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## Welcome to UCM

### You've made the right decision.

On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni, welcome to the University of Central Missouri family! We hope the information provided in this handbook helps you become better acquainted with our institution. Supporting new college students during their transition from high school to university life can be both exciting and emotional. Our campus is rich with staff, resources and activities to help our students succeed and get the most out of their college experience. This handbook was prepared with assistance from parents of UCM students and provides the information you need to know. Of course, we also give this information to all our students, but we want to keep you informed as you provide your support, as well. We look forward to seeing you on campus. ■

## How UCM is Organized

One of the first questions parents have is “who’s in charge?” Unlike high school, the answer is “it depends.” As a university with nearly 11,000 students, UCM can be a bit tricky to navigate at first. Spending a few minutes understanding our structure can save a lot of time when you have questions.

One of the biggest changes stems from the fact that your child is now an adult and has a legally protected right to privacy. In order for you to access any of your student’s records, including grades and financial aid information, the student must grant written permission. This can be accomplished by having your student complete and sign the form included in this guide and return it to the Office of Student Affairs, Administration 214.

Your student’s rights and responsibilities are outlined in two publications, the Student Handbook and the Undergraduate Catalog. Policies and procedures can also be found online at [www.ucmo.edu](http://www.ucmo.edu). These include academic standards, grades, disciplinary action, appeals processes, parking policies and anything else your student could come across while on campus. UCM policies are determined by the Board of Governors, an eight-member board appointed by the governor of Missouri and approved by the Missouri Senate. The president reports directly to the board and has a cabinet of four vice presidents: provost and vice president for academic affairs, vice president for student affairs, vice president of university advancement, and vice president for administration and finance. On the academic side, our 437 faculty members are organized into 31 departments, as well as the School of Accountancy and the School of Technology. Each department has a chairperson, who serves as the administrator for faculty and staff. The departments are the place to start



if your student has a question about a class or academic area. The university is comprised of five academic colleges, each administered by a dean. UCM colleges include:

- College of Education
- College of Science and Technology
- College of Health and Human Services
- Harmon College of Business Administration
- College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The campus includes the School of Graduate and Extended Studies. Additionally, UCM has The Honors College, specifically designed to enrich the knowledge base, skills, and educational experience of high achieving and exceptionally motivated undergraduate students.

To learn more about The Honors College visit [www.ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege](http://www.ucmo.edu/thehonorscollege). ■

# Academic Advising

The average UCM student takes about nine semesters, or four and one-half years to graduate. Students who work closely with their academic advisors have greater success at graduating in four years than students who do not. The advisor is the key to on-time graduation. If your student has not declared a major, he or she will be considered “open option.”

Open option students are assigned advisors who specialize in working with these students, in order to help them graduate in a timely fashion. If your student has questions about adding or dropping a class, or anything else related to schedule, have them contact their advisor. For more information visit [www.ucmo.edu/oa](http://www.ucmo.edu/oa). ■

# Academic Assistance

**Given the increased rigor of college, compared to high school, it's very common for students – even very good students – to get overwhelmed at first. The good news is that help is close by. Our studies show that students who use these services enjoy greater academic success, including higher retention rates and better grades. This goes for the very top students, as well as those who find college more difficult.**

## Writing Center

The Writing Center (Humphreys 120) offers free assistance with any paper for any class. Students can bring their paper or project into the Center at any stage in the writing process. Faculty and peer tutors will work with the student on the writing process using the assignment or project. Two satellite centers, in Houts-Hosey and Ellis, offer the same assistance Monday through Thursday evenings.

## Learning Center

The Learning Center (Humphreys 110) offers free tutoring in math classes from Introduction to Algebra (AE 1030) through Intermediate and College Algebra (Math 1101 and 1111) and Contemporary Math (Math 1620). The Learning Center is open Monday through Friday.

## Student Success Center

UCM is working to establish a Student Success Center for the fall of 2010 which

would provide a centralized location at the James C. Kirkpatrick Library and expanded hours for academic assistance through the Writing Center and Learning Center. In addition, the Success Center would expand tutoring in other content areas in specific academic departments and centralize the coordination of student programs including Learning Communities, Freshman Seminar, and First-Year Experience programs.

## Early Alert Program

The Early Alert Program identifies students who may be in need of academic assistance early in their academic programs. As part of the program, faculty mentors personally contact the students for individual interviews to determine the most appropriate services or resources available on campus. An academic help web site has been created listing all available tutoring and support services on campus at [www.ucmo.edu/connections/stusppt.htm](http://www.ucmo.edu/connections/stusppt.htm).

## Freshman Seminar

This falls under the no-brainer category. Freshmen who take the Freshman Development Seminar (AE 1400) have a much higher retention rate than other freshmen. The class is a one-credit-hour orientation course that is highly recommended for all first-time freshmen.

## Enrollment Validation Policy

During the fall and spring semesters, UCM uses a procedure to validate student enrollment. Students must attend each class on the first day the class is scheduled to meet in order to stay enrolled in the class.

