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# STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The goal of Student Affairs is to ensure that a quality campus-life experience is available to every student. Please feel free to contact any of the offices within Student Affairs for assistance. A list of office numbers can be found at [murraystate.edu/studentaffairs](http://murraystate.edu/studentaffairs) under Student Affairs Directory. Here are just a few of the offices that make up Student Affairs:

## AUXILIARY SERVICES

The University Store, Dining Services and the Residential Colleges are all auxiliary units. All money earned from user fees and purchases in these units is applied to maintenance, student employment, university organizations assistance and student scholarships. When you support these offices, you provide more opportunities for your student.

## STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

Student Disability Services offers accommodations and academic support services to students with disabilities. These disabilities include cognitive (i.e. learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders and traumatic brain injury), psychological impairments, seizure disorders, autism, sensory, mobility or other physical or health impairments. All services are provided based on each student's diagnosed disability. Accommodations may include but are not limited to alternate testing, note-taking assistance, recording lectures (student's responsibility), audio textbooks, classroom and course accommodations and housing and parking accommodations. For more information call (270) 809-2018.

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Dining Services	809-6879
Financial Aid & Scholarships	809-2546
Health Services	809-3809
Housing	809-2310
Multicultural Affairs	809-6836

## HEALTH SERVICES

The mission of Health Services is to maintain, improve and promote optimal wellness of the students so that they may achieve their academic and personal goals. Primary health care is offered on a drop-in, outpatient basis. This is a free service for students who will be screened by professional nurses. Find out more at [murraystate.edu/healthservices](http://murraystate.edu/healthservices).

## COUNSELING & TESTING CENTER

The Counseling and Testing Center offers services such as personal counseling, group counseling, national testing programs and credit by examination. All services are completely confidential. Call the office at (270) 809-6851 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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## About Our Guides

University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the university and its surrounding community. Ultimately, we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

## Make the Most of Your Parent Guide

- Hang on to your Guide! Inside you'll find information that's useful all-year long, including important phone numbers, web sites and calendars.
- Store your copy in a purse or glove compartment for convenient reference.
- Pass it along to parents of prospective college students to promote the school.
- Please recycle when finished!
- Discover more content, tips and local business information by visiting us online at: [www.universityparent.com/murray](http://www.universityparent.com/murray)



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## Welcome to Murray State!

It is with genuine pleasure that I welcome you and your student to Murray State University. You will find that Murray State puts students first and provides an enriching environment that will foster their academic, social, and cultural growth.

Your student's college years will be among the most exciting and challenging in their lives. They will not only grow intellectually, but they will also form new friendships that will change and enhance their lives. Don't forget that faculty and staff stand ready to assist your student in making their educational experience the best possible.

As you become part of our university family, I look forward to seeing you and your student as well as getting to know them during the course of the year.

Sincerely,

*Randy J. Dunn*

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## A Message for Parents

### from the Office of Student Affairs

Making a smooth transition into college is an important step toward your student achieving success and the Division of Student Affairs is committed to providing your student every opportunity to be successful. Once the initial transition occurs then the goal is for your student to have a positive campus life experience with the ultimate goal of academic success and graduation.

To ensure that a "quality campus life experience" is available for every student, there are more than 30 different departments in the Division of Student Affairs committed to your student's success and satisfaction. Our goal is to provide a supportive environment that fosters learning both in and outside the

classroom. The ultimate objective is for your student to earn a degree and to become a fully educated individual. The Division of Student Affairs provides a comprehensive mix of services and programs that encourages student involvement in campus life, academic support services, leadership opportunities, social outlets, opportunity for community service, and much, much more.

The Office of Student Affairs is located in 116 Ordway Hall. For a full listing of departments within the Division of Student Affairs, check out the website at [www.murraystate.edu/studentaffairs](http://www.murraystate.edu/studentaffairs).

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# Family Weekend

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[www.murraystate.edu/familyweekend](http://www.murraystate.edu/familyweekend)

After the students have settled in and the parents have come and gone from "Great Beginnings", the feeling and emotions subside and MSU life begins. Students will fill time with classes, activities, making new friends, and hopefully homework. MSU faculty, staff and students want parents to know that they may be out of sight, but they are never forgotten.

