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MTSU AT A GLANCE

WELCOME TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY!

Founded September 11, 1911, MTSU is proud of its 112-year commitment to academic excellence and student success. With almost 17,500 undergraduates, nearly 1,000 full-time faculty members, and over 2,600 graduate students exploring more than 100 different areas of study, MTSU is really the equivalent of a midsize city on a beautiful 515-acre campus.

From its beginnings as a school established to train teachers, MTSU has become one of the state's largest comprehensive universities, known for its dedication to student opportunity and success. With nationally recognized academic programs, low tuition costs, and incredible scholarship programs, MTSU provides affordable, quality education for all its students.

One of MTSU's biggest selling points is the sense of community that stems from its roots as a small, regional college. Although MTSU has grown over the years, it has maintained a commitment to students, seeking to provide a supportive learning environment, the finest faculty, quality programs, and a learning experience as remarkable and diverse as its students.

Grounded in cherished traditions, MTSU's future has never been brighter with opportunities for service to the state, the region, the nation, and the world. The University is well positioned to build on past successes and solidify its standing as Tennessee's best regional comprehensive university.

This guide will help you get familiar with the MTSU campus and the University's culture and achievements.

Thank you for visiting MTSU. Enjoy your stay!



Hi, I'm **Lightning Chat**, MTSU's chatbot virtual assistant on mtsu.edu. I provide support **any time, any day**. Have general questions for **One Stop, Admissions, Advising, Student Life**, or the **Veterans Center**? Ask me!

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

MTSU alumni and faculty boast 15 Grammy winners, with a total of 39 Grammys, including 10 repeat recipients, since 2001 in multiple categories and genres. In all, professionals with MTSU connections have been a part of more than 134 Grammy Award nominations in two decades.



One in six college-educated workers in the Nashville area is an MTSU graduate, according to the Business and Economic Research Center at MTSU.



Walker Library's Makerspace is equipped with several 3D filament printers, a 3D resin printer, laser etcher, CNC machine, vinyl cutter, virtual reality kits, and kits full of parts to build just about anything imaginable. The Makerspace put MTSU on *Newsweek's* list of Best Maker Schools in Higher Education 2021.



Next Step, a program at MTSU since 2008, was the model for a Tennessee law requiring state-funded postsecondary educational institutions to designate a liaison to homeless students and to develop a program to provide them access to housing.





BEYOND CAMPUS

WELCOME TO THE 'BORO!

New MTSU students quickly learn that they're also part of Murfreesboro, whose residents reach out to students and make them feel at home. Many students reciprocate by engaging in the civic life of the city.

Living in Murfreesboro means you're in the middle of it all—at the geographic center of the state (with a monument to prove it). The city is within comfortable driving distance of other cities across Tennessee and neighboring states.

Murfreesboro is an ever-expanding city of more than 152,000 people, the second fastest-growing city in Tennessee (behind Nashville). SmartAsset ranked Murfreesboro No. 3 on its list of "Top Boomtowns" in America, for economic factors as well as population growth.

The 'Boro offers a vibrant quality of life that led *Rolling Stone* magazine to call it "a surprisingly hip town." Murfreesboro's Greenway System has 15 miles of trails, bridges, and boardwalks to explore throughout the city, and it hosts the Greenway Art Festival each September.

The heart of Murfreesboro has more than 100 buildings dating to the 19th century, with a historic square featuring restaurants, shops, and entertainment.

In the summer, the Friday Night Live concert series brings live music to the square. From mid-May to late October, you can pick up fresh produce, honey, bread, fresh flowers, and more at the Saturday Farmers Market downtown. (Local farms offer pick-your-own strawberries and blueberries, too.)

Like history? Visit the Stones River National Battlefield, where nearly 80,000 soldiers fought a fierce Civil War battle. The national park includes living history programs and a cemetery for fallen U.S. soldiers.

Murfreesboro is just a half-hour drive to Nashville, Music City USA, where you can enjoy live music, museums, festivals, and your choice of pro sports—Titans (NFL), Predators (NHL), Nashville SC (MLS), and Nashville Sounds (minor league baseball).

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

MTSU is located about 30 miles from Nashville, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for "hottest job markets" by the *Wall Street Journal*, with especially strong growth in the tech sector. The Nashville-Franklin-Murfreesboro metro area is among the nation's fastest-growing economies.



The Jones College of Business at MTSU has embedded "soft skills" training, such as communication and problem-solving, in the curriculum through an exclusive partnership with the Dale Carnegie professional development organization.



HackMT brings college students together annually for a regional hackathon, where young programmers, software developers, visual designers, and others team up for projects during a 36-hour competition. MTSU offers programs in Computer Science, Information Systems, and Data Science.





WELCOME TO CAMPUS

MTSU is the only locally governed institution in Tennessee named to The Princeton Review's annual list of the nation's best colleges, a recognition it has received four years in a row, 2020–23.

The honor by the highly regarded educational services company is extended to about 13% of the nation's roughly 3,000 four-year institutions.

MTSU is a powerful economic engine for the region and the entire state of Tennessee. According to a study from the Business and Economic Research Center in the Jones College of Business:

- MTSU had an economic impact of more than \$1.42 billion in 2021—up 26.8% from 2017.
- The University was responsible for almost 11,500 jobs statewide—up 36.8%.

As Murfreesboro's second-largest employer (2,270 jobs), MTSU generated \$143.6 million in local, state, and federal tax revenue—a jump from \$88 million.

MTSU is also a research powerhouse. In 2022, the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education elevated MTSU to R2 status—doctoral university with high research activity—joining a select group of just a few hundred institutions to carry the R1 or R2 designation nationwide.

MTSU takes great pride in our overall impact on this community, region, and state as we fulfill our mission of preparing the next generations of community leaders.

President Sidney A. McPhee



TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

The School of Concrete and Construction Management's new building (fall 2022) includes exposed structural elements that can be used as teaching tools. It follows the Academic Classroom Building (2020), which houses Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Social Work. Next up: the Applied Engineering Building, being built next door to SCCM.



A new master's program in Physician Assistant Studies is MTSU's second pathway for primary care providers. The School of Nursing also trains nurse practitioners to provide family or mental health care.



MTSU is home to WMOT 89.5 FM Roots Radio, the region's only station devoted to the burgeoning, singer/songwriter-friendly Americana format.