Please remember that enrollment (and disenrollment) in courses is your student's responsibility. Do not assume that if your student fails to attend a class, the university will automatically drop him/her from the course.

## Planned Placement

Planned Placement ensures that students get off to a good start. Depending on your student's ACT score, he or she may be placed in a course designed to prepare students for college-level writing, mathematics and learning strategies. We've found the test scores are very accurate when it comes to these recommendations. Using planned placement gives your student the best chance for success.

## Trio-Student Support Services (SSS)

TRIO-Student Support Services (SSS) exists to help its participants stay in college until they graduate. SSS provides FREE credit classes (including math, writing, and reading for Planned Placement requirements), FREE tutoring in high-risk courses, FREE intensive educational advisement and FREE access to computer technology. For further information, check out details at [www.ucmo.edu/sss](http://www.ucmo.edu/sss) or contact the TRIO-SSS academic coordinator by phone at 660-543-8782 or by email at [trio@ucmo.edu](mailto:trio@ucmo.edu). ■



## Grades

Students can access their grades online at the end of each semester. If you want to see the grades, your student will have to provide access. GPA calculators are available online at [www.ucmo.edu/gpa](http://www.ucmo.edu/gpa). ■

## Accessibility Services

The Office of Accessibility Services provides equal opportunity for students and visitors with disabilities. Students requesting services need to provide professional documentation of their disability and how it affects them. For more information go to [www.ucmo.edu/access](http://www.ucmo.edu/access), Elliott Union 222, 660-543-4421. ■

## Athletics

Central Missouri's athletic teams, known as the Mules and Jennies, consistently rank among the best NCAA Division II programs in the country. Your student has the opportunity to attend all regular season athletic events for free just by displaying a valid student ID. ■

## Financial Assistance

There are many ways to finance the educational and living costs associated with pursuing a post-secondary education.



The most reliable and accurate sources of information and assistance are your student's high school guidance office and the University of Central Missouri Office of Student Financial Services. This office may be contacted by mail or in person (Ward Edwards Building 1100), by email ([www.ucmo.edu/sfs/ServiceTracking](mailto:www.ucmo.edu/sfs/ServiceTracking)) or by telephone (660-543-8266).

Information you'll find at [www.ucmo.edu/sfs](http://www.ucmo.edu/sfs) and [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) will also be helpful in planning for the 2010-2011 school year.

### Where to Start

Students and parents should be aware how important it is to complete the 2010/2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on line at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

No other website should be used to file the FAFSA. The FAFSA can still be filed during the months prior to the beginning of the 2010 fall semester. ■

# How to Make Payments to the University

Your student is expected to have made the necessary financial arrangements prior to enrolling for classes. Any federal, state or UCM financial assistance should be arranged prior to the start of classes through the Office of Student Financial Services. Your student is responsible for making all payments due if your financial aid application is still in process.

The payment due date for a semester's cost will first appear on a Statement of Account mailed to your student's permanent address. All other statements will be posted online, with a notice sent to your student's university email address. Payment of charges or arrangements to pay the costs with financial assistance, third-party sponsorship or a payment plan will verify that the student's account is in good standing.

## Billing Information

Students who have made arrangements to pay but fail to stay current with their payment schedule will not be allowed to enroll in a future semester. Charges added to the account must be paid in addition to the regular scheduled payment.

## Minimum Payments

Your student's account is billed for the full amount due during each month. However, a minimum payment is allowed. For the fall and spring terms, up to four timed payments may be made after the initial payment. To determine the minimum payment allowed, divide the current bill by the number of scheduled payment dates remaining in the term. A fee of 1.5 percent will be assessed four times each semester on the unpaid amount.

## Payment Options

Payment methods and combinations thereof may be utilized to pay the charges on the student account. Options include:

**1. Pay in person with cash, check, money order, or debit card** to Student

Financial Services, Ward Edwards Building, 1100. Payment by credit card check, counter or starter check is not accepted. Checks that do not have preprinted personal information on them will not be accepted. Make checks payable to University of Central Missouri.

**2. Pay online with an approved MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit card.** Please be aware that a 2.75 percent convenience fee will apply to credit card payments; the university does not share in this fee. Pay online using your debit card or by electronic check with no additional fee.

**3. Pay by mail** to University of Central Missouri, Student Financial Services, Ward Edwards Building, 1100, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

**4. Pay with pending federal or state financial aid** and/or scholarships and awards, provided all necessary forms are completed with appropriate offices.

**5. Pay by providing written authorization from companies,** federal and state agencies, and other non-university organizations to Student Financial Services – ATTN: 3rd Party Billing, Ward Edwards Building, 1100.

Checks issued to the University of Central Missouri will be electronically drafted from the customer's checking account. In the event that the transaction is returned unpaid, the customer agrees to have their account electronically drafted for a return check charge of \$25 and the amount of the check. Items returned unpaid will be submitted for repayment the maximum times allowed by law. ■



# University Health Center

The University Health Center is a fully staffed primary care clinic that includes physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, dispensary and laboratory staff, and office personnel. The Health Center is the first stop for treatment of illness or injury, well woman care and preventive clinical services, STDs and routine care such as physicals.