Join us at Family Weekend as we celebrate the Racer Family! Come visit with your student and see how they have adjusted to life away from home. Meet the many friends they have made and their family members. Attend the Parent and Family Connection Cookout and find out who the MSU Outstanding Parents are. See who receives the eight Residential College Outstanding Parent Awards; awards students have nominated their parents for as a token of their appreciation for all they have done.

Check the Family Weekend web site for details as they become available. ■



Michelle and Avery Woolridge were nominated by their daughter Danielle for the 2010 Murray State Outstanding Parents Award.

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# MSU Traditions

## Fight Song

So fight, Murray, on to the goal –  
We will watch them take the ball  
Down the field,  
As we fight for our Alma Mater  
Brave and bold.  
We'll charge on to victory  
Our flag waving on high –  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
March, boys, march on down the field,  
Place the ball o'er the line  
For Thoroughbreds' fame  
And old Murray's name  
And everything that's right –  
Fight Fight!



## Alma Mater

In the heart of Jackson Purchase  
'Neath the sun's warm glow.  
Is the home of Murray State,  
Finest place we know.

### Chorus

May we cherish thy traditions,  
Hold they banner high.  
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# Characteristics of the MSU Graduate

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- ▶ Engage in mature, independent and creative thought and express that thought effectively in oral and written communication;
- ▶ Understand and apply the critical and scientific methodologies that academic disciplines employ to discover knowledge and ascertain its validity;
- ▶ Apply sound standards of information gathering, analysis, and evaluation to reach logical decisions;
- ▶ Understand the roles and applications of science and technology in the solution of the problems of a changing world;
- ▶ Demonstrate a critical understanding of the world's historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic traditions;
- ▶ Understand the dynamics of cultural diversity, of competing economic and political systems, and of complex moral and ethical issues;
- ▶ Understand the importance of and engage in ethical behavior and responsible citizenship;
- ▶ Understand the importance of the behaviors necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle;
- ▶ Demonstrate mastery of a chosen field of study, and Value intellectual pursuit and continuous learning in a changing world. ■





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# Financial Aid/Bursar

Murray State University offers a wide variety of financial aid for deserving students. This aid is designed to assist students in financing their education, to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued educational growth and to reward service to the university and the community.

The Bursar's Office is responsible for the collection of all fees owed to the University. The office is divided into two units: Bursar/Student Loans, and Cashier. The Bursar/Student Loans office is located on the first floor of Sparks with the cashiers office being located on the second floor of Sparks Hall. A student's account with the Bursar's Office accommodates all charges and credits directly related to the student's cost of education. Charges are defined as tuition, fees, room, meal plan and/or other fees charged to all students. Norris and Owen loans, books, and long distance telephone service are not included on a student's account and therefore must be paid separately. Credits include all moneys applied toward a student's charges.

## How Aid is Applied?

All PELL Grants, State CAP Grants, SEOG Grants, Nursing Loans and Perkins Loans will be applied directly to your students account provided they have met all requirements for receiving aid. Subsidized Stafford Loans, Unsubsidized Stafford Loans and Parent PLUS Loans will be applied directly to your students account if their lender participates with Murray State University in the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The student must authorize the lender to make EFT disbursements of their loan by checking the EFT block on their promissory note; otherwise they will need to pick up their loan check in the Student Loan Office on or after the first day of classes each semester. If your student has not prescheduled classes or signed the required loan paperwork, financial aid awards will not be credited to their account.

## When Do I Pay?

Initial semester billing statements will be available on myGate mid April for the summer semester, mid July for the fall semester and mid November for the spring semester to students who have prescheduled. Students scheduling classes during late registration will not be sent a bill. After classes begin, statements will be available on a monthly basis (approximately the 20th of each month) to all enrolled students who have an outstanding account balance. Students will receive emails, at their Murray State email address, telling them when their statements have been made available on myGate.

## How Do I Pay?

Check or money order payments with student name and University Account Number included may be mailed to Murray State University, 200 Sparks Hall, Murray, KY 42071. Each remittance of payment by check is considered authorization to convert that particular check into an electronic fund transfer. If your check is unable to be converted, it may be processed as a Check Replacement Document drawn against your account. Payments using savings, checking, Credit (MasterCard, Discover and American Express), or debit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) may be made on-line through myGate. If you choose to pay by credit card, the payment processor will assess a service charge of 2.75% of transaction amount or a \$3 minimum service charge.