There are three Nobel Prize winners associated with MTSU. The actual Nobel medal awarded to 1940 graduate James M. Buchanan, a pioneering economist, is on permanent loan to the University.



Founded in 1911 as a teacher-training school, MTSU is still one of the finest teacher preparation institutions in the Southeast. Doctoral offerings include the Doctor of Education in Assessment, Learning, and Student Success—the first of its kind in Tennessee—and the Ph.D. in Literacy Studies.



I AM *true*BLUE®

MTSU is working to develop a community devoted to learning, growth, and service. The University holds these values dear, and there's a simple phrase that conveys them: "I am True Blue."

TRUE BLUE PLEDGE

- As a member of this diverse community,
- I am a valuable contributor to its progress and success.
- I am engaged in the life of this community.
- I am a recipient and a giver.
- I am a listener and a speaker.
- I am honest in word and deed.
- I am committed to reason, not violence.
- I am a learner, now and forever.
- I am a Blue Raider.
- I am TRUE BLUE.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

MTSU is listed among *U.S. News and World Report's* 2023 Best Grad Schools for Economics. The department offers a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Economics and a Master of Science in Finance.



MTSU's music business program is consistently ranked on *Billboard* and *Hollywood Reporter* listings of top programs globally, and NBC News spotlighted the University as a standout in educating the next generation of music industry pros. MTSU is rated No. 1 nationally among audio engineering schools by Audio Assemble.



Milk produced and bottled by MTSU's School of Agriculture is sold at campus and other shops. MTSU Creamery was one of the first two dairies awarded the state's new Tennessee Milk logo.



MTSU's Mechatronics Engineering program earned accreditation from ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) after only five years.



Roughly 35% of MTSU's undergraduates are the first in their families to attend college. MTSU also continues to serve the state's most at-risk students, with more than 35% of its students qualifying for Pell grants or other need-based loans.



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Do you have the curiosity of a forensic scientist? An ear for music? Maybe you've always wanted to teach or build things. With more than 300 different academic programs for undergraduate and graduate students, MTSU has plenty of options.

MTSU houses a wide variety of academic programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. The University has eight undergraduate colleges and almost 40 departments or schools, with over **180 majors and concentrations available**.

Animation, Fermentation Science, Dance, and Forensic Science are a few MTSU majors that are unusual for public universities in Tennessee. Nationally recognized MTSU programs include Aerospace, Accounting, Agriculture, Recording Industry, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Concrete Industry Management, which attract students from around the world. The College of Graduate Studies offers more than **100 different areas of study**.

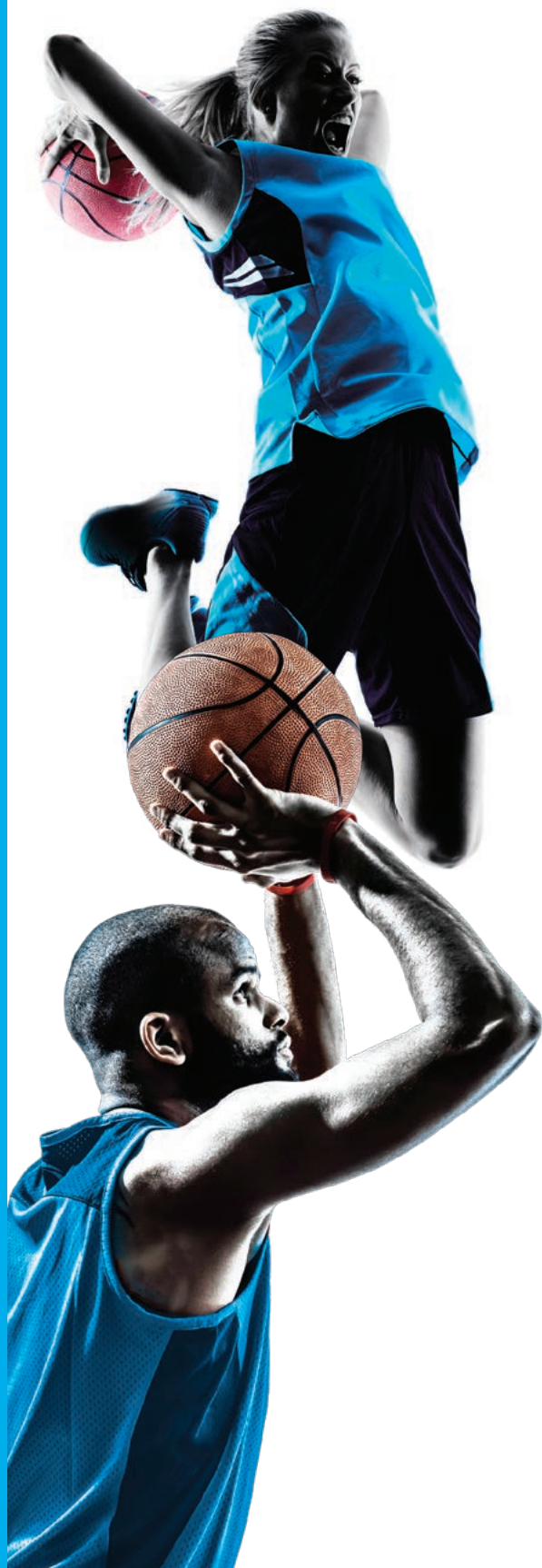


MTSU COLLEGES

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THOSE WHO TEACH



Eric Klumpe

HOG WILD ABOUT STARS

Eric Klumpe (pronounced KLOOM-PA), an MTSU Physics and Astronomy professor and aeronautical engineer, describes himself as your “basic geek.”

Before arriving at MTSU in 1999, he worked for a dozen years at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, where his efforts contributed to the *Voyager* spacecraft and Galileo Project—launched to explore Jupiter and its moons.

Most mornings, Klumpe straps on a helmet and travels to campus on his Harley-Davidson—a motorcycle he has ridden over the Tail of the Dragon, a corkscrew stretch of road near the Great Smoky Mountains featuring a dizzying 318 curves in 11 miles. He likes all kinds of music but has a weakness for “face-melting guitar solos.”

Klumpe’s passion is being an educator—one who challenges his students to work hard and believe they can reach far beyond what they thought was possible.

“I want to change students’ lives for the better,” he said.

