124** semester hours. Each course is worth a certain number of semester hours of credit. This often, but not always, corresponds to the number of hours spent in class each week.

For each hour in class, however, students usually spend two to three hours in independent research and study.

The master's degree requires approximately 32 to 45 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree and may require a thesis and/or comprehensive assessment.

COURSE LOAD

An undergraduate course load is typically 12 to 16 academic hours of credit per trimester. A typical graduate course load is nine to 12 hours of credit per trimester. Course loads may vary with individual circumstances. However, full-time enrollment for the fall and spring trimesters is required of international students by U.S. immigration regulations.

Undergraduates must be enrolled in and successfully complete at least 12 hours of credit per trimester to be considered full-time students. Graduate students must be enrolled in and complete at least nine credit hours.

THE MARKING (GRADING) SYSTEM

The quality of work done by students is recorded at the end of each term in the form of a letter mark or grade. The grade indicates the degree of proficiency you have achieved in each course as determined by examination, research papers and class participation.

The following marks are used in evaluating student work:

- A superior
- B above average
- C average
- D below average
- F failure
- W official withdrawal
- P pass on a pass/fail system
- NC no credit
- AT audit
- I incomplete

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

FINANCES

Before deciding to attend Northwest, examine your financial situation carefully.

The Department of Homeland Security and Department of State require Northwest to certify that international students have been accepted for full-time enrollment and have sufficient funds to meet all expenses: tuition, housing and transportation. Northwest requires the statement of support and bank statement from the student's family, sponsor or government.

The financial statement certifies that funds for tuition, room and board, as well as personal funds are available and that the student is permitted to export and exchange those funds into the United States. An I-20 form will not be issued without this certification.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Since encountering financial difficulties pose particular problems to international students, the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State require international students to show sufficient funds to meet all financial needs they will encounter while in the United States. This requirement is intended to help students avoid financial problems after arriving. If a student's plans include fellowship or scholarship support from a sponsoring agency, he or she must complete all arrangements necessary to secure such support before the visa interview.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The University's sources of financial assistance to international students are limited. There is no need-based financial assistance available for undergraduate international students. However, there may be academic-based scholarships available to students with exceptional scores on the ACT or SAT.

Graduate students at the University may apply for graduate assistantships. Graduate assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis. Interested students should complete a graduate assistantship application available through the Graduate Office.

United States embassies and major binational culture centers can provide information about other sources of financial aid. Students may wish to contact the Institute of International Education, Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities, American Friends of the Middle East, African-American Institute and the American-Korean Foundation.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All international students at Northwest will be charged for the University-managed health insurance plan upon enrollment. A reasonably priced group insurance plan with provisions for either individuals or families is negotiated specially through the International Affairs Office. Travel insurance to cover airline changes, lost baggage, etc., is suitable to travel here, but no other insurance will be accepted to waive the insurance charge. See fee sheet for cost information.

Health insurance is necessary to help cover the extremely high cost of medical care in the United States. It is imperative to have resources to cover

costs of possible accidents or unexpected illnesses. In addition, international students are strongly advised to provide health insurance for any dependents accompanying them to the United States. Plans also are available for a student's spouse and children at additional cost. Students learn about the insurance plan details during orientation, and you can learn more at www.nwmissouri.edu/iic/international/future.htm.

NOTE: Except for an extremely limited number of students in exchange programs, short term non-degree programs and government-sponsored students (Finnish, ISEP, Saudi, Swedish), ALL degree seeking students will be charged insurance upon enrollment.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DURING EDUCATION

Employment opportunities for students holding F-1 visas are limited. F-1 students may work on campus a maximum of 20 hours per week during the school year. Many students do so, but the number of on-campus jobs is limited and the pay is usually minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour.

F-1 students can work off campus only with governmental permission. This permission is difficult to obtain and is not granted during the first academic year of an international student's stay in the United States.

AFTER GRADUATION

International students pursuing employment post graduation are expected to understand and follow the work eligibility criteria of their visa.

The International Affairs Office is the University's resource for all visa-related questions.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

Check out these sites for Four-Year Course Plans www.nwmissouri.edu/advancementassistance/4yearplan.htm and What Can I Do With An Interest In... www.nwmissouri.edu/advancementassistance/interest.htm.