**MSU Financial Aid** ☎ (270) 809-2667  
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**Bursar** ☎ (270) 809-2667  
[msu.bursar@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.bursar@murraystate.edu) ■

# Health Services

**Health Services is located at ground level in the north wing of Wells Hall. The clinic is open for students, faculty and staff to visit from 8 to 11:15 am and from 12:45 to 4 pm on weekdays. The clinic is closed in the afternoon on Wednesday's for health education presentations at other sites on campus.**

Primary health care is offered on an out-patient basis. This includes health education; health promotion; health maintenance; health history and physical assessment; first aid, including bandages and crutches; routine clinical laboratory procedures such as throat and urine cultures; tests for anemia, pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; and treatment for illnesses.

Health Services' clients are seen on a drop-in basis and are screened by professional nurses. They may be treated or referred to the clinic physician or nurse practitioner, depending on the nature of the visit. When a specialist's care is indicated, personnel will assist with the referral. The local hospital provides physician services on a 24-hour basis for emergencies.

All enrolled students are eligible for free services at the clinic. During the summer, students must be enrolled

in a summer course to be eligible for services. All services with other health care providers or agencies are at the student's own expense.

Immunizations for hepatitis B, bacterial meningitis and other communicable diseases are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association. We encourage consultation with your health care provider to determine what immunizations the student needs before coming to Murray State University.

If the student does not have a hospital insurance plan, you might consider purchasing a basic policy which the university offers through a private agency. The insurance company mails brochures to all students prior to the fall semester. Brochures are also available at the Health Services office throughout the year.

**Health Services** 📞 (270) 809-3809 ■

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# University Libraries

**"MOM! I need help with homework!"**

Now that your student is at MSU, you can expect lots of phone calls. Will you be ready for this one?

**"I have a report due in three days! I have no idea what my teacher wants, except he says I can't use the internet! What do I do?!"**

It is not unusual for a professor to limit internet use in college-level assignments. For students who have grown up with Google as their constant information source, this can be confusing. Maybe even scary. And the first person they may call...is you.

**So, what should I tell my student?**

Go to the library. And no, that doesn't necessarily mean in person (although that's not a bad idea). Research in college is very different than what your student may have been used to in high school, and the resources available here are very different than what you would find at a public library.

**What do you have to offer?**

University Libraries features over half a million items to use for research. These materials exist in many forms: books, CDs, DVDs, microforms, maps, and government documents. Additionally, the Libraries provide electronic access to over 30,000 scholarly journals and magazines and over 65 databases that index these journals. We also provide access to millions of items that we may not own through a service known as InterLibrary Loan. But perhaps the most valuable resource University Libraries has to offer is the librarians themselves... these information professionals each have subject specialties, so they know not only the resources your student needs to get through their college career...they also know the professors and the assignments!



**What else is in the building?**

Waterfield Library provides your student with everything he/she needs to complete an assignment. Traditional and electronic library resources, plus (1) the Racer Writing Center to help them finish the written project (2) Copy Express to help them prepare the final product (3) both computer labs and wireless laptops to use in the building when don't have their own laptop with them (4) video cameras, e-Book readers, iPods, and iPads to check out like a book and (5) a coffee shop with snacks and quick meals to keep them going while they study. The library is a Learning Commons, designed to help your student from inception to completion of a research project.

**How can my student reach you?**

The Reference Librarians are available from 8am to 9pm every day during the week, and open hours on the weekend. Your student can reach us at the Information Desk, or via email, phone, chat and text messaging! (So there's no excuse!) For more about our services, and access to all of our virtual resources and services, please visit: <http://lib.murraystate.edu>.

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# The Racer Writing Center

The Racer Writing Center helps students from all disciplines and in all majors become more effective, more successful writers. We believe that learning to write well is a rewarding but often difficult process and that all writers—no matter how competent—can improve.

We therefore believe that all writers benefit from sharing work in progress with knowledgeable, attentive readers. Our methods—multi-faceted, flexible, and above all, collaborative—reflect our dedication to the individual writer, whose talents, voice, and academic and professional goals are central to all our endeavors.