After graduating high school, Klumpe’s GPA was so low that no four-year college would accept him. His life changed when he accompanied a friend to a community college and an admissions counselor engaged Klumpe in a conversation. After earning his associate degree, he was accepted at prestigious Caltech and over time earned four advanced degrees.

Klumpe also serves as director of MTSU Observatories. He oversaw the design and construction of MTSU’s Uranidrome, a self-guided naked-eye observatory near the campus telescope.

Exceptional students deserve an exceptional faculty. As part of its commitment to quality, MTSU provides students the opportunity to interact with and be guided by the nation’s leading educators and practitioners.

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MTSU COLLEGE OF MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

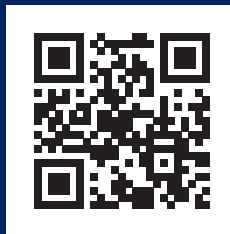
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TRUE BLUE PARTNERS

AUTO PILOT

Industry partnerships. Outreach. Service. These are the key components of MTSU's community-centered approach to higher education that results not only in greater student success but also an enhanced quality of life for residents across the state and beyond.

Commercial airlines are increasingly partnering with universities on entry-level career programs in an effort to attract ready-to-work talent into their fold.

As one of the top aviation programs in America, MTSU has collaborated on two such partnerships—first with Delta Air Lines and more recently with Southwest.

MTSU, its top-flight Aerospace Department, and Delta celebrated their fourth year as partners at a 2022 event recognizing alumnus and Army veteran Colton Gray ('18) as the first graduate nationwide of Delta's Propel pilot program, which has partnerships with 17 aviation schools. MTSU was among the first universities to enter the partnership, encouraging Pro Pilot majors to pursue a path to earn their flight certifications, build experience, and become a Delta pilot in 42 months or less.

Delta's Kelvin Mason said the airline "intends to hire thousands of aviation professionals in the next several years—in addition to pilots—and we are highly interested in MTSU's 'industry-ready' graduates. MTSU is one of the elite programs in collegiate aviation."

In April 2023, MTSU's Department of Aerospace also joined the Southwest Airlines Destination 225° program as one of the newest partners—and one of only 12 nationally. Similar to Delta Propel, Destination 225° builds pathways for aspiring pilots from university aviation programs across the country to first officer roles at Southwest Airlines.

On a compass rose, 225° is the southwest heading. Destination 225° provides several pathways designed to meet future aviators at their current experience level and create opportunities to take them to the right seat in a Southwest cockpit, assisting the captain with flight navigation and operation.

"MTSU students will have the opportunity to pursue a career as a Southwest first officer with guidance, training, and mentorship as they complete their college education," said Southwest's Lee Kinnebrew.



TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

MTSU created its Data Science Institute to promote funded interdisciplinary research and develop public and private collaborations around the emerging field of "big data." Recent partnerships have focused on water quality and opioid misuse. MTSU offers degrees in Data Science at the bachelor's and master's levels, along with a doctorate in Computational and Data Science.



Meharry Medical College and MTSU have developed an accelerated pathway for talented students to become physicians and serve rural areas of the state. MTSU has entered into a similar agreement for qualifying students' direct admission into Union University's College of Pharmacy.



Jones College of Business students in MTSU's Professional Selling concentration have access to an innovative sales laboratory to hone their selling skills in efforts to become career-ready graduates. The Center for Professional Selling, with its 18 corporate partners, allows students to learn from mock sales calls and real sales calls.



MTSU's new Songwriting Center is a state-of-the-art hub for musical creativity, giving students in the highly regarded Commercial Songwriting program well-equipped spaces for perfecting their skills and compositions.



Walker Library added world language capabilities to its computers, which gives many international students the option to use their native languages. Available languages include Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, and Russian.



Students can give their projects, presentations, and papers a professional look by using Blue Print Solutions, a full-service printing facility located at the Student Union.





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Whether you're making the jump from high school, transferring from another institution, or following the lure of one of MTSU's nationally renowned, signature programs, you could become one of the newest Blue Raiders.

MTSU has the resources of a large public university, but it feels like a small school. Faculty members are deeply interested in student success, and it shows in the personal attention they give. MTSU attracts more transfer students than any other university in the state and is a top choice for adult learners. Many alumni return to MTSU for graduate school.

BEST ADVICE

Apply early. The sooner you submit your application, the sooner we can tell you about your admission status. Make a plan and follow through to make sure all your documents arrive on time. mtsu.edu/apply

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Fill out the forms. We can't tell you if you're admitted or not without having your completed application, test scores, and official transcript(s). We won't guess about your residency status if you haven't submitted a residency application and supporting documents. MT One Stop cannot tell you how much aid you are eligible for until you provide the appropriate paperwork.

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WHAT NEXT?

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YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS STARTS HERE

Jones College of Business is well known as a business college on the move in the heart of one of the nation's best locations for business. MTSU is the top supplier of business professionals in the region. The AACSB accreditation of both Jones College and our Accounting program places us in the **top 1.5% of business schools in the world**. Join the ranks of Jones College alumni leading the way in the middle Tennessee business community.

Professionalism is at the core of the Jones College culture.

- The **IGNITE Professional Development** program prepares you for the business world.
- With almost 30,000 business alumni living and working in middle Tennessee, networking opportunities abound.
- Career fairs pair business students with mentoring, internship, and job opportunities.
- An exclusive **partnership with Dale Carnegie®** in Tennessee equips you with the soft skills employers are seeking.

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Many scholarships, awards, and benefits are exclusive to Jones College business majors and minors. In addition to the MTSU funds available, business students are eligible for Jones College monetary support for study abroad opportunities.

- 160+ scholarships and awards
- \$200,000+ available annually for business students
- Business competitions offering over \$20,000 in prize money

Jones College of Business offers a world-class education in a full range of majors, minors, and courses in virtually every field of business.

Accounting

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MTSU SCHOOL OF NURSING WORK HARD, LEAVE PREPARED

MTSU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is very hands-on, preparing graduates who are ready to step into jobs.

- Approximately 200 hours in clinical simulation labs with specialty practice manikins
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- Plus challenging classwork

Yes, it's a lot. That's why our graduates are highly qualified and highly sought-after.

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Are you a veteran?