DEGREES

Undecided
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Bachelor of Music Education
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Clinical Lab. Sciences
Bachelor of Technology
Two-Year Certificate Program
Bachelor of Science in Education
Deficiencies for Graduate Program
NCATE Certification: available at all educational levels

Finance:
Corporate Finance
Financial Computing
Financial Management
Financial Services
Foods and Nutrition: Dietetics
Geographic Info. Science:
Civic/Public
Data and Technology
Earth Technology
Emergency Response Mgmt.
Geographic
Geography
Geology: Environmental
Geology: General
History
Horticulture
Industrial Psychology
Interactive Digital Media:

Instrumental Music Education:
Non-Piano
Piano
Mathematics Education
Middle School
Physical Education
Social Science
Spanish
Special Ed.: Cross Categorical
Speech/Theatre Education
Unified Science:
Biology
Chemistry
Earth Science
Vocal Music: Piano
Vocal Music: Voice

Comprehensive Crisis Response
Computer Applications
Computer Networking
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Data Management
Deaf Studies
Economics
English
English: Writing
Environmental Science
Family Life and Resource Mgmt.
Food Service
General Business
Geographic Information Science
Geography
Geology
Gerontology
History
Horticulture
Humanities
Individualized Language
Interactive Digital Media
International Studies
Journalism
Mathematical Sciences
Military Science
Music
Nutrition
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Precision Agriculture
Psychology
Public Administration
Public History
Recreation
Sociology
Spanish
Sport Psychology
Systems Management
Theatre
Writing

MAJORS - B.A., B.F.A., B.S.

Undecided
Accounting—Private Industry
Accounting—Public
Advertising
Agricultural Business
Agricultural Science
Agronomy
Animal Science
Animal Science (Pre-Vet)
Art:
Graphic Design Specialization
Studio Specialization
Biology:
Botany
Cellular-Molecular
Ecology
Environmental Science
General Biology
Marine Biology
Psychology
Zoology
Business Economics
Business Management
Business Technology:
Interactive Digital Media
Management
Networking
Chemistry ACS
Chemistry:
Biochemistry
General Chemistry
Medicinal
Child and Family Studies
Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Communication:
Interpersonal Communication
Organizational Comm.
Public Relations
Rhetoric
Comprehensive Crisis Response
Computer Science
Economics
English

+ program falls under Pre-Professional Zoology
 * RN to BSN completion program
 ** completion program partnership with St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology, Kansas City

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Chiropractic+
Pre-Dental Hygiene
Pre-Dentistry+
Pre-Engineering
Pre-Forestry
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine+
Pre-Mortuary Science
Pre-Nursing
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Osteopathic & Allopathic Therapy
Pre-Pharmacy+
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Radiology
Pre-Respiratory Therapy
Pre-Speech Pathology
Pre-Veterinary Medicine+

TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Farm Operation
Information Systems
Business Technology

MINORS

Admin. of Child Care
Advertising
Agricultural Science
Agronomy
Animal Science
Art
Biochemistry
Biology
Broadcasting
Chemistry
Coaching
Commercial Agriculture
Communication:
Interpersonal Communication
Organizational Comm.
Public Relations
Rhetoric
English Education

TEACHING/EDUCATION MAJORS - B.S. ED, B.M.E.

Agricultural Education
Art Education
Biology Education
Business Education
Chemistry Education
Elementary Education
English Education

TEACHING/EDUCATION MINORS

Art Elementary
Art Secondary
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Early Childhood
Earth Science
English
Health
Marketing and Cooperative Education
Mathematics
Middle School Science
Physics
Spanish
Speech/Theatre

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ARTS – M.A.

English
English: English Pedagogy
English: Speech
History

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – M.B.A.

M.B.A.
M.B.A.:
Ag. Economics
Information Technology

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION – M.M.E.

Music Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE – M.S.

