Congratulations you’ve been accepted to Missouri Southern State University!
Your next step in preparing for the Summer/Fall 2012 semester is to attend Southern Welcome. This one-day orientation is designed to help get you acclimated to the university as well as register for spring classes.

Do I have to attend Southern Welcome?
Attending Southern Welcome is not mandatory; however, attending the program will provide you with a wealth of information and the chance to pre-enroll with a departmental academic advisor for the upcoming semester. In addition to registering for classes, the program offers a one-stop-shop format all the resources and information you will need to successfully start school. If you choose to attend Southern Welcome, a reservation is required to ensure that we have an adequate number of faculty advisors to assist all students who attend the program.

Reservation Process:
Select your preferred date and make your reservation online at:
Southern Welcome Hotline: 417-625-3158
Or Online at www.mssu.edu/acts

Southern Welcome Dates are:
- April 18
- June 27
- August 16

Southern Welcome Programming Activities:
- Meet with an academic advisor to enroll for the summer/fall semester
- Officially declare your major
- Meet with a Financial Aid Counselor
- Meet with a Transcript Analyst
- Receive a copy of your transcript
- Process your Lion Card picture ID and parking permit
- Activate and learn about your student email account
- Learn about your student account
- Find out about tuition payment options

Where will I park during Southern Welcome?
Parking is available in lot in front of Billingsly Student Center, just off of Newman Rd. You will not be ticketed if you park in these lots. Look for the SOUTHERN WELCOME signs!

What if I can’t attend Southern Welcome?
If you are not able to attend any of the orientation days, you may enroll in the department of your major starting April 18, 2012. You will need to call the department of your major, request an advisor and then make your own enrollment arrangements with that person. Departmental information is available on the Missouri Southern website at www.mssu.edu under “Degrees and Courses”. If you decide to enroll in the department, make sure you inquire about all the other information and resources you need to successfully begin classes in June/August.

Will I need to take the placement tests?
It depends! ACT scores are not required for transfer students; however, if you are not transferring in the appropriate English composition or math course, you may need one to assure proper placement.

Placement into an English composition course: If you are transferring in a college level English composition course, you will not need to take the writing placement exam. If you are not transferring in an English course equivalent to our ENG 080 – Basic Composition or do not have an ACT English score of 17, you will have to take a writing placement exam or you will be placed in ENG 80. Basic Composition is a developmental course and will not be counted in the overall graduation requirements.

Placement into a college level math course: If you are transferring in a college level math course, check with your department to ensure that the math you transferred meets your major’s requirement. If you are not transferring in a math course equivalent to our MATH 020 – Beginners Algebra or do not have one of the ACT math scores listed below, you will have to take a math placement exam or begin the math sequence with Beginning Algebra. This course and the next (MATH 030) are developmental courses and will not be counted in the overall graduation requirements.

- No ACT score or ACT math score ≤ 18 = MATH 020 – Beginning Algebra
- ACT math score of 19-21 = MATH 030 – Intermediate Algebra
- ACT math score of 22-26 = MATH 119, 120, 125, 130, 131, 135, 140 – College level courses for most majors
- ACT math score of > 26 = MATH 150 – Calculus with Analytic Geometry I

For more information on math placement guidelines and appealing your math course placement, check out www.mssu.edu/academics/arts-sciences/mathematics/math-placement.php.

Biology 121 Human Anatomy and Physiology requires ACT composite score of 19 or higher or satisfactory score on the Departmental Assessment (contact Biology Department – 417-625-9376) or pass Biology 70 with a grade of “C” or better.
Now that you have been accepted as a Missouri Southern student, you have been assigned a MyMail student email account which is used for all school related communication. You have or will receive your email address from our Information Technology Department. When you receive your email address, you will need to activate it in order to use it. Steps for activating your MyMail account are located under the IT Department website at http://it.mssu.edu/index.php/student-faqs/mymail/12-mymail-login-guide.

If you have not received your email account or have any questions about activating the account, contact the IT Department at 417.659.4444 or its-team@mssu.edu.

MSSU operates a $10 per credit textbook rental program for most of its courses. Some courses may have additional purchase textbooks and materials as well. Textbook information for all classes can be found at www.mssubookstore.com. After enrolling, a student’s booklist will show up on their Lionet account. The booklist will specify the required textbooks requested for the classes enrolled.

Enrollment in UE 100 – The University Experience Course
If you have less than 30 transfer credit hours and have no college orientation course, you will be required to take UE 100 – The University Experience. Enrollment in this class will result in a $50 orientation fee added to the student’s bill to cover First Year Experience programming and materials.

Tuition & Fees
Missouri Southern uses Lionet for the dissemination of costs associated with attending our University. After the student enrolls, cost will be reflected on our student portal Lionet. Paper bills will not be mailed out.

