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# NORTHWEST

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY



CAREER READY

# DAY ONE

## PLUS

**SMART THINKING**

Choosing your major

**PLAN YOUR VISIT**

Book your tour to see hands-on learning at Northwest.



VISIT

# NORTH

THE FULL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE. DAY ONE.



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GIPHYS AND MORE HERE.



# NORTHWEST

VISITING NORTHWEST  
YOUR FIRST STEP **TO**  
**AN ENRICHING AND**  
**UNFORGETTABLE**  
**COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.**

- **NEW! SATURDAY ACADEMIC SHOWCASE EVENTS**
- **DAILY CAMPUS TOUR**
- **DISCOVER YOUR MAJOR VISIT DAYS**
- **SATURDAY VISITS**





# PROFESSION- BASED LEARNING.

# DAY ONE



Don't wait until you are an upperclassman to get into your major. At Northwest, **we want you to jump right in!**



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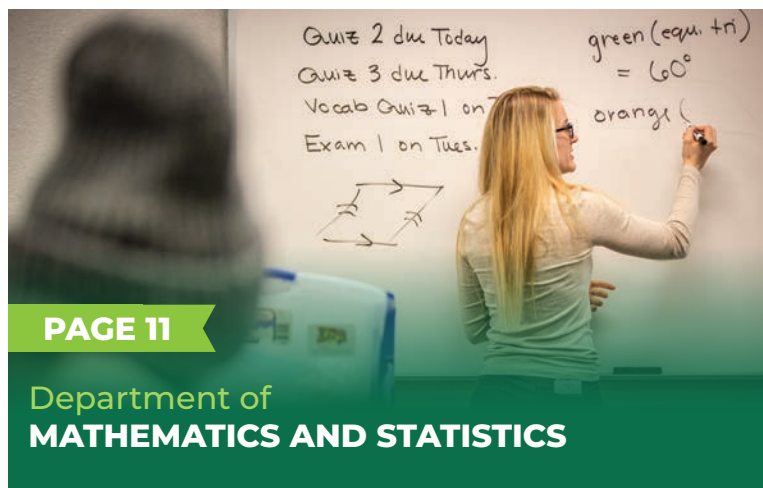
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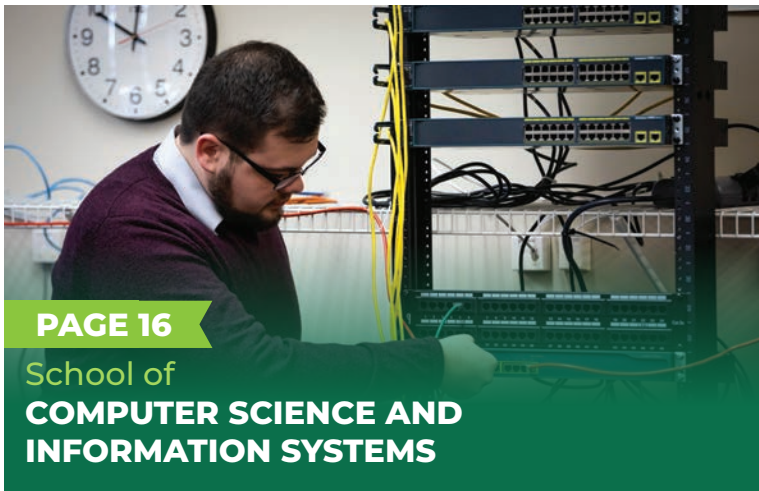
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MORE THAN  
**200** MAJOR  
PROGRAMS

**FIND  
YOUR  
MAJOR!**







Maryville, Mo.

At Northwest, there's so much to see and do! Grab a bite to eat at a local favorite spot, pop downtown for some live music or the farmer's market or catch a Northwest athletic event.



Learn more about shopping, dining and staying in Maryville.

A SHORT DRIVE TO THE  
**FULL-COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.**





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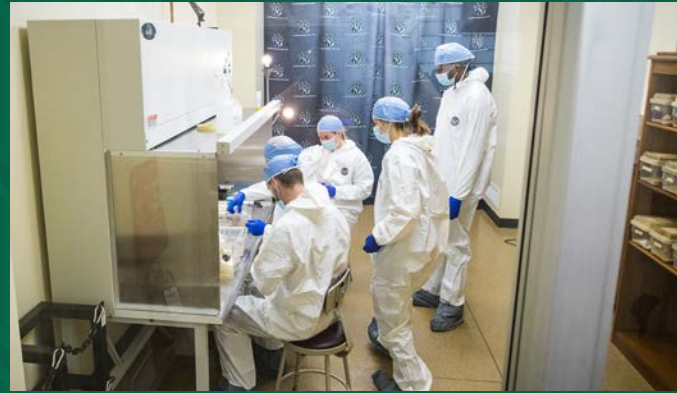
# META-MAJORS

**Not sure what you want to major in?**  
No worries. There are other students who are deciding as well. We have four categories for students to choose from to start your path to success.