Agriculture
Applied Computer Science
Applied Health and Sport Science
Biology
Recreation

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION – M.S. ED

Educational Leadership:
K-12
Elementary
Secondary
English: Speech
Guidance and Counseling
Health and Physical Education
Reading
Special Education
Teacher Leadership
Teaching: Agriculture
Teaching: Early Childhood
Teaching: Elementary Self-contained
Teaching: English Language Learners
Teaching: English (option II)
Teaching: History
Teaching: Instructional Technology
Teaching: Mathematics
Teaching: Science

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Elementary Principalship
Secondary Principalship
Superintendency

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Alternative Certification
English Language Learners / English as a Second Language
Instructional Technology
Special Education Administration

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Doctor of Education±

± cooperative program with the University of Missouri



ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES



ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students entering Northwest are required to have reading, writing and conversational knowledge of the English language.

If your native language is not English, you must meet minimum score requirements on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Pearson Test of English (PTE).

	Graduate	Under-graduate
Paper-based TOEFL	550	500
Internet-based TOEFL	79	61
Academic IELTS	6.5	5.5
PTE	53	44

Students who do not meet the minimum language requirement may enroll in our English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

NOTE: Students from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (South Asia) are considered native English learners who must demonstrate English language proficiency in order to gain full acceptance.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The application and documentation (see page 14) must be received by the Office of Admissions prior to the deadline noted. Applications not complete by the deadline will be considered for the next admission session. These deadlines allow for the evaluation of transcripts for admission and for transfer of credit, review of graduate applications by the respective departments, time to process, send and receive an I-20 and time for the student to obtain a visa.

Fall Trimester July 1

Spring Trimester Nov. 15

Summer Trimester April 1

FRESHMAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS

International freshman admission is evaluated on an individual basis. The integrity of the students' native educational system is respected in regard to the university entrance requirements in the native country. We base our admissions decisions on class grades received in secondary school and school leaving examinations and certificates. Admission is offered to students who possess academic qualifications equivalent to American first-time freshmen. Students not eligible for university admission in their native country will not likely be granted admission to Northwest.



For comparison purposes, admission requirements for domestic first-time freshmen must include the following:

1. A minimum high school grade point average of 2.00 or "C" average and;
2. A college-preparatory curriculum in secondary school, including courses in mathematics, science, language and social studies.

You will be notified of your admission status after all of the required documents are received in the Office of Admissions.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENTS

To be admitted as a transfer student, you must have a grade point average of 2.00 or "C." Transfer students with less than 24 semester hours of transferable college coursework will be considered on the basis of both secondary and post-secondary coursework. Students transferring from an American university must be in good standing with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. See pages 14 and 17 for a complete list of admission requirements.

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Whether the undergraduate degree is from an international university or from an American university, graduate students also should submit items one through eight listed on page 14. The prerequisites for consideration for graduate school are:

1. A baccalaureate-level degree from either an accredited American university or one recognized by the Ministry of Education (international institution).
2. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. (GPA requirements may be higher, please see catalog for specific program requirements).
3. A score report from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) as required by program. See specific graduate admissions requirements online at www.nwmissouri.edu/graduate/admissionReqs.htm.

The maximum graduate credit accepted for transfer is nine semester hours in no more than four courses.

For more information on graduate programs, go to www.nwmissouri.edu/graduate.

I-20 FORM

Student visas should be obtained before entering the United States, as converting from a tourist visa to a student visa is not assured.

An I-20 Form will be prepared for the applicant after the application and all necessary information has been received and the Office of Admissions has taken favorable action on the application. The I-20 Form cannot be prepared before the application is officially reviewed.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



In order to be considered for admission to Northwest Missouri State University, the following materials must be received. The University requests this information for the purpose of processing your application for admission.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Go to www.nwmissouri.edu/admissions/intl/application.htm to access the online application.
2. \$50 (U.S. currency) application fee - nonrefundable processing fee required of every applicant. It must accompany your application in order for your request for admission to be considered. All fees must be paid in U.S. dollars in either a check drawn on a U.S. bank, a U.S. Postal Service money order or an international money order made payable to Northwest Missouri State University. Fees are also payable online via credit card.
3. Official transcripts from every secondary school, college, university, technical/vocational institute or professional institution attended** (all records must be certified and translated into English). Syllabi (course descriptions) are required for undergraduates transferring from universities outside the U.S.
4. A copy of your passport.
5. Official test score reports (ACT/SAT; GRE/GMAT; etc.) if available. GRE/GMAT scores are required for graduate students.**
6. Completed financial data, including statement of support and bank statement.**
7. Official TOEFL, IELTS or PTE score report (for non-native speakers of English).**
8. Transfer recommendation form (if transferring from within U.S. from another U.S. SEVIS-approved school to Northwest).

