Why Missouri State Online?

- Enjoy the same high level of instruction as students in face-to-face classes.
- Receive the assurance of accredited programs.
- Learn from highly qualified faculty (over 90% hold doctoral degrees in their field).
- Reduce the cost of your education with tuition rates below the national average.
- Receive a degree with prestige in the job market.
- Access Missouri State University Career Center to plan for your success.
- Become a graduate of a highly respected public university.
- Join a strong, global network of over 100,000 alumni.
- Master’s degrees add (on average) $10,000 per year to your earning potential ($400,000 lifetime).

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Based on information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Council of Graduate Schools reports that the number of occupations that typically require a master’s degree will increase about 20 percent by the year 2016.
Are Online Classes for You?
Online classes may be for you if:
• You have access to a computer that meets the minimum requirements (see below).
• You have high speed Internet access.
• You have a current email account and know how to download email attachments.
• You are proficient in using PC / MAC standard applications such as Word.
• You are familiar with participating in chat rooms and discussion boards.
• You learn well in a self-paced environment.
• You are an independent learner who is well organized.
• You possess strong time management skills.

What is Required?
Minimum Computer Requirements
• Windows or IBM compatible computer must be able to run Internet Explorer 8, Firefox 3.6 or Chrome.
• Apple Macintosh computer must be able to run Safari 4.0, Firefox 3.6 or Chrome.
• High speed Internet access.
• 16 bit color video display card.
• Hard drive disk space. (This is for downloading articles and installing required plug-in software.)
• 24x CD-ROM drive (Some classes may provide supplemental materials via CD.)
• Sound card and speakers.

Degree Programs 100% Online
• Doctor of Nursing Practice
• Master of Arts in History
• Master of Arts in Theatre
• Master of Science in Administrative Studies
• Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice
• Master of Science in Education, Elementary Education
• Master of Science in Education, Special Education/Visual Impairment Emphasis
• Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator
• Master of Science in Project Management

Degree Programs 50%+ Online
• Ed.S. (Specialist in Education), Educational Administration/Superintendent Track
• Master of Science in Computer Information Systems
• Master of Science in Education, Educational Administration, Elementary Option
• Master of Science in Education, Educational Administration, Secondary Education Option

Certificate Programs 100% Online
• Graduate Certificate in Conflict and Dispute Resolution
• Graduate Certificate in History for Teachers
• Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security and Defense
• Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (except clinical practicum)
• Graduate Certificate in Project Management
• Graduate Certificate in Sports Management
• Instructional Technology Specialist (except practicum)
• Post-Master’s Nurse Educator Certificate Program

Certificate Programs 50%+ Online
• Screenwriting for Television and Film

Graduate Programs
• Graduate degrees are generally 30-50 credit hours.
• Specialist degrees are 30 credit hours in addition to a graduate degree.
• Graduate certificate is generally 12-15 credit hours of specialized coursework which can also be counted toward a related degree.
• An accelerated master’s degree is the fast track to a master’s degree for well qualified undergraduates allowing some graduate classes to be counted toward both an undergraduate and a graduate degree.

To learn more about these programs, please visit our website at: Outreach.MissouriState.edu/gradonlineprograms.htm

How to Get Started
1. Review the general Graduate College and specific program admission requirements, prior to applying at: Graduate.MissouriState.edu/Catalog
2. Apply for admission. Go online to Graduate.MissouriState.edu/ and click on “Apply Online or Check Admission Status” under “Future Students.”

After You are Admitted
1. Once you receive your acceptance letter from the Graduate College:
   • RSVP for the Graduate Student Orientation if you are a local online student.
   • Contact your academic advisor as designated in your letter.
   • Submit your final official transcript verifying you have completed your bachelor’s degree.
2. Become familiar with university policies and procedures and academic regulations as outlined in the Graduate Catalog available online at: Graduate.MissouriState.edu/Catalog
3. Set up your BearPass ID & Password. Upon acceptance to the University, you will receive your student id (BearPass) number. Use this number and access my.missouristate.edu to set up your accounts for Blackboard, email, and your personal my.missouristate portal.
   If you are a local online student and wish to have a BearPass card, please call or visit the BearPass Card Office. See MissouriState.edu/bearpasscard.
4. Register for classes through my.missouristate.edu.
5. Order your textbooks from the University bookstore through my.missouristate.edu.
6. Purchase a parking permit. If you are a local online student visiting campus regularly go through my.missouristate.edu to purchase your permit.
7. Check each Blackboard class, the week prior to the start of class, to see if the teacher has added a syllabus, reading assignments, etc.