Nursing Corps, a partnership with Ascension Saint Thomas Health, helps student-veterans who want to become nurses by offering mentoring, stipends, and internship opportunities.

MTSU also offers a Master of Science in Nursing, with coursework completed online. Choose a concentration:

- Family Nurse Practitioner
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PICTURE YOURSELF AT MTSU

START WITH A CAMPUS VISIT

There's no better way to learn about MTSU and see what it's really like to be an MTSU student than to visit campus and see it for yourself. Explore visit opportunities at mtsu.edu/visit, then come visit us in the 'Boro.

True Blue Previews

Tour campus and housing, talk to reps from academic colleges, find up-to-date info on admission and financial aid, and get a taste of the True Blue Spirit at our half-day grand open-house events. **Register at mtsu.edu/rsvp.**

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Guided Tours

Take a guided walking tour of campus weekdays during the academic year and on select Saturdays. **Reserve your spot at mtsu.edu/tours.**

Self-Guided Tours

- Park at the Student Services and Admissions Center, 1860 Blue Raider Drive.
- Follow the tour routes with the map and directions on the following pages.



Virtual Visits

Scan the QR code to experience campus virtually before you arrive in person.



MEET MTSU IN YOUR BACKYARD

There's nothing we like better than to bring MTSU to your own backyard through our True Blue Tour.

Admissions staff, department representatives, advisors, deans, administrators, and student leaders in your hometown share MTSU with prospective students and their families. Get information and ask questions about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, academic programs, and more.

Register at mtsu.edu/rsvp.

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MTSU CAMPUS MAP AND TOUR

Take the self-guided walking tour on the next page.

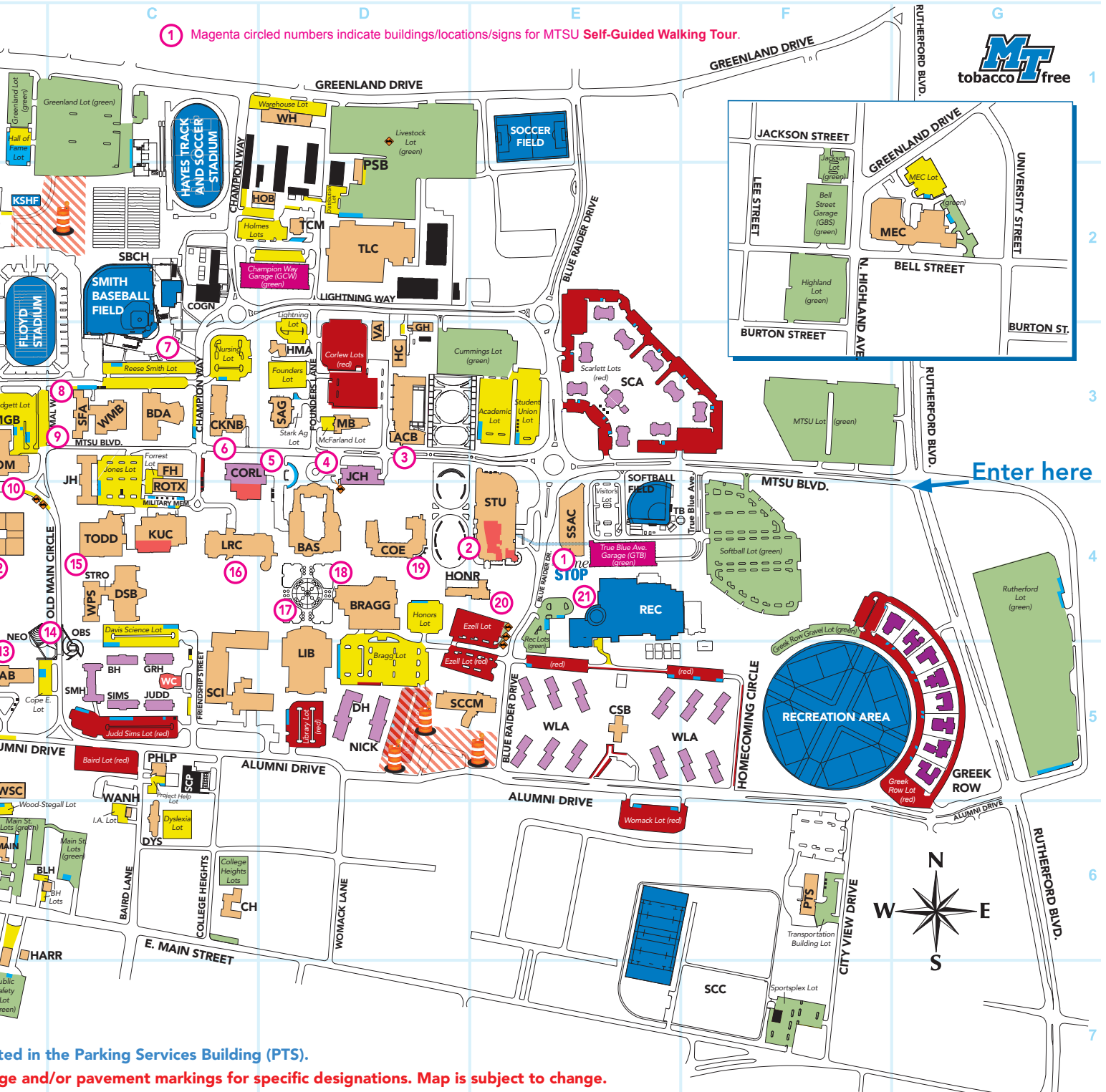
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ALOF	Alumni Office, 2263 Middle Tennessee Blvd., A5
ALUM	Alumni House, 2259 Middle Tennessee Blvd., A5
AMG	Alumni Memorial Gym, 2610 Middle Tennessee Blvd., B3
BAS	Business and Aerospace Building, 1642 MTSU Blvd., D4
BDA	Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, 615 Champion Way, C3
BH	Beasley Hall, 323 Friendship Street, C5
BLH	TCWNHA (Black House), 1417 East Main Street, C6
BRAGG	John Bragg Media and Entertainment Building, 1735 Blue Raider Drive, D4
CAB	Cope Administration Building, 315 Visitor's Circle, B5
CH	College Heights Building, 1607 East Main Street, C6
CKNB	Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, 610 Champion Way, C3
COE	College of Education Building, 1756 MTSU Blvd., D4
COGN	Central Utility Plant/Cogeneration Plant, 729 Champion Way, C2
CORL	Corlew Hall, 1634 MTSU Blvd., C3
CSB	Central Services Building (Day Care Center), 1835 Alumni Drive, E5
DH	Deere Hall, 1619 Alumni Drive, D5
DSB	Davis Science Building, 422 Old Main Circle, C4
DYS	Tennessee Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, 200 North Baird Lane, C6
EHS	Ellington Human Sciences Building, 2623 Middle Tennessee Blvd., A2
EMAIN	1403 East Main Street, B6
FAIR	Fairview Building, 820 Fairview Avenue, A1
FH	Forrest Hall, 543 Champion Way, C3
GH	Greenhouse, 1724 Lightning Way, D3
GRH	Gracy Hall, 321 Friendship Street, C5
HARR	Center for Historic Preservation (Harrison House), 1416 East Main Street, B6
HC	Horticulture Facility, 1714 Lightning Way, D3
HMA	Housing Maintenance Annex, 657 Founders Lane, D3
HOB	Holmes Building (Maintenance Complex), 836 Champion Way, D2
HONR	Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, 1737 Blue Raider Drive, D4
ING	Sam H. Ingram Building, 2269 Middle Tennessee Blvd., A5
JACK	Tom H. Jackson Building, 628 Alma Mater Drive, B3
JCH	Jim Cummings Hall, 1744 MTSU Blvd., D3
JH	Jones Hall, 624 Old Main Circle, C3
JUB	James Union Building, 516 Alma Mater Drive, B4
JUDD	Judd Hall, 217 Friendship Street, C5
KOM	Kirksey Old Main, 612 Old Main Circle, B3
KSHF	Emmett and Rose Kennon Sports Hall of Fame, 1320 Greenland Drive, B2
KUC	Keathley University Center, 1524 Military Memorial, C4
LH	Lyon Hall, 414 Alma Mater Drive, B4
LIB	James E. Walker Library, 1611 Alumni Drive, D5
LRC	Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center, 1558 Military Memorial, C4
MARY	Miss Mary Hall, 414 Alma Mater Drive, B4
MB	McFarland Building, 654 Founders Lane, D3
MC	Murphy Center, 2650 Middle Tennessee Blvd., B2
MCH	McHenry Hall, 414 Alma Mater Drive, B4

