

Beyond the Classroom

A number of student activities grow out of academic departments and enhance classroom work by providing opportunities for practical experience and training. Interested students should contact the chair of the appropriate department for information on requirements for participation and on the availability of credit through such activities. Included in these activities are

McLean School of Music

The Band of Blue, MTSU's marching band; Concert Band; Symphonic Band; Wind Ensemble; Chamber Winds; University Chorus; Chamber Choir; Meister Singers; Schola Cantorum; Women's Chorus; MTSU Singers; Opera Workshop; Symphony Orchestra; Chamber Orchestra; Jazz Ensembles; Jazz Combos; Salsa Bands; Steel Drum Ensembles; World Percussion Ensemble; Percussion Ensembles; Commercial Music Ensembles; Mixed Chamber Ensembles; Chamber Brass Ensembles; Orchestra; Guitar Chamber Ensembles; Piano Chamber Ensembles; String Chamber Ensembles; and Woodwind Chamber Ensembles are all organizations of student performers. Each welcomes qualified non-music majors and performs frequently throughout the year. Many travel to perform regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Department of Speech and Theatre

University Theatre—Four theatrical productions provide an opportunity to experience all aspects of theatre—performance, design, technology, children's theatre, and theatre in education.

University Dance—The MTSU Dance minor is housed in the Department of Speech and Theatre. This program is the home of the MTSU Dance Theatre, a company of students and faculty members that performs throughout the year at MTSU and tours regionally. All students may audition for MTSU Dance Theatre and need not be a minor to do so.

Debate—Numerous competitive tournaments are scheduled with universities throughout the nation from September through March. Annual on-campus public debates are also sponsored by MTSU Debate. The MTSU Debate program is open to all students. No previous debate experience is required.

College of Mass Communication

Two radio stations and a community cable television channel provide opportunities for students to gain experience and knowledge about the mass media and communications:

WMOT, the University's National Public Radio affiliate, is a professionally managed public service radio station featuring jazz, news, and information programming. Located at 89.5 on the FM dial, WMOT-FM also provides enrichment opportunities for selected students majoring in Mass Communication.

WMTS is a student-operated alternative radio station, located at 88.3 on the FM dial, which carries an eclectic mix of music, news, and student information.

Channel 10, the University student-operated cable channel, carries sports, news, instructional, and entertainment programming.

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.



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.