The Health Center operates on an appointment basis, so please call to schedule an appointment to be seen; however, urgent cases are seen as soon as possible. All currently enrolled students and their spouses are eligible for service. For medical emergencies, call 911 or go directly to Western Missouri Medical Center.

## Appointments

Call 660-543-4770 to schedule an appointment. Acute needs are seen as soon as possible. Please plan ahead for routine care to ensure appointment availability.

## Hours of Operation

The Health Center is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, during the fall and spring semesters, and 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday during the summer semester. There is limited service available during the semester breaks.

## Dispensary

The dispensary stocks a variety of prescription medication that can be dispensed by university healthcare providers for treatment of common illnesses and injuries seen at campus facilities. A wide variety of over the counter medications are also available at very reasonable prices. The dispensary does not take prescription insurance. Talk to the staff about the best options available for meeting your student's prescription medication needs while on campus.

## Costs for Services:

All health insurance plans are accepted and the staff will bill the health insurance company for all services provided, except



medications. Your student will need to bring his/her insurance card when being seen. A \$15.00 co-pay will be collected at the time of service. Students can charge the visit to their student account, or pay with cash, check or credit card. In addition, there is a \$10.00 fee for no-shows and late cancellations (less than 24 hours notice) for specialty appointments, such as well woman exams. For more information please visit our website [www.ucmo.edu/uhc](http://www.ucmo.edu/uhc).

## Counseling Center

The Counseling Center is a helpful place for students to go with problems that are interfering with their college experience. Whatever their concern is (boyfriend or girlfriend problems, getting along with roommates, problems at home, any sort of painful experience, or difficulties like depression and anxiety), going to the Counseling Center is a good way to get back on track. A counselor will meet with your student and help him or her figure out what to do next. The Counseling Center is located in Humphreys Suite 131. Our phone number is 660-543-4060. Visit us on the web at [www.ucmo.edu/cps](http://www.ucmo.edu/cps).

## For parents of students who are already in counseling and/or are receiving medication for psychological concerns

Whenever possible, current treatment relationships should be continued (such as with a counselor and/or a physician that prescribes medication). Since the Counseling Center provides brief counseling, ongoing or long-term counseling are not available. If current treatment relationships cannot be continued due to distance or other factors, the Counseling Center can help you and your student find a local referral. The Counseling Center may be reached at 660-543-4060 or visit us on the web at [www.ucmo.edu/cps](http://www.ucmo.edu/cps).

## AlcoholEdu®

The University of Central Missouri has joined many of the nation's top schools in adopting AlcoholEdu for College as a key component of its comprehensive alcohol education program. New first-year students

are expected to successfully complete part one of AlcoholEdu for College before arrival on campus in August. AlcoholEdu is an online, science-based course that provides detailed information about alcohol and its effects on the body and mind. If your student abstains from alcohol, this course will still help them make well-informed decisions and address issues that may be raised by the drinking behavior of other students.

The deadline for completing the first portion of AlcoholEdu for College is Aug. 15, 2010. In mid-July your student will receive an email notification in your student's UCM email account from [alcoholedu@ucmo.edu](mailto:alcoholedu@ucmo.edu) to begin taking the course online at [www.ucmo.edu/alcoholedu](http://www.ucmo.edu/alcoholedu). For more information about AlcoholEdu for College, please contact the UCM Office of Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention at 660-543-4044 or visit the web at [www.ucmo.edu/alcoholedu](http://www.ucmo.edu/alcoholedu). ■

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# Housing

## Who Will Help Your Student?

Each floor has a community advisor, called a “CA” by those residing on campus. The CA is the first person your student should contact if problems arise. The next person in the building to help your student is the residence hall director (RHD). The RHD supervises the CA staff and the front desk services of the building. The RHD has been very involved in residence life prior to taking this position and is well-trained in providing all levels of help to students. Each of the residence halls falls under the supervision of one of the assistant directors of residence life. The assistant directors are full-time university professional staff. Their offices are located in the residence hall.

The Office of University Housing assists students with all aspects of living on campus. This is where students sign up for housing and meal plans, request room

changes and find answers to their housing questions. The office is located in Ellis L23 and is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The office will be open on Move-in Day in August.

## How Safe are the Halls?

All exterior doors, other than the front door, are locked at 9 p.m. The front doors are locked at midnight. Students’ room keys allow them to enter the building at any time. The front desks are staffed 24 hours a day and are situated close to the front entrance to monitor safety. Students need to lock their rooms and carry their room key with them at all times. Students should not allow unescorted guests to enter the building. The university has its own police force, and public safety responds quickly to emergency situations or other issues on campus and in the halls. All student rooms have hard-wired fire and smoke detection devices that are monitored 24 hours a day at the front desk.