MEC	Andrew Woodfin Miller, Sr. Education Center, 503-509 Bell Street, (See inset at top right)
MGB	Midgett Building, 612 Old Main Circle, B3
MOH	Monohan Hall, 312 Alma Mater Drive, B5
NEO	Naked Eye Observatory, 346 Old Main Circle, B4
NICK	Nicks Hall, 1715 Alumni Drive, D5
OBS	Observatory, 346 Old Main Circle, C5
PCS	Homer Pittard Campus School, 923 East Lytle Street, A4
PH	Peck Hall, 537 Old Main Circle, B4
PHLP	Project Help, 206 North Baird Lane, C5
PSB	Printing Services Building, 1756 Greenland Drive, D2
PTS	Parking and Transportation Services, 205 City View Drive, F6
REC	Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center (Health Services located inside the HWRC), 1848 Blue Raider Drive, E4
REH	Reynolds Hall, 312 Alma Mater Drive, B5
RH	Rutledge Hall, 526 Alma Mater Drive, B3
ROTX	ROTC Annex, 531 Champion Way, C4
SAG	Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center, 651 Founders Lane, D3
SBCH	Stephen B. Smith Baseball Clubhouse, 641 Champion Way, C2
SCA	Scarlett Commons Apartments 1-9, 1858 MTSU Blvd., E3
SCC	Sports Club Complex, 2111 East Main Street, F7
SCCM	School of Concrete and Construction Management, 1727 Blue Raider Drive, D5
SCH	Schardt Hall, 312 Alma Mater Drive, B5
SCI	Science Building, 440 Friendship Street, C5
SCP	Satellite Chiller Plant, 215 College Heights, C5
SFA	Saunders Fine Arts Building, 629 Normal Way, C3
SIMS	Sims Hall, 215 Friendship Street, C5
SL	Soils Lab, C6
SMH	Smith Hall, 318 Old Main Circle, C5
SSAC	Student Services and Admissions Center, 1860 Blue Raider Drive, E4
STRO	Strobel Lobby, C4
STU	Student Union Building, 1768 MTSU Blvd., E4
TB	Telescope Building, 1852 MTSU Blvd., F4
TENN	Buck Bouldin Tennis Center, 1210 Greenland Drive, B1
TCM	Telecommunications Building, 732 Champion Way, D2
TLC	Tennessee Livestock Center, 1720 Greenland Drive, D2
TODD	Andrew L. Todd Hall, 542 Old Main Circle, C4
UP	University Police, 1412 East Main Street, B6
VA	Vocational Agriculture, 1704 Lightning Way, D3
VET	Voorhies Engineering Technology, 1212 Faulkinberry Drive, B3
WANH	Internal Audit (Wansley House), 209 North Baird Lane, C6
WC	Woodmore/Chris Young Cafe, 319 Friendship Street, C5
WH	Warehouse (Maintenance Complex), 1672 Greenland Drive, D1
WLA	Womack Lane Apartments A-L, 1815 Alumni Drive, E5
WMB	Wright Music Building, 1439 Faulkinberry Drive, C3
WPS	Wiser-Patten Science Hall, 422 Old Main Circle, C4
WSC	Wood-Stegall Center (Development and University Advancement), 120 Old Main Circle, B5





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Get acquainted with our beautiful campus by taking this self-guided tour. This list of highlights, along with the map on the previous pages and signs installed at each numbered stop, will take you on a 1.7-mile path through the core of our 515-acre campus. Feel free to vary from the route and explore. If you get a little lost, don't be surprised if a student or professor stops to offer help—we're friendly that way.

Student Services and Admissions Center

The **Student Services and Admissions Center** ① houses Admissions, Records and Scheduling, Business, Financial Aid, and MT One Stop. This 58,000-square-foot facility has a skybridge that connects the SSAC and adjacent parking garage to the Student Union. Prospective students may meet with admissions counselors while on campus 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday to check on their applications. Current and newly admitted students can talk to an enrollment counselor at MT One Stop for information about financial aid, scholarships, records and scheduling, bills, transcripts, holds, and more.