Need Financial Assistance?
File your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) today at www.fafsa.gov, then contact the Financial Aid office at 417-625-9325, or finaid@mssu.edu. For more information, visit the Financial Aid office website at www.mssu.edu/financial-aid. Priority filing is April 1, 2012.

Transcript Information
Send your final, official transcript(s) from all college(s) previously attended to MSSU Admissions, 3950 E. Newman Rd., Joplin, MO 64801. We do not acknowledge grades of other schools recorded on the transcript of a school that did not award the grades. Transcript information is used in course placement and in the financial aid process. If you sent a transcript that was not your final because you were taking classes at the time, make sure you do so after final grades are posted. Unofficial copies of your transcript(s) can be used to assist with enrollment, but you will still be required to turn in all final, official transcript(s) to the Admissions Office.

MSSU’s student portal. Your 24/7 access to information:
https://lionet.mssu.edu

All you need is your Student Identification number and your password which was previously sent to you in a separate mailing. If you have not received it, call the Computer Help Desk at 417.659.4444.

Secure Access Login
User Name: S#
Password: PIN#

Login Cancel
Your assigned PIN is your password in Lionet. Make sure that any letters in your PIN are typed in upper-case.

Course Offerings
Financial Aid Information
Class Schedule
Account Balances
Booklist
News & Events

Student Email Account
Now that you have been accepted as a Missouri Southern student, you have been assigned a MyMail student email account which is used for all school related communication. You have or will receive your email address from our Information Technology Department. When you receive your email address, you will need to activate it in order to use it. Steps for activating your MyMail account are located under the IT Department website at http://it.mssu.edu/index.php/student-faqs/mymail/12-mymail-login-guide.

If you have not received your email account or have any questions about activating the account, contact the IT Department at 417.659.4444 or its-team@mssu.edu.
Medical History Report & Records

All students are required to provide a medical history report and records showing immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMRII). Download the form on Southern Welcome’s website: www.mssu.edu/acts.

(Bring the completed medical history form to Southern Welcome.)

All immunizations must be up-to-date and records on file before students are permitted to attend classes. If necessary, immunizations will be available by appointment, which can be made by contacting:

Willcoxon Health Center

at 417-625-9323 or email: Healthcenter@mssu.edu

Residence Life

Living in our residence halls is more than a place to lay your head, it is an exciting lifestyle. Students are immersed in the campus atmosphere and environment. While academics should be the primary focus, there will be plenty of time for entertainment, fun, and friends. Your university residence hall experience will be an exciting time full of fond memories.

Our Residence Hall staff will add to those memories. Contracts are available online at: www.mssu.edu/student-living-center.

You may also request a contract be mailed to you by contacting the Resident Life Office at 417.625.9522 or emailing at: Residencehall@mssu.edu.

Important Contact Information

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Special accommodations for students with disabilities

If you have a learning or physical disability, please call 417.659.3725, and make an appointment to meet with the Disability Services Coordinator, Judy Elimelech. Accommodations, such as extended time on tests, sign language interpreters, etc., are based upon documented disabilities. The documentation gives you rights; it’s your responsibility to contact us. Remember, you are not alone. Please contact us.
Welcome to Missouri Southern State University. As President, I want to extend a hearty Southern Welcome! Your future is bright at Southern. You will find more than 100 majors and degree options, new cooperative graduate programs, more than 80 student organizations, exciting and competitive NCAA Division II athletics programs, a beautiful 373-acre campus, a stimulating international mission, a vigorous and extensive distance learning program, modern state-of-the-art facilities, and much, much more.

As a student here, you will enjoy a wide range of activities outside the classroom, including state-of-the-art recreation center, a vibrant intramural program, inspiring plays, concerts, art exhibitions, and plenty of fun. Our faculty and staff work diligently to provide you with a successful academic experience. Our curriculum combines a liberal arts foundation with a professional orientation and a commitment to the international aspects of education in order to prepare you for lifelong learning and a successful career in a rapidly changing and competitive world.

We strongly encourage our students to become involved in all aspects of campus life. We look forward to having you at Southern Welcome where you will have an educational and fun day getting to know your university campus and the services we provide to help you obtain the success you desire.

Welcome To The Pride!

Southern Welcome Hosting Department: Advising, Counseling and Testing Services
Hearnes Hall 314 • Phone 417-625-3158 • www.mssu.edu/acts

Make Your Reservations Now! 417-625-3158 www.mssu.edu/acts

What should I bring to Southern Welcome?

- Your photo ID
- Your license plate number (To get your parking permit)
- A copy of your shot records
- Your completed medical history form (Available on the Southern Welcome website)
- A light jacket or sweater and comfortable shoes for walking
- Casual dress recommended
- An umbrella (in case it rains)
- A copy of your academic transcript or grade reports if you have dual credit or credit-in-escrow hours from a university other than MSSU