## What Services are Provided?

- All rooms are wired for a broadband and wireless Internet connection. Each student can operate his or her own computer, by using a splitter in the data jack. All computers need to be registered each semester via the campus server to access the Internet.
- All rooms have digital cable TV. There is one cable outlet per room and expanded basic cable is provided, which includes more than 70 channels.
- Each residence hall has coin-operated or debit card-operated laundry facilities.
- The front desk provides both incoming and outgoing mail service. Some desks also provide stamps for purchase and all desks can make change.

## What are the Policies and Expectations for Students in the Halls?

University Housing strives for an orderly environment that is complementary to the student’s academic success. Students receive a copy of the university planner-handbook when they purchase textbooks. All university and residence hall policies are included in the handbook. Students are expected to follow all policies and procedures outlined. To review the handbook online, visit [www.ucmo.edu/handbook](http://www.ucmo.edu/handbook).

## What if Roommates Don’t Get Along?

**The first step** is to talk with the community advisor on the floor and let him/her help both parties work through the situation.

**The second step** is to go to the residence hall director and let him/her try to mediate the situation.

**The third step** is to change rooms. Room changes begin two weeks after the semester begins. During the room change process, students can change rooms with no questions asked. Students need to complete their room change within a 48-hour period. Room change requests need to be made to the housing office in

Ellis Hall L23 during office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## What Can Students Bring?

- Refrigerators of 4.5 cubic feet or smaller and 1,000 watts or smaller.
- Microwave ovens of 1,000 watts or smaller.
- Carpet for floor. The room size is 11’ x 18’ and carpets cannot be glued down.

## What Should Students Not Bring?

- No pets other than fish (visitors may not bring pets into the building at any time).
- No electric grills, toaster ovens or appliances with open coil heating elements.
- All furniture **MUST** remain in rooms at all times; students are discouraged from bringing their own furniture.
- For safety reasons, halogen lamps are discouraged. ■







## Dining Services

Central Missouri offers a variety of dining locations. Two residence halls feature dining facilities with an all-you-can-eat format. Each offers a wide variety of food selections.

The Elliott Union offers an array of retail dining outlets as well as a la carte home style offerings, grab-and-go sandwiches and salads, beverages and more. The Einstein Bros Bagels kiosk in the Kirkpatrick Library offers more retail favorites with a variety of selections of bagels and coffee.

Serving hours differ at some dining locations; however, service is generally available from 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

All dining plans are computer coded on students' ID cards. The dining dollar account is used just like a debit account and decreases as students make purchases. All dining dollar accounts are exempt from the over 7.5 percent state sales tax and carry over from semester to semester as long as the student is enrolled at UCM. Dining dollars can be added to any plan at any time in increments of \$25. ■

## Reminders for Parents

- Parents should be prepared to depart campus before the time of the first floor meeting (typically around 3:30 - 4 p.m.) on Move-in Day in August. This allows your student to get started with Week of Welcome activities and meet other people on the floor.
- Parents should encourage students to participate in all Week of Welcome events.
- Listen to your student's concerns and issues and point him or her in the direction for resolving the issue. Parents should provide support while fostering the student's growth as an independent adult.
- Check in with your student regularly but around his or her schedule and needs.
- Remind your student about basic safety practices before coming to campus (carrying keys, locking doors and cars, not walking alone at night, etc.).
- Teach your student basic housekeeping, as he or she is responsible for cleaning his or her own room and bathroom once he or

she moves in.

- Be prepared for changes in your interaction with your student as he or she is becoming more independent and transitioning into adulthood.
- Come and visit your student, especially on Family Weekend.

### Encourage your student to join the fun!

Parents should encourage students to participate in all Week of Welcome events. This is a great orientation to college life, both educationally and personally. Check [www.ucmo.edu/WOW](http://www.ucmo.edu/WOW) for updates and schedules. ■

### Upcoming Events

Aug. 15-21	Week of Welcome
Aug. 16	Freshman Convocation
Aug. 16	Part-time Job Fair
Sept. 25	Family Weekend
Oct. 23	Homecoming





## Public Safety

The university's Department of Public Safety consists of four divisions - Access Control, Parking, University Police, and Environmental Health and Safety Services. The largest is the Police division, which has 18 trained, full-time, state certified peace officers. Officers are commissioned by the Warrensburg Police Department and by the state as state peace officers. UCM's Department of Public Safety has primary responsibility for all law enforcement and safety on the campus and works closely with the Warrensburg Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Department and Missouri State Highway Patrol. Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Public Safety is located on campus at 306 Broad Street. The business phone number for all divisions of Public Safety is 660-543-4123. Dial 911 for emergencies.

### Safe Team Escorts

Student Assistant Foot Patrol and Escort (SAFE) Team members are part-time, uniformed, student employees who patrol the campus on foot at night to help deter crime. They provide a walking escort from building exit to building entrance or parking areas for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. They are provided with a flashlight and radio with direct contact to University Police.