**These items are not considered official if received electronically or by fax: academic records, standardized test scores and bank statements.



Send all application material to:

Office of Admissions
Northwest Missouri State University
800 University Drive
Maryville, MO 64468-6001 USA

Telephone number:
+1 660.562.1149
Fax**: +1 660.562.1821
Email: admissions@nwmissouri.edu

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

RETURNED TO NORTHWEST WITH BANK STATEMENT

(Application instruction #6)

In consideration of and exchange for the admission of _____ who
(student's name)
is my _____, as a student at Northwest Missouri State University for the term beginning
(indicate relationship) _____ / _____, I guarantee that I am able, that I will and that I do promise to provide the minimum amount
(month) _____ / (year) _____, of \$_____ per year payable in U.S. dollars for a period of _____ years.

My bank's certification (or my sponsor's guarantee)

is enclosed with this application will be sent separately

Evidence of my financial resources (in the form of an original bank statement) accompanies this declaration or will be sent immediately. I realize that the University cannot be expected to provide this student with financial support beyond any that may already have been awarded. I fully understand that any possibility of student employment and/or graduate assistantships are not guaranteed and are offered on a competitive basis. Fraudulent documents will make the application null and void. I also understand that the misrepresentation, omission or fraudulent application information is sufficient grounds for the automatic denial of admission or registration.

Sponsor's Name (please print): _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

The bank statement must verify that the sponsor (or the student) has a balance of at least the amount shown on the estimated annual costs page found at www.nwmissouri.edu/bursar/intlcosts.htm.

If submitted separately, return to:
Northwest Missouri State University
Office of Admissions
800 University Drive
Maryville, MO 64468-6001 USA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER FORM

(if transferring from within U.S. from another U.S. SEVIS-approved school to Northwest)
(Application instruction #8)

Every international student who applies for admission to Northwest Missouri State University while attending another college or university **in the United States** must submit an International Student Advisor's Report as part of his/her admission materials. The report, located on the next page, is to be completed by the appropriate person at the institution you are currently attending, usually your international student advisor. **THIS REPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO NORTHWEST.** You have the right to read what is written on this report. However, often an advisor will request that the report be confidential from the student. In this case, and if you agree, you may waive your right to read the report according to the guidelines given below.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380), as amended, allows an applicant to waive his/her right of access to confidential letters or statements written on his/her behalf, provided that:

1. The recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission, and
2. The applicant, upon request, is notified of the names of all persons making such a recommendation on his/her behalf.

Northwest Missouri State University does not require, as a condition of admission, that you waive your right to access the information contained in the International Student Advisor's Report. However, if you choose to waive your right of access, you need to sign the waiver as follows.

I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation and any appropriate attachments which have been written by _____ on behalf of my
(name of international student advisor)
application for admission to Northwest Missouri State University. This waiver is effective only if the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission.

Applicant's Name: _____
last name (family or surname) _____ first name (given) _____ middle _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR REPORT

(if transferring from within U.S. from another U.S. SEVIS-approved school to Northwest)

Applicant's Name: _____
last name (family or surname) _____ first name (given) _____ middle _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR AT CURRENT SCHOOL

NOTE: this form may be completed as a fillable pdf file at www.nwmissouri.edu/iic/international/future.htm

Please comment on the items below as they concern the above-named student:

- Type of Visa: _____
(If an "exchange-visitor," please give program number and name of sponsor)

(sponsor's name) _____ last name (family or surname) _____ first name (given) _____ middle _____

- SEVIS Number: _____ Expiration date as it appears on Student's I-94: _____

- Would student be permitted to continue or return to your school? _____

- Has student been enrolled in a full course of study? _____

- Any practical training authorizations? (If yes, indicate type and dates.) _____

- Has student ever been out of status? _____

- If yes, has student been reinstated? _____

- SEVIS I-20 start date: _____ SEVIS I-20 end date: _____

- SEVIS release date: _____
(Northwest's SEVIS school code is KAN214F 000394000)