Student Involvement on Campus

On the first floor of the **Student Union Building** ② are the campus bookstore, a game room, the Farmers Market dining hall, and several other dining options. The second floor features a ballroom, conference rooms, study rooms, and a video theater. The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, Student Programming, and Student Government Association offices are on the third floor. MTSU has more than 200 student organizations.

Outside is the Student Union Commons, a space for events such as outdoor movies and picnics or just hanging out with friends.

Walk west along MTSU Boulevard.

Behavioral and Health Sciences

The College of Behavioral and Health

Sciences **Academic Classroom Building** ③ for Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Social Work opened in 2020. The 91,200-square-foot building features EEG, eye tracker, and whisper rooms for research, as well as a simulation center for emergency and security operations.

Business and Aerospace

The Business and Aerospace Building ④ contains the Jones College of Business, the Aerospace Department, and the largest computer lab on campus. The Aerospace Department has extended facilities at the nearby Murfreesboro airport, where there is a hangar, several simulators, a small jet (CRJ-200) flight simulator, and 35 training airplanes. (A new Aerospace campus is in the works at Shelbyville's airport.)

Flanking Business and Aerospace are **Corlew Hall** ⑤ and **Cummings Hall**, our residence halls exclusively for first-year students. A food court, The Middle at Corlew, includes Chick-fil-A and other favorites.

Nursing and Agriculture

Across the street is **Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building** ⑥ which has state-of-the-art classrooms, two large computer labs, seven nursing skills training labs, an obstetrics lab, a pediatric lab, an IV skill-specific lab, and a high-fidelity simulation lab.

East of Cason-Kennedy is the Stark Agriculture Center, which houses such programs as Agribusiness, Animal Science, Fermentation Science, Horse Science, and Plant and Soil Science. Off campus, the School of Agriculture

has a horse science center, farm laboratories, and a dairy.

Walk north on Champion Way.

Theatre and Dance

Tucker Theatre, part of Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, is on your left as you walk toward the athletic fields. Tucker hosts many music, dance, theatrical, and television performances each year. Boutwell houses the Theatre and Dance programs and World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

Blue Raider Athletics

Reese Smith Jr. Field ⑦ is home to Blue Raider baseball. MTSU belongs to Conference USA and has 17 Division I teams. Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium is at the corner of Greenland Drive and Champion Way.

Walk west on Faulkinberry Drive.

Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium ⑧ is home to Blue Raider football. Behind the football stadium is **Murphy Center**, or "The Glass House," the home of our men's and women's basketball teams. (You'll have to walk farther along Faulkinberry to get a look.) Alumni Memorial Gym is where the women's volleyball team plays. The softball field is across campus next to the Rec Center and SSAC.

Walk south on Normal Way.

Music and Communication

The buildings in the block to your left are dedicated to the fine arts. **Saunders Fine Arts** ⑨ and the **Wright Music Building** house

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the School of Music. MTSU's Band of Blue is one of the largest collegiate marching bands in the nation with over 350 members! Many concerts and other performances take place in Hinton Music Hall in Wright Music Building.

Jones Hall, in the next block, is home to Communication Studies, International Affairs, and the Office of Education Abroad.

Continue south, veering right onto Old Main Circle.

Original Buildings at MTSU

You are now standing where everything began at MTSU in 1911. In the beginning, **Kirksey Old Main 10** was the classroom building, Rutledge Hall was the women's dormitory, and the Tom H. Jackson Building was the original dining hall. Kirksey now houses the Computer Science and Mathematical Sciences departments.

As you pass Kirksey, look beyond it to see Voorhies Engineering Technology Building, home to the popular Mechatronics Engineering program, whose students work with robots, unmanned vehicles, and more. (A new Applied Engineering Building is being built across campus.)

Around the curve, you'll see **James Union Building 11** which has the Raider Zone Grill, the Tennessee Ballroom, and several offices.

Use the crosswalk to cross Old Main Circle.

Walnut Grove

In the interior of Old Main Circle are **Peck Hall 12** and **Walnut Grove**, a place for tailgating before football games. The walnut trees were grown from nuts brought from George Washington's Mount Vernon home in Virginia. The Blue Horseshoe in Walnut Grove is a symbol of luck. A penny from 1911, the year the institution was founded, is buried beneath it. Before home games, the football team greets fans lining Raider Walk next to Peck Hall. Peck Hall has many nicknames, such as the "freshman maze" and Bermuda Square, due to the layout of the building's interior.

Cope Administration Building 13 at the other end of Walnut Grove, houses offices for the University president, provost, and others.

Science Corridor of Innovation

The Science Corridor of Innovation 14 includes the recently renovated Wisner-Patten Science Hall and Davis Science Building as well as our state-of-the-art Science Building. With more than 250,000 square feet of classrooms, research laboratories, faculty offices, and collaborative learning spaces for biology, chemistry, and other science courses, the Science Building is the biggest improvement ever for science education and research at MTSU. Davis and Wisner-Patten house offices for Geosciences, Physics, Astronomy, and Forensic Science.

Head east on the sidewalk after you pass Wisner-Patten.

The Knoll

Todd Hall 15 houses the Art and Design and the Sociology and Anthropology departments. The building has dedicated areas for various visual arts disciplines, a student gallery, Todd Art Gallery, and the Albert Gore Research Center, which curates the University archives.

Next door is **Keathley University Center**, which contains various campus offices, including the Disability and Access Center, Housing, and CUSTOMS; the post office; McCallie Dining Hall; and the Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center. MTSU's Army ROTC (Military Science) program is located in buildings just north of the KUC. The grassy area south of Keathley is known as the KUC Knoll.

The next building on your left is **McWherter Learning Resources Center 16** home to the Department of Human Sciences and the Center for Educational Media, which includes our own True Blue TV.

From this vantage point, you have a great view of the Science Building to the south.

To the right of the **Science Building**, you can see the colorful "Famous Friends" mural on the side of the Chris Young Café, a performance venue and production lab named in honor of the entertainer's continued support of his alma mater.

Library and the Quad

The Quad 17 in front of **James E. Walker Library** is a place for students to study and socialize. (A popular superstition says that walking across the MTSU seal means you'll need more than four years to graduate.)