The SAFE Team is in operation seven nights per week (during the regular academic year when the university is in session) from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with extended duty on weekends. To request a SAFE Team escort your student can call Public Safety at 660-543-4123. ■

## Office of Career Services

**University of Central Missouri graduates are highly sought after by employers.**

The Office of Career Services helps your student identify a career and stay in touch with the job market and opportunities throughout his/her college career. Highly trained specialists can help advise your student on potential careers, resumé writing, interviewing and finding a part-time job while attending school. For the 15th consecutive year, UCM's employment rate for graduates exceeds the national average.

More than 700 employers visit campus each year for career events, campus interviews and other special events.

Your Central Missouri student may be interested in working on campus to earn money, meet people, and develop job skills. The Office of Career Services, Elliott Union 302, coordinates all student employment. Your student must be

currently working toward a Central Missouri degree and be eligible to work both in the United States and for the university.

We also have numerous resources available to help your student with their career decision-making process. Your student's career counselor provides guidance on resumé writing, cover letters and interviewing skills. Career Services' extensive database network gives your student access to jobs around the world. ■

# University Store

The University Store is the official store of the University of Central Missouri. The University Store offers a wide variety of competitively priced products including textbooks, miscellaneous books and magazines, UCM apparel and gifts, school supplies, art materials and gift cards. The University Store currently accepts cash, check, credit/debit card (cardholder must be present), financial aid or UCM debit accounts with valid photo ID. A student ID is required when paying with financial aid or UCM debit account.

## Textbook Distribution

Students may begin purchasing textbooks Aug. 12 at the University Store. Textbooks are located on the lower level of the store in Elliott Union 128. In order to pick up textbooks, students will need their student ID, a copy of their class schedule, and a form of payment. Note: Students must have their student ID when renting textbooks.

## Online Textbook Reservations

(Available Fall Semesters Only) The University Store provides an online textbook reservations service each fall semester. Students simply select their textbooks online, and a store associate prepares the order for convenient pick-up when regular distribution begins. Online reservations begin July 19-August 6. Orders may be picked up beginning Aug. 12. Students



will need their student IDs and a form of payment. Orders not picked up by the close of business on Aug. 16 will be returned to the sales floor. Please visit the store's web site at [www.ucmbookstore.com](http://www.ucmbookstore.com) for more details.

## Rental Return

Rental textbooks must be returned to the University Store by the close of business Dec. 10. It is important that students bring their student ID when returning books. Rental textbooks will be inspected by the University Store staff to confirm that only normal wear and tear has occurred. If excessive damage has occurred the textbook may not be accepted, and the student will be charged the full purchase price of a new replacement textbook. Students who do not return rental books on time will be charged the current retail price for a new replacement textbook; this fee will be charged to the student's university account. Lost or stolen textbooks are also the responsibility of the student.

During finals week, Dec. 6-10, students have the opportunity to sell their used textbooks to the University Store. This is offered on a supply/demand basis, and not all books will be eligible for buyback. Stop in early to get the most cash for your books.

## Union Station

Union Station, the University of Central Missouri's technology store, is located in Elliott Union 119. This store offers special academic pricing for qualified students, faculty and staff on Macintosh and Windows-based computers, peripherals, supplies and software. ■

# Parking

University lots are clearly marked by entry signs listing the type of lot and any special restrictions. Parking permits are required to use all faculty/staff, student, M, reserved or handicapped parking lots on campus. Failure to display a permit or to park in a no-parking zone or restricted area will result in a parking citation or tow. UCM parking permit applications are available online at [www.ucmo.edu/ps](http://www.ucmo.edu/ps) or at the Public Safety office. ■

# Text Messaging Service

To help improve timely communication to the campus community, especially when it relates to campus safety and inclement weather, UCM has implemented a text messaging program. Individuals can sign up via the web at [www.ucmo.edu/textcaster](http://www.ucmo.edu/textcaster). Easy-to-follow directions are on that site. All participants have the opportunity to select which types of alerts they wish to receive. Participants are encouraged to contact their wireless carrier to learn more about charges that may apply to text messaging. ■



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# Welcome to Warrensburg!

In Warrensburg, small-town values and lifestyle blend with a constant flow of new neighbors and ideas.



## Dear Parents,

Thanks to both the University of Central Missouri and Whiteman Air Force Base, our community is shaped by a replenishing spring of new people and ideas. We're glad to welcome your student into this great mix!

Warrensburg is just 45 minutes from Kansas City, and students and residents alike value the convenience of being close to the amenities of the city while enjoying the quality of life that a smaller community provides.

Opportunities for outdoor recreation abound in and around Warrensburg. Numerous city parks provide places to walk, picnic, golf, fish or ride bikes, including Blind Boone Park, a lovingly restored area just west of downtown that's perfect for family outings or quiet contemplation. The nearly 4,000-acre Knob Noster State Park is just down the road and features trails for walking, biking or riding horses, and is notable for its savannas, unique wetlands and several WPA-era structures onsite that are still in use.