- Any additional comments that would be helpful: _____

International Student Advisor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(international student advisor)

Institution: _____ SEVIS School Code: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

Please RETURN by:

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Mail: Office of Admissions, Northwest Missouri State University, 800 University Drive, Maryville, MO 64468-6001 USA

WHERE YOU'LL LIVE

At Northwest, all first-time freshmen are required to live on campus unless they are married or 21 years of age.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Students planning to live on campus should apply for residence hall housing as early as possible. All freshmen are required to live on campus for their first two trimesters. Housing requests are processed and room assignments are made based on the date that the housing prepayment is received.

Northwest has nine residence halls, with most rooms accommodating two people. All rooms are furnished with beds, mattresses, study tables, chairs, closets and drawer space and students are issued a laptop computer with CD-ROM drive.

Cooking is not permitted in the rooms but kitchens are available in each hall.

There are several factors you should consider as you decide whether to live in the residence halls.

- The residence hall living experience provides an outstanding opportunity for international students to improve their English skills and learn about U.S. culture first-hand. Most residence hall occupants are 18- to 20-year-old undergraduate students.
- Residence halls are fully operational on a 12-month basis. Students who remain on campus during the interim sessions can be accommodated at a daily rate.
- Room and board yearly cost (nine months) is about \$7,000. All residence hall contracts include both room and board. The only exception is for summer session, when a meal contract is not required.
- Residence hall contracts cannot be broken except under extreme circumstances, such as medical problems or acute and unforeseen financial difficulty.

Your residence hall contract is for an academic year (fall and spring trimester).

Northwest offers on-campus apartments for upperclassmen. Apartments are fully furnished, with two or four bedrooms and one person per bedroom. Apartments have a full kitchen, washer and dryer, and one bathroom per two people. Rent is \$560 per month plus utilities and does not include a food plan.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Although rooms in the residence halls are generally available, students who are not freshmen may choose to live off campus.

Northwest does not provide off-campus housing. International student organizations will help those who wish to live off campus on arrival.

Almost all landlords require a "damage deposit" in the amount of one month's rent payable with the first month's rent. In addition to monthly rent, most renters (often called "tenants") have to pay for their own utilities (electricity, gas and water), although it may be included in the rental price. Telephone service is not included in your monthly rent.

APARTMENTS

An apartment is a complete living unit. No facilities other than perhaps laundry machines must be shared with other residents of the building. One-bedroom apartment rates average \$400 and two-bedroom apartment rates average \$600 per month.

- Furnished apartments are rented with furniture, refrigerator, stove and window coverings, but not cooking and eating utensils or linens (towels, sheets, etc.).
- Unfurnished apartments are rented without furniture. Most only have a refrigerator and stove. The renter must acquire all other furnishings.

ROOMS

A room may be in a private home or in a rooming house where there are single rooms for rent. In either case, bathroom facilities are usually shared with other residents. Since living space is quite limited, most rooms are used only for sleeping and studying. There may or may not be access to cooking facilities (often called kitchen privileges). Like apartments, they may be furnished or unfurnished. Rooms often are the least expensive type of off-campus housing. Monthly rent averages \$250 and almost always includes utilities.

NOTE: Northwest does not provide assistance with off-campus housing. However, Office of International Affairs will provide transportation to local apartment complexes during orientation. Please contact Office of International Affairs at nwintnl@nwmissouri.edu for more information.

WELLNESS SERVICES

University Wellness Services provides all medical, personal development and counseling, health promotion, public health and emergency response at Northwest. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the fall and spring with the summer trimester having alternating hours.

All new students are required to submit a Health History Form and documentation of two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Students living on-campus must comply with the Meningitis Education Requirement. All first-time foreign-born students and students who have lived outside the U.S. for three or more months in countries in which tuberculosis is endemic must comply with Tuberculosis Testing requirements. Please contact Wellness Services at +1 660.562.1348 or health@nwmissouri.edu if you have questions about these requirements.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Your life will be enriched by joining any of the 150 campus organizations. The many categories to choose from include academic, departmental, honor, intramural sports, Greek, mass media, multicultural, performing, religious and residence hall organizations. Listed below are several of the student organizations that have been established for intercultural awareness.