- SCIENCES
- BUSINESS
- EDUCATION
- UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Also, we have visit days just for you! Undecided/Deciding Student Visit Day can give you some great ideas for major options.  
**SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TODAY!**

LEARN MORE  
ABOUT  
META-MAJORS







# DEPARTMENT OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

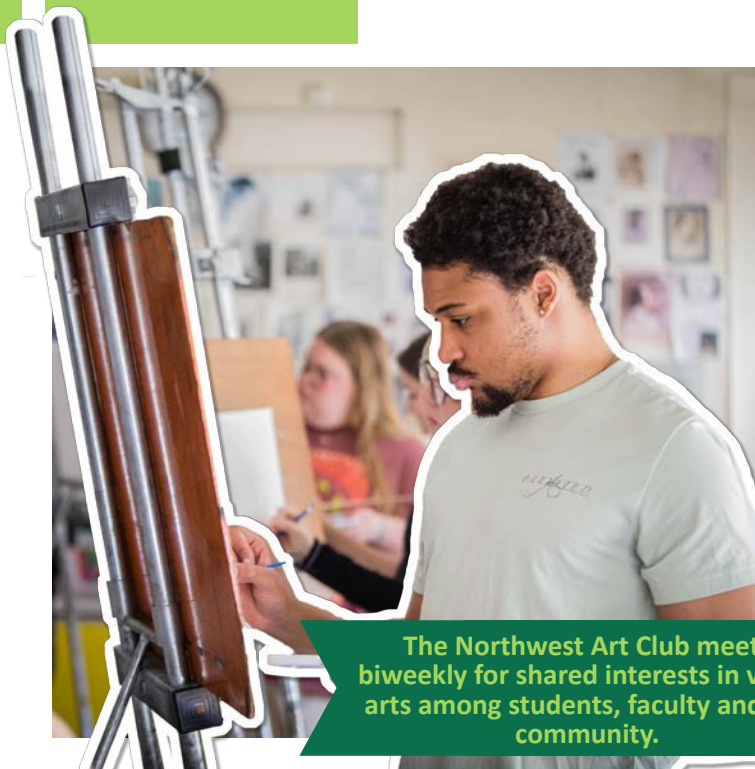
**92%**  
Placement Rate

Associate professor,  
**Dr. Debra Brown** won  
the 2024 Governor's  
Award for Excellence  
in Education

**3** facilities  
dedicated to the  
arts

Northwest fine and performing arts majors find themselves deeply immersed in a variety of creative activities. They participate in design studios, theatre productions and concerts where they learn to bring their artistic visions to life.

Through these hands-on experiences, students gain valuable skills and insights essential for their future careers.



The Northwest Art Club meets biweekly for shared interests in visual arts among students, faculty and the community.



"What I enjoy most about studying music at Northwest is having opportunities to practice the skills I learn and gain experiences to prepare me for my future. Northwest has lots of chances to enhance your abilities and the professors are always willing to help you when you need it."

- **KIRBY COY** | Instrumental Music Education major from Weston, Missouri.





**92.3%**  
Placement Rate

**Profession-based learning experiences:**

- Mock Trial
- Missouri Hope
- Geo Club
- and More

# DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Delve into a world of culture, history, geography, law, and government. Immerse yourself in unique resources, including engaging in crisis simulations and mock trials that will equip you with the skills and knowledge needed for exciting roles and responsibilities after graduation. Come and observe a class, discover Valk Center and get to know students and faculty in the program.



**Missouri Hope** is a rigorous three-day program designed to train students on how to respond effectively to domestic disaster situations.



I love being in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences because of the community and the plethora of opportunities for personal growth. This department allows everyone to be their wonderful, nerdy selves. It is made up of the most welcoming group of people, all determined to learn more and make a difference in the world!

- **RUBY MEDWID** | Social Science Education major from Willow Springs, Missouri.





**84.4%**  
Placement Rate

At the **Writing Center**, students can become writing fellows and collaborate with faculty in the college classroom.