Warrensburg is home to the historic Johnson County Courthouse and Museum, and famous for the "Old Drum" Trial of 1870; the

closing argument from this trial was the origin of the phrase "a dog is a man's best friend."

The downtown area is full of beautiful architecture – including the 1890s train depot – as well as unique shops and wonderful eateries. While downtown, visit the Old Drum statue to read the *Tribute to a Dog* and stroll by the murals depicting the history of downtown Warrensburg and the famed Pertle Springs Resort.

As for indoor entertainment, Warrensburg has something for everyone, from shopping at small, intimate boutiques or major discount stores, to history museums and fine art. The Warrensburg Community Center offers a wide variety of classes and programs for every age. Nearly 50 restaurants provide a variety of dining styles, and there are several hotels and beautiful bed & breakfast inns to choose from.

The Warrensburg community hosts a variety of events each year, including



the Annual Spring Fine Arts Show, the Johnson County Fair and Johnson County Rodeo, a Freedom Festival, the UCM Homecoming parade, Scottish Highland Games, an Earth Day festival, racing events and car shows, the UCM Performing Arts Series, a holiday arts & crafts show, Boys State and Girls State, and the nationally-attended Children's Literature Festival.

For more information about our community, check out [www.VisitWarrensburg.org](http://www.VisitWarrensburg.org), or stop by our office in the historic train depot – we'd love to see you in Warrensburg!

**Suzy Latare**  
Visitors Center Coordinator  
Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber  
of Commerce & Visitors Center ■

## Attractions

### Around Town

#### Old Drum

One of the most celebrated figures from Warrensburg's past, the hunting dog known as Old Drum became world-renown – and was the inspiration for one of our country's most famous original sayings – thanks to a trial that happened right here in Warrensburg. When United States senator-to-be George Graham Vest delivered his closing argument in the Old Drum trial in a Johnson County courtroom in 1870, he had no idea his words would make him famous. He made the speech while arguing on behalf of Charles Burden, whose favorite hunting dog was shot by the young ward of Leonidas Hornsby. Vest's words, coining the phrase "A dog is a man's best friend," won him fame across Missouri and around the world. A copy of Vest's *Tribute to a Dog* can be found engraved beneath the statue of Old Drum on the lawn of the current Johnson County courthouse, 300 N. Holden St.

#### Blind Boone Park

Originally a park for the black community during segregation, this beautiful park is named in memory of John William "Blind" Boone, the son of a former slave and a military bugler who was born and grew up in Warrensburg. Boone lost his sight at an early age, but he persevered to become a world-renowned pianist and composer. Today this lovingly restored park features a sensory walkway with a scent garden, a wind harp, a reflexology path and more. 402 W. Pine St., just west of downtown; call Warrensburg Parks & Recreation for more information: 660-747-3168.

#### Sculptures

Gracing the grounds of the University of Central Missouri campus, many of these outdoor works are those of UCM alumni, including two by David Laughlin, *Generations* and *Guardian*, and *Equiponderation* by Phil Uyeda. Another unique sculpture, by faculty member Jerry Miller, called *Squares + Movement = Questions*, was built to encourage the viewer to manipulate the parts and become actively involved with the work and design process.

#### Murals

Illustrative of Warrensburg's history, two murals can be found downtown. The first, at the corner of Gay and Holden Streets, depicts downtown Warrensburg as it looked in the 1920s. The other, covering two walls at Holden and Market Streets, features the famed Pertle Springs Resort at the height of its popularity, showing the resort hotel Minnewawa and many types of outdoor activities that were enjoyed by visitors.

#### Maastricht Friendship Tower

An 80-foot-tall symbol of international understanding, the tower is inscribed on each side of the tower with a quote from the Jewish Mishnah: "Who is wise? He who learns from every person" in English, Hebrew, Dutch, and

Maastricht Dutch. Between South and Clark Streets, just west of Holden Street.

#### Warrensburg Farmer's Market

From mid-April through mid-October, locally grown foods can be found at the Warrensburg Farmers Market. Managed by Warrensburg Main Street, the farmers market is the best place to get the freshest fruits, veggies, eggs, meat, jellies and crafts in town! Corner of North St. and Holden St. in downtown Warrensburg, call 660-429-3988 for more information.

### Recreation

#### Warrensburg Community Center

This beautiful 52,000 square foot facility is located at the heart of the Warrensburg community, in Grover Memorial Park. The center has three swimming pools (spa, lap, and zero depth entry) and features a walking track, weight room, gymnasium, game room, arts and crafts room and meeting rooms; also home to the Warrensburg Senior Center. 445 E. Gay St., 660-747-7178.

#### Nassif Aquatic Center

The newest addition to the Warrensburg recreation scene, the Nassif Aquatic Center is a blast for the whole family! A lap pool, spray ground, water slide, and lazy river mean big fun for everyone. In Grover Memorial Park, just west of the Warrensburg Community Center; call 660-747-7178 for information.