To fulfill this mission, the Racer Writing Center offers at no charge to students—

- ▶ trained, supportive graduate student consultants from a variety of areas of study who work one on one with students at all levels and in all disciplines at every stage of the writing process
- ▶ short-term, non-credit workshops about academic writing
- ▶ a non-credit certificate program in writing to those students who attend the requisite number of writing workshops

- ▶ reference materials about academic writing
- ▶ a Writer's Hotline (telephone and email) to address simple grammatical and mechanical issues

Sessions typically last 40 minutes and our student clients find them enormously helpful. Our space in the library is comfortable and our consultants are friendly. We are here to help students learn to become better writers, not to judge the quality of their writing. Because we are here to supplement the teaching of writing across campus, we are willing to work with students on any kind of writing project, including resumes and graduate school applications (even letters home!). Whether your student is majoring in agriculture or engineering, history or nursing, we are here to help. ■

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## Murray State: An International Gateway



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Study abroad gives your students the opportunity to challenge their own views as they interact with people from around the world, people who have been raised in a different culture and tradition. Students will have the chance to open new doors and even be surprised at what they will find when they do.

Whether your student has a destination in mind, a chosen field of study, or even the amount of time he wants to venture, the Study Abroad office has the details to make the journey of a lifetime. Murray State students are fortunate to have more than 170 study abroad options for international study available in 43 countries around the world and scholarship opportunities to help students make their study abroad dreams become a reality.

MSU Study Abroad ☎ (270) 809-2277 ■

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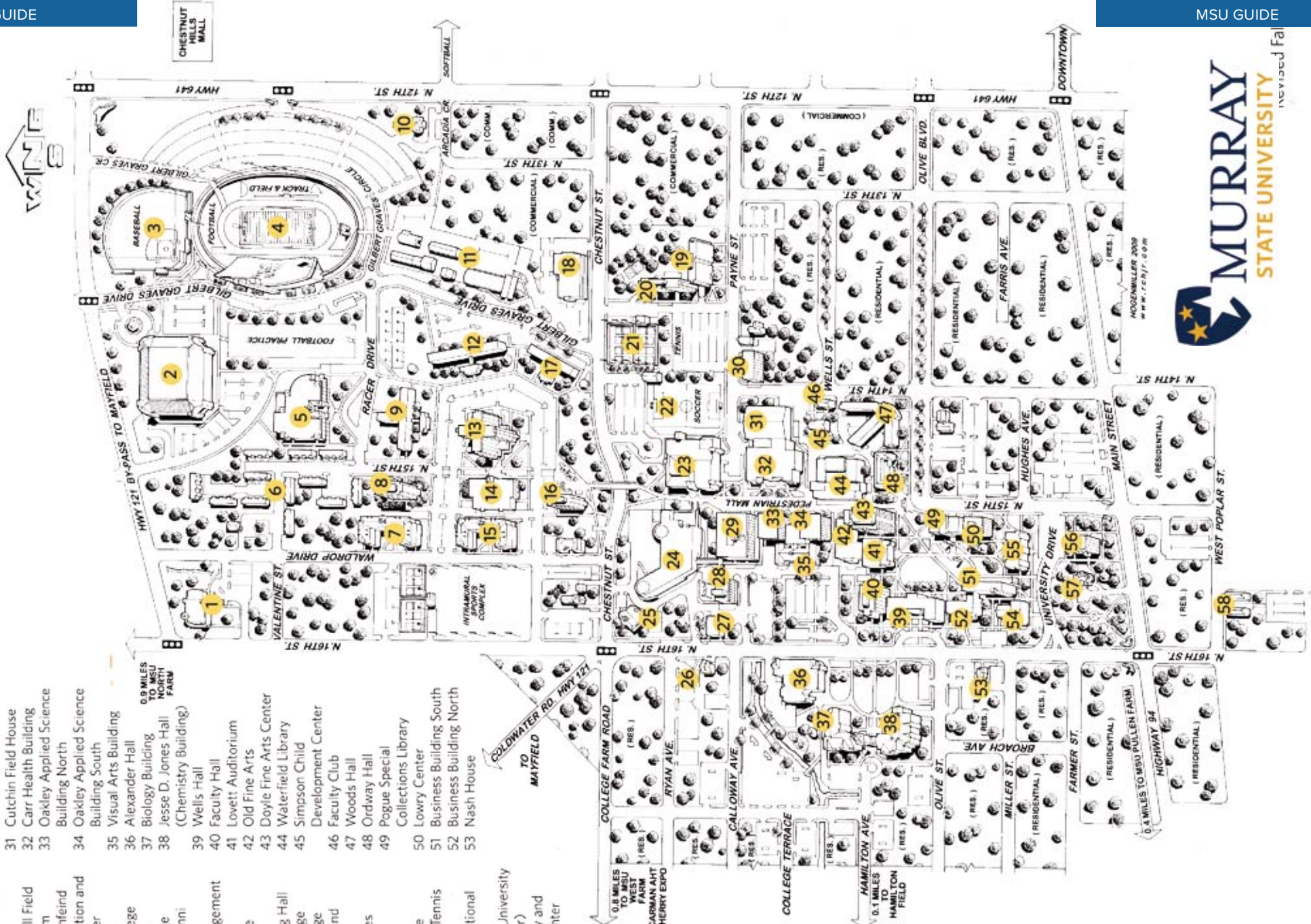
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- 3 Reagan Baseball Field
- 4 Stewart Stadium
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- 6 College Courts
- 7 Richmond College
- 8 Hester College
- 9 Springer College
- 10 Sid Easley Alumni Center
- 11 Facilities Management Complex
- 12 Franklin College
- 13 Hart College
- 14 Winslow Dining Hall
- 15 Lee Clark College
- 16 Elizabeth College
- 17 Former Richmond College
- 18 General Services Building
- 19 White College
- 20 Regents College
- 21 Bennie Purcell Tennis Courts
- 22 Cutchin Recreational Complex
- 23 Curris Center/University Store (2nd floor)
- 24 Collins Industry and Technology Center
- 29 Blackburn Science Building
- 30 Mason Hall
- 31 Cutchin Field House
- 32 Carr Health Building
- 33 Oakley Applied Science Building North
- 34 Oakley Applied Science Building South
- 35 Visual Arts Building
- 36 Alexander Hall
- 37 Biology Building
- 38 Jesse D. Jones Hall (Chemistry Building)
- 39 Wells Hall
- 40 Faculty Hall
- 41 Lovett Auditorium
- 42 Old Fine Arts
- 43 Doyle Fine Arts Center
- 44 Waterfield Library
- 45 Simpson Child Development Center
- 46 Faculty Club
- 47 Woods Hall
- 48 Orday Hall
- 49 Pogue Special Collections Library
- 50 Lowry Center
- 51 Business Building South
- 52 Business Building North
- 53 Nash House



