

# Academic and Student Services

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Middle Tennessee State University has a large and beautifully landscaped campus of approximately 500 acres and 153 permanent buildings totaling over 4 million square feet. Campus buildings are shown on a map printed in this catalog.

## Adult Services Center

The Adult Services Center provides information for prospective adult learners, which includes most graduate students. The center also provides information and referrals to students about all aspects of academic and social life at MTSU. Located in Keathley University Center, Room 320, the center operates from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (except Fridays) during the Fall and Spring semesters to serve the varied schedules of working adults.

The center provides a place to meet and share ideas with other adult learners. The student organization called OWLs (Older Wiser Learners) functions as a support system, a social organization, and a service organization. The honorary organization for adult learners, Pinnacle, is also sponsored through the Adult Services Center and any graduate student with a 3.4 GPA may apply. Additional information is available by calling (615) 898-5989.

## 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 in the Alumni Center, one of the four original campus buildings. Visit [www.mtalumni.com](http://www.mtalumni.com) or call 1-800-533-MTSU.

## Art Department Slide Library

Located in Saunders Fine Arts 309, the Slide Library is a resource for the art faculty and for the University population at large. The library's 50,000 slides include examples of art from the prehistoric to contemporary era.

## 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.

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; McCallie Dining Hall in Corlew; James Union Building Cafeteria; and CyberCafe in Woodmore. 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 its students and alumni through the Career and Employment Center located in Keathley University Center, Room 328. Satellite offices are being established to serve the needs of students in each of the colleges. 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 in-

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.

### Center for Historic Preservation

One of two Centers of Excellence at MTSU, the Center for Historic Preservation ([histpres.mtsu.edu/histpres](http://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.

**Town and country preservation** recognizes the unique heritage, resources, and problems of rural areas and small towns. National Register nominations for individual buildings and historic districts are an ongoing priority of this initiative. The Tennessee Century Farm Program is a documentary and educational project for farms that have been in the same family for at least 100 years. The African-American Rural Church Project, also a continuing project, documents the state's historic black churches, often identifying schools and cemeteries as well.

**Heritage education** addresses the use of local historic resources as teaching tools in the K–12 grades. The center cooperates with the MTSU College of Education and Behavioral Science and local schools to develop and test new teaching materials and provide teacher-training workshops. The center also works closely with community heritage organizations to guide and assist them in preservation and education projects. The Heritage Education Network ([histpres.mtsu.edu/then](http://histpres.mtsu.edu/then)) is a national Web site for teachers sponsored in part by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. 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](http://histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar)) is the center's primary federal grant funded project. 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 directs the alliance's Heritage Development Institutes, which are professional train-

ing workshops held across the nation. The alliance provides support for graduate interns who participate in the workshop programs. The center also works closely with the Long Distance Trails Program of the National Park Service to document and develop preservation alternatives for National Register-eligible properties along the Trail of Tears in Tennessee.

The **museum and historic sites initiative** offers assistance to heritage museums in basic planning, adaptive restoration of historic buildings for museum use, collections management, and exhibit development. The center focuses on addressing the needs and problems of small museums.

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 center's technical library and facilities are visited by and serve students, interested individuals, and preservation professionals.

One recent 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. Launched in 2003, the encyclopedia Web site provides 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 140,000 commercial sound recordings as well as many hours of unique unpublished recordings of music and interviews. The CPM's sheet music collection of approximately 65,000 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 reli-

gious 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 Campus Child Care Lab, located in the Womack Lane Building on Homecoming Circle, provides quality care for children ages 3–5 whose parents are attending MTSU. 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 families who need full-time care. The facility is licensed for 24 children. In addition to educational programming, a hot lunch and two snacks are provided daily. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday. The Campus Child Care Lab also provides preschool teaching experiences for MTSU students. For more information, call (615) 898-2970 or visit the Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~stuaff/childcare](http://www.mtsu.edu/~stuaff/childcare).

## Disabled Student Services

Disabled Student Services is the coordinating body which distributes information concerning services available 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 or visiting the office located in Keathley University Center, Room 120.