Walker Library, named after the University's eighth president, contains more than 600,000 books and periodicals and provides access to over 500 databases. The University Writing Center assists students in writing and editing papers. In the Makerspace, students from all disciplines can access computer-aided design technology and fabrication equipment to find innovative ways of bringing their ideas to life.

Media and Entertainment

The College of Media and Entertainment is one of the largest of its kind in the country. The **John Bragg Media and Entertainment Building 18** includes offices for *Sidelines*, the student-run news outlet; WMTS-FM, a student-run radio station; Match Records, a student-run record label; MT10, a student-operated cable television station; and WMOT-FM, a 100,000-watt public radio station.

If you venture to the south side of the building, you may see the Mobile Production Lab, "The Truck," if it is not away covering an event. The

high-definition video production lab is professional grade and one of the most advanced mobile production labs independently operated by a university. *Continue east on the sidewalk.*

Education

The College of Education Building 19 is home to Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Level Education, and Special Education. Students can use TeamSpot/ClassSpot, collaborative software that allows the sharing of documents wirelessly. The building's atrium features the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

School of Concrete and Construction Management Building

Head south to see the new home of the School of Concrete and Construction Management,



an addition to the Science Corridor of Innovation. This 54,000-square-foot structure showcases building materials throughout to be a living,

learning example of what the students in Concrete Industry Management and Construction Management will be doing for their careers. Seven laboratories (one large enough to build a tiny house in), an outdoor classroom, a VR/AR room for virtual jobsite tours, and a concrete ping-pong table made by our students are some of the highlights.

Honors Building

As you return to the Student Union Commons, you'll arrive at the **Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building 20** with its stately bell tower. In the Martin Building, students study, work on Honors publications, enjoy a free cup of coffee or newspaper, or just relax by the fireplace in the common area. Honors courses are capped at 15–20 students. When an Honors thesis or creative project is completed, bells peal to announce the achievement. The Honors College offers Buchanan Fellowships, the highest award given to entering freshmen, as well as Transfer Fellowships..

Continue east across Blue Raider Drive.

Rec Center

The Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center 21 contains six racquetball courts, six basketball courts, an indoor track, cardio and weight rooms, two aerobic rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, a rock-climbing wall, an outdoor ropes course, and an indoor soccer facility. A variety of activities are offered almost year-round: aquatics, fitness, intramurals, sport clubs, adaptive recreation, and outdoor adventures. Health Services, also in the building, provides medical care for students and has a full-service pharmacy.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Much of what people call “college life” could just as easily be called “campus life.” Students living in MTSU’s residence halls, apartment buildings, and houses live just minutes from classes and extracurricular activities.

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On-campus housing gives students a taste of independent living without the commute to and from campus and makes it easy to get involved in clubs, organizations, leadership programs, and social groups. Students living on campus can become part of a vital learning community and make lasting friendships.

On-campus living options include traditional halls with shared community baths, exterior-entry buildings with quad baths, and apartments (private one-bedroom, one-bedroom shared, two-bedroom shared, four-person shared/private bedroom, and family apartments). Communities range in size from fewer than 100 to more than 400 residents. Staff members at 24-hour reception desks provide information and security assistance. Lounges and lobbies are designed for conversation, studying, and recreation. All residence hall rooms and apartments are air-conditioned and include utilities and free laundry. With wireless and Ethernet internet access, you’re as connected to the world as you want to be.

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On-campus living options include these living-learning communities:

- Aerospace
- Chemistry and Biology
- Crime Busters
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- First-Year Experience
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First-year students may apply to live in an on-campus apartment, but apartment living is primarily for upper-class students, returning residents, and students with families.

Scarlett Commons features four-bedroom/two-bathroom apartments with full kitchens and living rooms. Residents have private bedrooms and share bathrooms.

Womack Lane Apartments comprise 192 one- and two-bedroom units with areas designated for single students and families. All single-resident apartments are furnished. Private, one-bedroom apartments are ideal for graduate students and nontraditional students over age 22 but are not restricted to those students.

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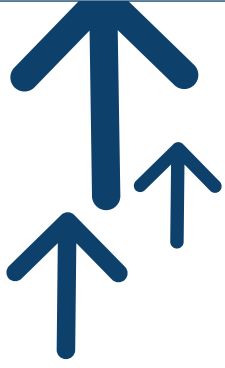
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academic exchange programs between MTSU and higher educational institutions in China and the United States.

CCMC is composed of a gallery of Chinese musical instruments, a library and archives, and 2 classrooms. CCMC also works with the MTSU School of Music to offer a credit course of Chinese Ensemble.



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- MTSU's Industrial/Organizational Psychology master's program has been ranked the best in the nation by the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, the premier professional organization in the field. MTSU's program is affiliated with the Center for Organizational and Human Resource Effectiveness (COHRE), an independent consulting unit that offers valuable experience to MTSU's I/O Psychology students with industry clients like State Farm and Cracker Barrel, among others.
- MTSU ranks No. 4 nationally for the affordability of its online Master of Library Science (M.L.S.), according to Learning.org. The College of Education program is the only one in Tennessee that made the top 20.
- The M.S. in Management at MTSU is ranked No. 1 in the nation by Intelligent.com, outranking programs at schools such as MIT, Duke, and Yale.
- MTSU's Master of Business Administration degree may be customized and can be completed online or on campus in only 12 months. The M.B.A. now has concentrations in Strategic Marketing Analytics, Music Business, Health Care Management, and Concrete Industry Management.

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GETTING IN THE GAME

Since joining Conference USA in November 2012, Blue Raider squads have consistently attended postseason play, won championships, and achieved C-USA All-Academic team status. Here are just a few examples:

- The MTSU women's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three seasons, dominating the Conference USA field for both the 2023 regular-season and tournament championships. Marking their 20th NCAA appearance, the Lady Raiders ended the season ranked No. 21 nationally by AP.
- After upsetting No. 25 Miami ("the U") 45-31 for its first victory over a ranked opponent in school history, the Blue Raider football team defeated San Diego State 25-23 in the 2022 EasyPost Hawai'i Bowl in Honolulu. It was the 10th bowl game of the FBS (I-A) era for MTSU and 14th overall.
- The men's tennis, men's golf, and softball teams all made it to their sport's NCAA tournaments in spring 2023.