**27** full-time faculty

## DEPARTMENT OF **LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND WRITING**

Students majoring in literature, language and writing excel at expressing themselves creatively and professionally.

Students are also given ample hands-on learning opportunities. Whether you intern at The Laurel Review, practice technical writing skills, complete a Spanish translation project or present at the Sigma Tau Delta honor society convention, we've got your back. You'll walk out of here with experiences and skills guaranteed to help you land a job.



"It's a direct correlation of what I want to do. Since I'm doing a lot of writing stuff, being able to read hundreds of works from different authors, it gives me a real-world example of what people are actually publishing or wanting to publish. I feel like I get an inside look."

- **MEGAN WINTHEISER** | Writing major and The Laurel Review intern from Troy, Missouri.

**Stancy Bond, Senior Instructor of Composition and Writing leads a discussion.**



**100%**  
Placement Rate

**10** programs  
of study to  
choose from

Students use  
**statistical analysis  
software** tools such  
as SAS and R to gain  
experience in the  
classroom



## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

With the help of our expert faculty, we explore the beauty and challenges of math. We use formal reasoning skills to dive into topics like science, engineering and statistics.

In your first year, start your journey to quality education with profession-based learning. Projects and assignments are tailored to reflect significant, industry-specific topics.



**Brian Swink, Senior Instructor of Mathematics** instructs future teacher candidates in an elementary school math class.



"The Department of Mathematics and Statistics is full of welcoming people. Everyone there wants the students to enjoy mathematics and Northwest together. One thing I've learned that has impacted my life is learning the why in mathematics; why it all works."

- **RYLEIGH LINDSEY** | Math Education major from St. Peters, Missouri.





## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

**90%**  
Placement Rate

**30** undergraduate  
programs

**26** Labs

The Department of Natural Sciences is dedicated to equipping students with the necessary tools and resources to design and conduct experiments, gather and analyze data, and derive meaningful conclusions. Our state-of-the-art laboratories provide hands-on experiences essential for preparing students for successful careers in scientific research, environmental conservation, and healthcare.



Students work together in a chemistry lab in the Garrett-Strong Science building.



"After this program, I have really felt empowered as a scientist. I learned a lot of things that I can apply to my future career and even currently during my last semester at school. All of the different collections we did are typical methods seen as sample collection on real-life oceanographic cruises.

- **LAUREN VALENZUELA** | General Biology major from Pittsburg, Kansas.  
Did you know? Lauren spent 14 weeks at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, ME.





# SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

**96.3%**  
Placement Rate

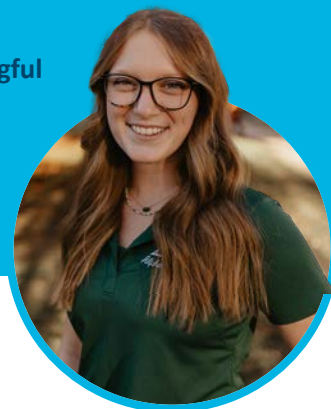
**448**  
acre university farm

**6+** facilities for  
hands-on  
learning

The School of Agricultural Sciences specializes in hands-on learning, providing abundant opportunities for students to engage directly in their work. Our cutting-edge agriculture facilities are a must see and offer the necessary resources for a rewarding education. Join our industrious community to gain the skills to lead a sustainable future.

"One thing I have grown to appreciate about the School of Agriculture is the sense of community between the faculty, staff, and students. Moving 4.5 hours away from your hometown, knowing just two people in the Ag. Dept, and starting your career as a young adult is quite the intimidating equation. During my time in the Agriculture Department at Northwest Missouri State University, I have learned the importance of being intentional in my networking and sustaining the meaningful connections I have made thus far.

- **MALERIE SCHUTT** | Animal Science major from Hermann, Missouri.



Northwest's soil-related programs are an invaluable asset for agriculture, geology, environmental science and wildlife students, offering hands-on experience right from the start.





**93.1%**  
Placement Rate

Students make connections with professionals in our **"Meet the Pros"** series by Career Services.

**Profession-based**  
learning experiences

## MELVIN D. & VALORIE G. BOOTH SCHOOL OF **BUSINESS**



Students collaborate on a teambuilding exercise for Knacktive, an interdisciplinary student-run, full-service advertising agency class.

Students in the School of Business study accounting, economics, finance, marketing and management. They form a community that innovates while thinking critically and creatively.

At the School of Business, students gain professional experience through unique programs like Knacktive and New Venture Pitch, which connect creativity to the business world.