AFRICAN FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (AFA)

AFA's objectives are to promote better understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures represented by the African students at Northwest and to foster friendship and tolerance within the Northwest family. They strive to promote cultural, educational and social activities that represent Africa.

ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ASA)

The ASA promotes an understanding of the Chinese culture, language and life by coordinating efforts from other interested groups. Members strive for a more interesting, cooperative and active social life while encouraging others to share their culture.

FRIENDS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (FIS)

FIS matches interested international students with American families and individuals who provide friendship and hospitality.

HISPANIC AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION (HALO)

HALO is dedicated to furthering an understanding of the Latino, Hispanic and Mexican culture. The organization creates a commonality among persons who share an interest in the Hispanic culture. Membership is open to anyone interested in the heritage and culture of Latino, Hispanic and Mexican people in the Western Hemisphere.

INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ISA)

ISA is a multicultural organization that seeks to promote the culture of India and its people through a wide variety of activities. Its main festival is the Diwali Festival of Lights celebration held every fall. This organization is open to anyone interested in Indian culture and seeks to promote its goals and activities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (ISO)

The ISO promotes better relationships among students of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Membership is open to all students, faculty and community persons who share an interest in promoting a global view of the world. ISO helps ease the adjustment of international students into a new culture.

KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (KSA)

The KSA seeks to educate others on the culture of Korea through special programs and events.

MIDDLE EAST STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MESA)

MESA promotes a spirit of fellowship among Middle Eastern students and the community; fosters friendships between international and American students; promotes cultural, social and educational activities; and represents the Middle Eastern cultures.

ABOUT NORTHWEST

- Laptops provided to all full-time students are equipped with the newest wireless technology that can be used in public areas of all major buildings. Residence hall rooms support wireless access and high-speed wired access.
- eCompanion is used for campus-based, web-supplemented courses and for blended courses and online courses.
- Primary undergraduate textbooks are included in tuition for all undergraduate students, saving them an average of \$1,200 per year.
- Northwest is designated as the Missouri Arboretum.
- The International Plaza on campus flies flags representing countries of Northwest international students.

NORTHWEST QUALITY

- Northwest was founded in 1905 with a recognized tradition of quality education.
- The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship was recognized with the Missouri Southern Growth Policies 2010 Innovator Award for being an outstanding initiative that helps communities recover from the economic downturn.
- On a nationwide student satisfaction survey, Northwest juniors ranked our campus the highest in safety and security compared to our peer group.

VITAL STATISTICS

- Enrollment: more than 7,200
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahlc.org)
- Located in Maryville, Missouri, a community of 11,000, county seat of Nodaway County (90 miles north of Kansas City, 100 miles south of Omaha, Nebraska)
- Colors: Forest green and white
- Northwest is a state-assisted, four-year regional university.
- President: Dr. John Jasinski
- Operates on a trimester calendar of fall, spring and summer

BY THE NUMBERS

- 95% of undergraduates and 97.1% of graduate students find employment or continue their education six months after graduation.
- 247 full-time faculty
- 95% of all tenure and tenure-track faculty have the highest degree in their field.
- More than 150 student organizations
- 9 social fraternities, 8 social sororities
- More than 70,000 alumni and friends
- About 85% of thermal energy needs are provided by alternative fuels. Northwest is nationally recognized for recycling efforts and alternative fuel usage.

ON THE FIELD

- Mascot: Bobby Bearcat
- Varsity athletics: Men's: football, basketball, baseball, track and field, cross country, tennis; Women's: basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, track and field, cross country, tennis and golf
- 2011 Women's Basketball NCAA Division II Final Four appearance
- 2011 NCWA Division II National Champion wrestling club
- 2010 and 2012 Universal Cheerleading Association National Champions
- 1998, 1999 and 2009 NCAA Division II National Football Champions
- Athletic affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- Northwest competes on the national level in areas such as: dairy judging, debate, forensics, mock trial, soils judging, student publications and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Airport transportation

Contact the Office of International Affairs with arrival date, airline name, flight number and number of people traveling together to arrange airport shuttle.



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