Congratulations you’ve been accepted to Missouri Southern State University!
Your next step in preparing for the Spring 2013 semester is to attend Southern Welcome. This half-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 in 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 http://www.mssu.edu/acts

Southern Welcome Dates are:
November 19, 2012 | January 10, 2013

Southern Welcome Programming Activities:
• Meet with an academic advisor to enroll for the spring semester
• Officially declare your major
• Hear from and meet with a Financial Aid Counselor
• Hear from and meet with a Transcript Analyst
• Process your Lion Card picture ID and parking permit
• Activate and learn about your student email account
• Access your student account and learn about your billing statement
• Find out about tuition payment options

Program starts at 12:00 p.m.

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 November 19, 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 the “Careers and Majors” drop box. 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 January.

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. For more information on the writing placement exam, check out the writing placement website at www.mssu.edu/english/writing.

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. Below are the guidelines for math course placement:

• 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!

For more information on math placement guidelines and appealing your math course placement, check out www.mssu.edu/math/place.htm.
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.

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.

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 your student portal LioNet. Paper Bills will not be mailed out.

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.

- Course Offerings
- Financial Aid information
- Class schedule
- Account Balances
- Booklist
- News & Events

Need Financial Aid Assistance?
There are many ways to reach us and get your questions answered: Financial Aid Office, 417.625.9325 or www.mssu.edu/financial-aid.
Email any questions you have 24/7 to finaid@mssu.edu.

Student MyMail 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 at www.mssu.edu/information-technology/frequently-asked-questions-student-mymail-access.php
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.

Textbooks
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. Rental textbooks may be picked up at Textbook Rental in the lower level of Billingsly Student Center. Purchase textbooks may be purchased from the bookstore on the 2nd level of Billingsly Student Center. Textbook rental bill will post to a student’s account within 48 hours after the books have been picked up. Rental textbooks will have to be returned at the end of the semester.
Are there special accommodations for 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.

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: http://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.

Medical History Report & Records
All students are required to provide a medical history report and immunization records showing vaccinations for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMRII). Download the form on Southern Welcome’s website: www.mssu.edu/acts.
(Bring the completed medical history form and photocopy of immunization records 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

Important Contact Information
Southern Welcome Coordinator
Faustina Abrahams: 417.625.3158
www.mssu.edu/acts/swhome.htm
southernwelcome@mssu.edu

Southern Welcome Web Site
www.mssu.edu/acts

Southern Welcome Email Address
southernwelcome@mssu.edu

Academic Advising
Kelly Wilson: 417.625.9324
Faustina Abrahams: 417.625.9324
417-625.9325

First-Year Advising
Faustina Abrahams: 417.625.9324

Financial Aid
Alicia Hughes: 417.625.9381

Billing of Student Accounts
Lori Musser: 417.625.9516

Disability Accommodation Services
Stephanie Hopkins: 417.659.3725

Student Success Center
Pam Hosp: 417.625.9323
Josh Doak: 417.659.4460

Health Center

Residence Life/Housing
Registrar’s Office
417.659.9513

Transcript Analyst
417.625.9515

Campus Operator
Rae Surber: 417.625.9300

MSSU Web Site
www.mssu.edu

What should I bring to Southern Welcome?
• Your photo ID
• Your license plate number (To get your parking permit)
• Your shot records
• A copy of your academic transcript
• Your completed medical history form (Available on the Southern Welcome website)
• A light jacket or sweater and comfortable shoes for walking
• An umbrella (in case it rains)
• A smile! (for your MSSU photo ID)
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 strong 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

Make Your Reservations Now!

New Student Orientation Program
Freshman One-Day

Missouri Southern State University
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