#### Skate Park

Built especially for Warrensburg's young people, the skate park in Grover Park is always a bevy of activity. Bring your board and show off your skills! Northeast of the Warrensburg Community Center on Mill St.; call 660-747-7178 for information.

#### Beautiful City Parks

Interspersed throughout town, Warrensburg's city parks feature amenities like playgrounds, ball fields, a cave, shelter houses and more. For a complete list, or to reserve a spot for your special occasion, stop by the Warrensburg Community Center at 445 E. Gay St. or call 660-747-7178.

#### UCM Recreation Center

The newly renovated "Rec Center" is open to the public, and is a great place to take the kids! Enjoy the bowling alley (including Glo-Bowl on Friday and Saturday nights), snack bar, vending machines and a Chick-Fil-A. Center can be reserved for special events. 500 S. Holden Street, 660-543-4375.

#### Pertle Springs

Formerly the site of a renowned natural mineral spring and spa, Pertle Springs is a beautiful place to walk, picnic, watch wildlife and just relax. This area is owned by the University of Central Missouri, and includes Keth Memorial Golf Course, fishing lakes and hiking/biking trails. South of Hale Lake Road, between Holden St. and Pertle Springs Dr.



*Generations sculpture.*  
Photo by Bryan Tebbenkamp

#### Bike routes

Marked by green and white signs, miles of bike routes wind all around Warrensburg. For a map, stop by City Hall at 102 S. Holden St. or the Chamber & Visitors Center office at 100 S. Holden St.

#### Knob Noster State Park

Featuring over 3,500 acres of beautiful prairie, savanna and forest along both sides of a meandering creek, the park also has small lakes for fishing and non-motorized boating, with picnic sites along the lakeshore. Several trails run through the park, including an equestrian trail and a trail designed for all-terrain bicycles. RV parking (with electric) available. Seven miles east of Warrensburg on DD Highway, 660-563-2463.

#### Keth Memorial Golf Course

This newly renovated public facility is owned and operated by the University of Central Missouri and is a full-service 18-hole facility with a snack bar and pro shop. Located in the Pertle Springs area on Par Dr., off of Pertle Springs Road, 660-543-4182.

#### Hidden Pines Country Club

Situated at the western edge of Warrensburg, Hidden Pines features an 18-hole championship golf course with long and narrow Bermuda fairways and undulating greens. Clubhouse available to rent for events. 77 NW Division Rd., 660-747-5515.

#### Royal Oaks Golf Course

Affiliated with Whiteman Air Force Base, this 18-hole course on over 300 acres is open to the

public through their guest program. On Hwy. 23 just south of the Spirit Gate entrance to Whiteman AFB, 660-687-5572.

### Museums and galleries

#### Historic 1838 Johnson County Courthouse

Dating back to 1838, and one of very few remaining county courthouses in the Federal style, the Old Courthouse is the jewel of the Johnson County Historical Society's museum complex. The courthouse was the setting for many notorious events, including a pre-Civil War murder, a daring raid for the purpose of stealing/preserving the county records throughout the War Between the States, and perhaps most well known, the trial of Old Drum. The courthouse is one of the few examples of Federal-style architecture west of the Mississippi River, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. 302 N. Main St., open Monday-Friday 1-4 p.m., \$3 admission, tours available, 660-747-6480.

#### Mary Miller Smiser Heritage Library and Museum

Housing materials on county history, family genealogy, local newspapers and more, the library and museum is a wealth of historic information. The Zinn and Leland Culp Barn features farm machinery and artifacts concerning the development of farm machinery and the general historic view of agriculture industry in the county. 302 N. Main St., 660-747-6480.

#### One Room School

Representing a long tradition of rural education in Johnson County and built in 1911, the school was originally used as a Subscription High School. Later a second story was removed and elementary students attended the school until 1860. Just behind the Johnson County Courthouse, 302 N. Main St., open Monday-Friday 1-4 p.m., \$3 admission, tours available, 660-747-6480.

#### UCM Archives and Museum

The archives feature collections and artifacts spanning the globe from the Nance Middle East collection and Guatemalan textiles to university history. Other permanent exhibits include the Rohmiller Seashell Collection, the Fred W. Schmidt Meso-American Collection, Native American objects from the Arctic, Plains and Southwest, prehistoric artifacts from archeological research in the local area, and WWI and WWII weapons, uniforms, gear and posters. First floor of the James C. Kirkpatrick Library on the campus of the University of Central Missouri, 601 S. Missouri St., 660-543-4649.