Off the field, MTSU's NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) established a new school record at a percentage of 94. The Blue Raiders' 95 score in football tied for fifth nationally with Duke, behind only Northwestern, Boston College, Florida, and Vanderbilt. Men's basketball, men's cross country and track, men's tennis, women's golf, soccer, and volleyball all had perfect 100s. Overall, MTSU ranked second behind only Rice out of 14 Conference USA schools in 2021-22.

In support of student-athletes, MTSU broke ground in 2023 for a new \$66 million Student-Athlete Performance Center at the north end zone of Floyd Stadium that will benefit all sports and become home to the football program. The Build Blue campaign is also raising money for future facility projects, including Murphy Center updates and an indoor practice facility.

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MTSU has a long tradition of aiding veterans in their transition from military to civilian life.

In 2011, MTSU became the first higher education institution in the state (and one of the first in the country) to partner with the Veterans Affairs' VetSuccess on Campus program. The creation of the Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center was a big step in MTSU's becoming the most military-friendly university in America.

The 3,200-square-foot center constitutes the largest and most comprehensive veterans and military family center at a university in Tennessee, providing one-stop service and support for the more than 1,100 student veterans and their family members.



Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Keith M. Huber, senior advisor for veterans and leadership initiatives, heads up MTSU's ongoing push to help student veterans be successful at college.

Although Charlie Daniels died in 2020, his nonprofit Journey Home Project remains a partner of the veterans center. The Nashville Predators also partner with the center in support of The General's Fund, which helps student veterans who exhaust their educational benefits.



Charlie and Hazel Daniels
Veterans and Military Family Center



TRUE BLUE TRADITIONS

On a campus that's always growing and changing, there is True Blue pride in everything we do. We are united by loyalty to MTSU traditions, and we're excited about the future. Here are a few of the traditions that make MTSU special.

The Horseshoe. The Blue Horseshoe in Walnut Grove has a penny from 1911 (the year the University was founded) buried beneath it. Alumni, students, and fans are encouraged to touch the horseshoe for good luck before events like a big game, a performance, or even a test.

Convocation opens each academic year. It anchors a busy weekend that includes the **President's Welcome Back Bash**, which many new students and their families attend, and **Commons Kickoff**.

The first few weeks of the semester are packed with Connection Point events to welcome students to campus, including the **Fight Song** competition and **Crash the Commons**.

Homecoming. Don't miss game-day tailgating, club reunions, the chili cook-off, Tent City, and more.

The tradition of game-day activities includes students going to the Recreation Center for the fall **Blue Zoo Bash** event. Fans gather outdoors in Walnut Grove before home football games. **Raider Walk** features football players and coaches making their way to Floyd Stadium. Each year, one home football game is designated as the **Blackout** game—fans set aside MTSU's blue and white and wear all black. The football team salutes the student body to the music of "The Tennessee Waltz" at the end of every home football game.

You did the work on a big class project. Now show it off at **Scholars Week**. Once a year, students have the opportunity to showcase individual and collaborative research, scholarship, and creativity—from science projects to dance and theater productions.

The **bells in the tower** of Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building ring every time a student completes an Honors thesis or creative project.

Student volunteerism is common at MTSU. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the University's annual **Big Event** is part of the largest one-day, student-run service project in the nation. Thousands of students also participate in programs such as **Alternative Fall/Spring Breaks** and **Make-a-Difference Day**, sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership.

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"I am engaged in the life of this community. I am a giver and a recipient." It's part of the True Blue Pledge—and a key to your success at MTSU.

Students who get involved in extracurricular activities tend to do better academically and are more likely to graduate compared with those who don't. That's why Connection Point is an important part of your first-year experience.



Every new student is expected to participate in at least four Connection Point activities during the first part of the semester. Connection Point events can be found on our Campus Life calendar at mtsu.edu/campuslife/events.php.

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MTSU wants to make students wiser, make life safer, and keep families informed about their students' new lives as Blue Raiders.

PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Parents are kept informed and involved. The MTSU Parent and Family Association (mtsu.edu/parents) sponsors Family Weekend, distributes six eNewsletters annually, hosts a Facebook group, and networks with MTSU parents and families. Best of all, the Parent and Family Association is a low-pressure organization that lets you stay involved in your student's life without compromising independence.

CUSTOMS

CUSTOMS, an orientation for freshmen and transfers, helps students get off on the right foot. CUSTOMS provides important information to students and their families about advising, registration, and academic opportunities.

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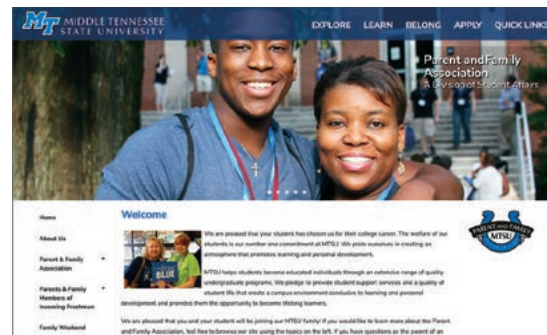
MTSU was recently ranked among the Top 50 safest large universities in the nation by collegechoice.net. The campus safety ranking was developed using each school's general crime report, along with the number of documented hate crimes, violence against women, arrests made, fires, and discipline-enforced activities.

To teach incoming students how to resolve conflicts without violence, MTSU has developed a series of programs on conflict resolution and mediation. The University Police Department protects the campus with 24-hour police patrols, emergency dispatch, and campus escorts. Alert4U sends texts and emails during severe weather and other emergencies.

MTSU Police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All 911 calls from campus phones are routed to MTSU's dispatch. (Note: 911 calls from cellphones are answered by Murfreesboro City Dispatch.)

MTSU has walking patrols during evening hours, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) officers, and Raider Patrol security, and provides emergency call boxes. Safety-conscious educational programs include Active Shooter Response training for students, staff, and faculty.

Rave Alert is part of MTSU's emergency alert system, Alert4U, and is used to send text, email, and/or voice critical notifications. The system is used when circumstances pose a threat of imminent danger and/or when it's vital to contact members of the campus community quickly.



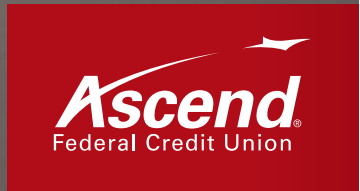
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