"I think it's really cool that it was a world example with a real client," Johnson said of the Knacktive experience, a profession-based learning opportunity for students who work with creating a campaign for a real world client. "It looks great on a résumé, and it's just good to participate as a college student because I don't feel like a lot of people have this opportunity. I'm incredibly grateful for it."

- **JULIET JOHNSON** | Marketing major from Trenton, Missouri.







## SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MASS MEDIA

**88.1%**  
Placement Rate

**4** national award-winning student media outlets

**9** undergraduate majors to choose from

Unlimited opportunities for **hands-on experience**

The Northwest campus is always buzzing with students producing publications, broadcasting live shows and networking with others at professional events.

Interested in social media or creating digital content? **Check out our new social media management major!**



A student uses a camera to broadcast the homecoming parade live on KNWT, a student-run television station.



"What I enjoy most about being in the School of Communication and Mass Media are the connections I have built with my peers and professors. The connections I've built with my professors are ones I will cherish forever, and it is one of the things I will miss most about Northwest. Some of my favorite memories are hanging out in their office, laughing, talking, and hearing their advice.

- **EMI HANSEN** | Public Relations major from Maryville, Missouri.





**88.2%**  
Placement Rate

One fully equipped **cybersecurity lab** with the latest and greatest technology

Students in cybersecurity have opportunities to participate in **nationwide competitions** in-person or virtually.

## SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Acquire valuable expertise in software development, cybersecurity, and data analysis to enhance your professional skill set. Take advantage of a wide range of professional development activities to continuously grow and progress in your career. Open new doors and expand your horizons by becoming a member of this forward-thinking department, where you'll have the chance to explore cutting-edge opportunities.



Students work together on a project in the CSIS Makers Space.



"For the CSIS department, the biggest thing I've learned is that regardless of if you get internships, as long as you put forth your best effort and time into classes, you'll have plenty of opportunities and experience that will come to you."

- **SEAN COYLE** | Computer Science major from Elk Point, South Dakota.





**96.3%**  
Placement Rate

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**Horace Mann**  
on-campus k-6  
laboratory school

**Leet Center**  
on-campus early  
childhood center

Gain professional experience and work at a preschool and elementary school without leaving our campus. That means Northwest students jumpstart their teaching careers long before they graduate. You can't get that everywhere! Join the Bearcat community and start a rewarding career path.

Recognized as an Outstanding Laboratory School in 2021 by the International Association of Laboratory Schools.



**Student teacher candidates begin working in the classroom within their first-year.**

**"The professors in the School of Education are amazing at giving us the tools, strategies and resources to succeed in college and my future classroom."**

**- JONATHAN ROHR |** Elementary Education major from Clearmont, Missouri.







**93.1%**  
Placement Rate

**New in fall 2025!**  
Martindale Hall  
renovation, complete  
with new labs and  
classrooms.

**Profession-based**  
learning experiences

# SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCE AND WELLNESS

The School of Health Science and Wellness at Northwest is dedicated to preparing individuals for successful healthcare careers. We offer unique outdoor recreation areas, a human performance lab and opportunities to promote health in the Maryville community, providing a rich, career-ready experience.



A student in the RN-to-BSN program takes a patient's blood pressure.



"Northwest's Health Science and Wellness program is amazing! Due to it being a smaller school, the department is pretty close knit - you really get to know and connect with all your peers and professors (who are great). Everyone is there to help and be a part of conversations about similar interest and ideas."

- **SADA IRVING** | Psychology major from Elsberry, Missouri.





# SEE FOR YOURSELF

Walking campus tours are offered Monday through Friday and on select weekends. To schedule your campus visit, go to

[NWMISSOURI.EDU/ADMISSIONS/CAMPUSVISITS](http://NWMISSOURI.EDU/ADMISSIONS/CAMPUSVISITS)

## DAILY CAMPUS TOUR



## DISCOVER YOUR MAJOR VISIT DAYS



## WEEKEND CAMPUS TOUR



## VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR



Contact us by phone at **660.562.1562** or at [nwmissouri.edu/admissions](http://nwmissouri.edu/admissions).

Can't make it to campus? Take advantage of one of our Virtual Visit options at [nwmissouri.edu/admissions/campusvisits](http://nwmissouri.edu/admissions/campusvisits).

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## THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS IS HOME TO THE MISSOURI ARBORETUM

Campus is home to more than 170 trees and 160 species, providing an environment that is both beautiful and conducive to education!





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**DAY ONE.**