#### UCM Gallery of Art & Design

Located in the Art Center Building on Clark Street, on the campus of the University of Central Missouri, the gallery features constantly changing exhibits of works by visiting artists and designers as well as exhibition spaces filled with the works of students and faculty. 217 Clark St., 660-543-4498. ■

# Important Dates and Deadlines

## FALL 2010

July 19-Aug. 6	Online textbook reservations
Aug. 12	Textbook distribution begins
Aug. 15	Residence halls open at 8 a.m.
Aug. 15-21	Week of Welcome
Aug. 17	Fall classes begin
Aug. 24	Last day to change classes for fall semester
Aug. 27-30	Greek sorority recruitment
Sept. 7	Labor Day, classes dismissed
Sept. 21	Last day to drop first-half semester course with "W" recorded
Sept. 24-26	Family Weekend
Oct. 23	Homecoming
Oct. 11	Second half of semester classes begins
Oct. 26	Last day to drop a semester course with a "W" recorded
Nov. 15	Last day to drop second semester course with a "W" recorded
Nov. 19	Residence halls close at 6 p.m.
Nov. 22-26	Fall Break, classes dismissed
Dec. 6-10	Final Exams
Dec. 6-10	Textbook rental return and buyback
Dec. 10	Residence halls close at 6 p.m.

## SPRING 2011

Jan. 6	Textbook distribution
Jan. 9	Residence halls open at 8 a.m.
Jan. 10	Classes begin
Jan. 18	Last day for spring semester enrollment and changing classes
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, classes dismissed
March 21-25	Spring Break, classes dismissed
May 2-6	Final Examinations



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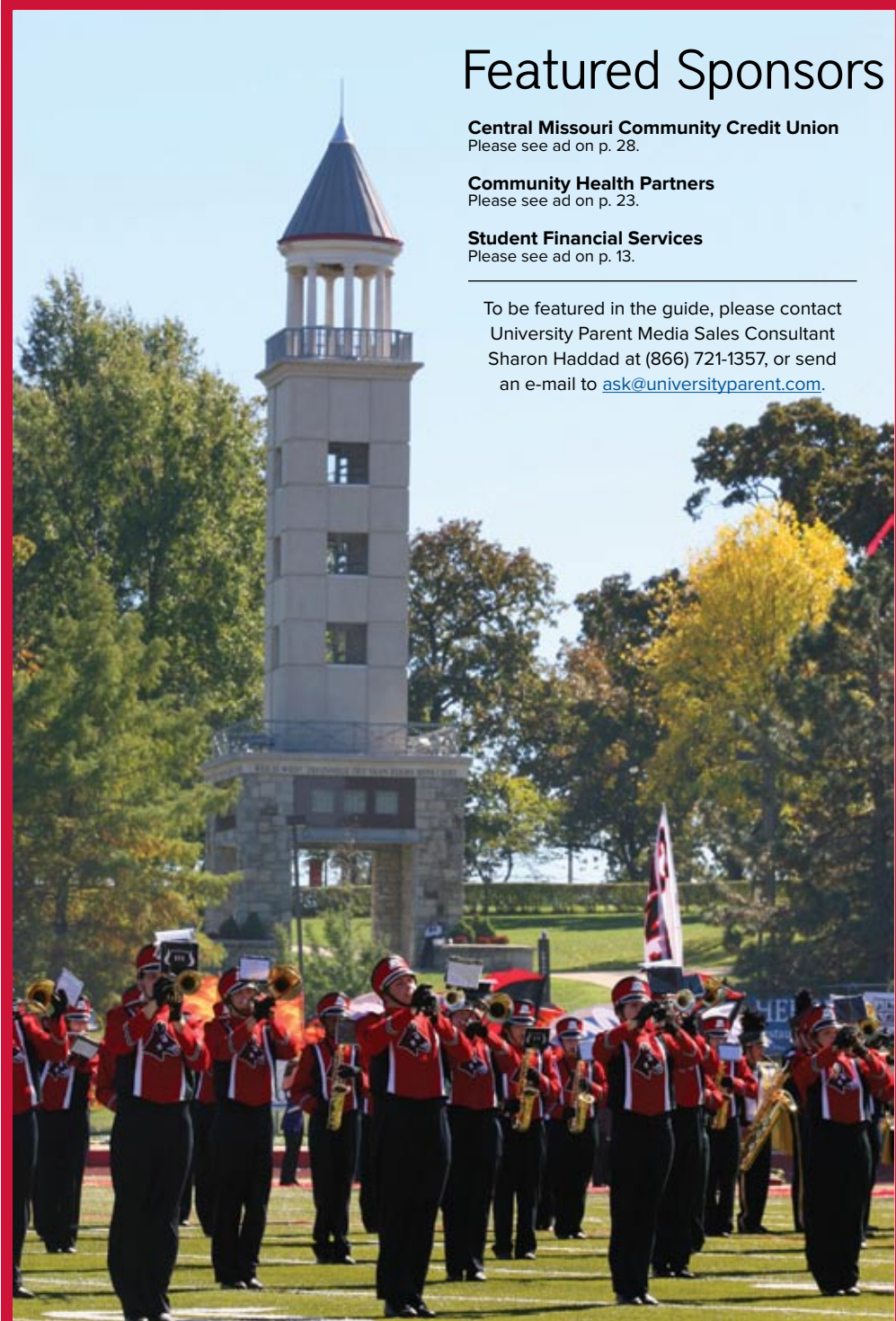
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