MTSU's ADA/504 coordinator is Watson Hannah, 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 Jones Chair in Free Enterprise**

Jennings A. Jones College of Business

### **The Jennings 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 and Industrial Studies 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 Research Center

The Albert Gore 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.

## Housing and Residential Life

Housing facilities on campus include 22 residence halls and apartment complexes housing 3,400 single students and families. 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 McLean School of Music. (See also McLean 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 help desk that never closes during the semester; supports MTSU's primary administrative applications such as student information, human resources, and PipelineMT; 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 Pentium 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.

## The 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 videoconferencing 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](http://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, post production, and satellite uplinks and downlinks.

**Instructional Media Resources (Media Library)** - See above.

The **Satellite Videoconferencing Center** offers quality educational programming to K-12 schools by satellite to nine rural Tennessee counties and by cable television to viewers in Rutherford and two other middle Tennessee counties. 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.

## Keathley University Center— 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 Art Department 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 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 are the WMOT-FM Radio Station and the Albert Gore Research Center.

## Multicultural Affairs

The Office of Multicultural 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 Multicultural 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 Multicultural Affairs is an advocate for the needs of the ethnic minority student population. More information may be obtained by calling (615) 898-2987 or writing to MTSU P.O. Box 88, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

## 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 house 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, indoor tennis courts, men's and women's dressing rooms, and weight training equipment. The student ID office is located in Murphy Center (track level).

## Recreation Center

The Campus Recreation Office, located in the Recreation Center, administers a comprehensive recreation program for MTSU students. Opportunities include participation in team or club sports, outdoor pursuits, fitness activities, and aquatic programs. A wide variety of outdoor and other recreation equipment is available for checkout by students.

The Recreation Center, which opened in Fall 1995, provides students with a state-of-the-art facility. The center includes six basketball/volleyball courts, six racquetball courts, an indoor track, an aerobics room, an 8,000-square-foot free weights area, cardiovascular machines, an indoor swimming pool, locker rooms, an indoor gym for soccer and roller hockey, a rock climbing wall, an outdoor pool, an outdoor ropes course, and a sun deck with four sand volleyball courts adjacent. The center is open seven days a week during the Fall and Spring semesters and the Summer term. The Recreation Center closes 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.

## Statement of Community Standards of Civil Behavior

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 43 of this catalog.

## James E. Walker Library

The James E. Walker Library is an important resource for a quality education. The library offers a beautiful facility for study and a broad collection of books, periodicals, and information databases.

The centrally located facility opened in January 1999, providing expanded resources for student research, inquiry, reading, study, and discussion. The collections of materials and services support course assignments, term papers, general reference, projects, and student research. The facility provides a variety of individual and group study areas as well as 300 computers for accessing both local and international 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 and students are encouraged to ask questions. With their university ID cards, students can access all books, periodicals, and electronic databases in the library collection. Classes and 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 [www.mtsu.edu/~library](http://www.mtsu.edu/~library).

## Women's Center

The June Anderson Women's Center (JAWC) has been serving women at MTSU since 1977. Support groups, workshops, and programs for women are offered during the academic year. A free legal clinic is open the last Thursday of each month during Fall and Spring semesters. The office, located on the main floor of the James Union Building, Room 206, provides a safe space for women to meet together and organize projects. A resource and referral file includes information on financial aid for women, housing, and community legal, health, and mental health services. Students are invited to attend and to volunteer for Women's Center activities.

During Spring semester, the Women's Center, working collaboratively with the National Women's History Month Committee, sponsors events, programs, and films which bring together the campus and community in a celebration of women's contributions to culture and society. Additional information about the Women's Center's activities or services is available by calling (615) 898-2193 or via the Internet at [www.mtsu.edu/~jawc](http://www.mtsu.edu/~jawc).

## Women's Studies Library

The Women's Studies Program, located in Peck Hall 109B, maintains a collection of materials related to women's and gender studies. Most volumes circulate.

