One of Northwest’s greatest assets is the friendly “family” atmosphere on campus. Students find it easy to get involved in residence hall activities, academic organizations, intramural sports and social groups.

An outstanding variety of touring companies, concerts, lectures, films, comedy, and University theatre and music performances highlight each trimester.

We have an active Greek community on campus, with ten fraternities and seven sororities. About 30 percent of our students participate in the Greek community.

Northwest is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (Division II) and the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association for both men’s and women’s athletics. Campus recreation programs, including intramurals and open recreation, are also popular activities that anyone can participate in.

Campus Ministries
Northwest’s campus ministries welcome all students to the worshipping fellowships of the five student centers. Each one provides its own creative forms of ministry.

- Baptist Student Union
- Catholic Newman Center
- Christ’s Way Inn Christian Campus House
- Lutheran Campus Center
- Wesley Student Center (Methodist)

Encore Performances
Encore Performances provide a season of cultural and performing arts events. If you wish to be put on a mailing list to receive a complete schedule of Encore Performances, call the Campus Activities Office at (660) 562-1226.

Distinguished Lecture Series
This series hosts national international speakers who discuss a variety of issues. Past speakers have included Carl Bernstein, Lech Walesa, Sarah Brady, Maya Angelou, Herman Boone and Bill Youst (Remember the Titans). For more information, call the Student Activities office at (660) 562-1226.

Fitness Center
The Fitness Center is available to all students. An individualized exercise program can be prescribed for each participant after assessing his or her physical condition and diet habits. Programs encompass weight lifting, jogging, walking and riding stationary bikes. Cost to use the Fitness Center is $65 per trimester or $100 for a full year.
Intercollegiate Athletics
Varsity athletics include football, volleyball, women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s track and cross country, men’s and women’s tennis, baseball, and softball.

Intramurals
The Campus Recreation program at Northwest provides an opportunity for participation in many different activities, both team and individual. This voluntary program is utilized by more than half of the student body each year. Some of the different activities offered include basketball, table tennis, flag football, softball, volleyball, swimming and racquet sports, to mention but a few.

Spotlight (Campus Entertainment Board)
Spotlight is a unique group of individuals – some volunteers, others representing various student organizations – all of whom are interested in providing entertainment on campus. This board is responsible for booking concerts, lectures, films and other entertainment on our campus in cooperation with the Campus Activities Office.

Student Organizations
There are more than 160 student organizations on the Northwest campus, ranging from departmental honor societies to organizations for people who have the same interests. Freshmen may also choose to pledge a fraternity or sorority during their first trimester on campus, or they may wait until later in their college career to make this decision. No matter what your student is interested in, Northwest has an organization for them.

Student Recreation Center
Located north of Lamkin Activity Center, the Student Recreation Center is available to students, staff and faculty. It features three basketball courts, racquetball courts and equipment for tennis, volleyball, table tennis, badminton and pickleball. Above the court is a suspended jogging track. Students may also use the weight machines and stationary bikes nearby. The cost to use the Rec Center is included in student fees. Hours for usage are posted each trimester. Students must bring their Bearcat ID card and an extra pair of shoes for use in the facility.
University Services

Bearcat Bookstore
The Bearcat Bookstore, located on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union, is your on-campus source for Bearcat clothing and gifts, greeting cards, instructional materials and supplies, hardback and paperback books and many other items. Students have the option of charging items from the bookstore to their student accounts. There is a $200 maximum charge limit. Store hours during Fall and Spring Trimester are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Closed Sundays and only open Saturdays when there is a home football game. Summer trimester hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Office of Career Services
The Office of Career Services seeks to provide opportunities for each Northwest student and graduate to develop a clear career objective, obtain relevant experience, and learn the skills necessary to conduct a successful, professional job search. This mission is met through offering information services, helping students and alumni acquire skills related to the job search, assisting with networking and hosting Career and Teacher Placement Events.

Career Services provides career and internship counseling for current students exploring career options and job search assistance to both graduating seniors and alumni who are seeking full-time employment. Our comprehensive website at <www.nwmissouri.edu/careerserv> allows viewers to search internship and full-time employment listings, access on campus employer recruiting information as well as connect to many other helpful resources on the internet. Other resources and services include: DISCOVER, career guidance and information system; company and organization information; a career library; educational directories; and on-campus interviews.

Intercultural and International Center
The Intercultural and International Center (IIC) fosters an educational environment in which students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds can come together to share, learn, grow, and enjoy the rich experiences and contributions each has to offer. The IIC provides essential services to international and multicultural students such as orientation programs, general advising, conflict resolutions and mediation, immigration matters, referrals, and mentoring to ensure academic success through graduation. In addition the IIC coordinates study abroad and exchange programs and
provides advising, pre-departure and re-entry orientation programs to students wishing to participate in a study abroad program. The coordinators work closely with international and multicultural student organizations (see next page) in providing programming and resources that enhance the learning environment for all individuals and expanding international and multicultural educational experience at Northwest and in the surrounding communities.

- African Friends Association
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Alliance of Black Collegians
- Chinese Students Association
- Common Ground (Northwest's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students Organization)
- Hispanic American Leadership Organization
- International Students Organization
- Middle Eastern Students Association
- Cultural Enlightenment Organization
- Student Association for Multicultural Education
- Students for a Free Tibet
- Turkish Students Association
- Amnesty International
- German Club
- Indian Students Association

**Student Employment Opportunities**

Northwest has on-campus employment available to interested students. There are approximately 1,000 students who work, of whom 350 are paid through federal work-study awards. Students search for open positions on the Internet from Northwest's home page, anytime and from anywhere. During summer orientation, information is offered for students who seek employment on campus. A variety of jobs are available to students. Employment opportunities are also available throughout the community. These positions must be sought out by the student.

**Student Services Center**

Located on the first floor of the Administration Building, the Student Services Center provides general University information to visitors and students. Brochures, campus maps, newsletters, petition forms, course schedules and numerous other forms are available at the Student Services Center. Other services available include check cashing, distribution of refund and payroll checks, parking permits and purchasing of tickets for athletic and performing arts events. Students are also able to request address changes and send and receive faxes. Individuals seeking information about the University may call the Student Services Center at (660) 562-1212. The area also includes an information retrieval computer terminal, a phone for local calls, a display of University television channels and a stand-alone web computer.