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Goal
Our goal is to maximize academic potential by providing an atmosphere that enhances: learning skills, career development and personnel counseling. Each student-athlete is held accountable for his/her academic performance. The ACTS staff will work hard to provide support needed for athletes to be successful students.

Ongoing process includes:
- Monitoring and reporting on academic and eligibility progress hours
- Assisting in the registration of freshman and sophomore athletes
- Referring student-athletes for tutoring, counseling or other academic assistance
- Helping student-athletes to maintain a balance between personal, scholastic and athletic lives.

These services are intended to help student-athletes reach their goals by providing the information and guidance that will enable them to use existing campus resources to enhance their academic performance.

Student-Athlete Success Program
Hearnes Hall, 417.625.9324

The purpose of the Missouri Southern Athletics Department is to empower student-athletes with the confidence and ability to succeed in life as well as on the playing field. The Athletics Department feels its most important responsibility is to assist its student-athletes in reaching their highest potential as they strive for excellence academically, athletically and socially within a diverse and challenging society.

We are proud to be NCAA Division II members. The Division II membership as a whole prides itself on finding balance in the world of collegiate athletics. Student-athletes in the Division II ranks can compete at very high levels athletically, but more importantly are encouraged to fully apply themselves toward getting a quality education and ultimately a college degree.

In addition to being an NCAA Division II member, Missouri Southern participates in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. We annually enroll nearly 350 student-athletes and our university teams compete on the intercollegiate level in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, track & field and volleyball.

Collegiate athletics in general receives tremendous media coverage and public attention. We in the Missouri Southern Athletics Department intend to use this public stage to bring positive attention to Missouri Southern State University as a whole. We will accomplish this goal by being active in our community, by engaging our community and fans by competing with tremendous effort on our fields of play and by encouraging our student-athletes to conduct themselves with Lion Pride.

NCAA Student-Athlete Affairs
The mission of the NCAA is to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the campus educational program and the athletes as an integral part of the student body.

The NCAA Student-Athlete Affairs unit provides life skills support in the areas of academics, athletics, personal development, career development and service through the distribution of accessible resources, strategic partnerships and customized programming. Student-Athlete Affairs programs, resources and events are designed to promote the well-being and development of student-athletes and to provide on-going education and training to athletics professionals who identify and serve student-athlete needs.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The Department of Recreational Services is comprised of six program areas under the Division of Student Services. The purpose of the Recreational Services Program is to provide a wide variety of fitness, wellness, recreational, outdoor and sport related activities to the college community. The Campus Recreation Program offers activities for students, faculty, staff and their families. The Recreational Services Program also offers activities on various days and times in an attempt to meet the needs of traditional and non-traditional students. The Recreational Services Program conducts programming in the following areas: Intramural Sports, Wellness, Fitness, Aquatics, Outdoor Adventures, Open Recreation and Special Events.

Josh Doak, Director of Residence Life
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The Missouri Southern on-campus residence requirement is as follows: “All freshmen under the age of 21 are required to live in the Missouri Southern residence halls to the extent space is available, unless they are married or live with their parents.”

The University provides air conditioned residence hall accommodations and meals for approximately 700 full-time students. Concerned with the total needs of the students, the University maintains a safe and comfortable place to live and an adequate physical environment as well as opportunities for learning. The atmosphere in the residence halls contributes significantly to the students' personal growth and maturity.