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# Auxiliary Services

## What does it mean to “Live Murray”?

To “Live Murray” is to eat, stay and shop on Murray State University’s campus. When your student purchases a meal on campus, lives in one of the residential colleges or does business with the University Store, he or she will not only receive quality service and products, but is also investing money back into the university. Every dollar spent on campus through Dining Services, Housing & Residence Life and the University Store stays within the university to enhance and provide additional services and programs for your student. In essence, every dollar spent goes back to the student body.

The University Store, Dining Services and Housing & Residence Life are all auxiliary units, meaning money is earned from user

fees and purchases. The fees are not only used to pay for the services, such as food, residence hall upkeep, and University Store textbooks and merchandise, but also for student scholarships (\$77,000 from the University Store, over \$800,000 in housing scholarships), student employment opportunities, assistance to university clubs and organizations, and to keep residential college housing increases as low as possible. So when students support these university operations, they are providing resources that will enhance campus life and offer more opportunities for engagement. Join the “Live Murray” movement and support student services through your student’s decisions about where to dine, shop or live while at Murray State University. ■

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# Residential Colleges

**The residential college is the hub of the collective living and learning experience at Murray State University. The residence hall is the heart of each residential college and is the focal point for the residential college activities.**

Each residential college is composed of residential and commuting students from a variety of academic majors, grade classifications, ethnic backgrounds and extra-curricular interests. This model is a very personal way for the students to become involved in college and to succeed.

The Residential College staff includes a college head (tenured faculty member), para-professional staff (a residence director and resident advisors) desk workers, student maintenance workers, and student security guards. These staff members are committed to the residential college concept and to making the residential college experience the best it can be. Staff members are there to assist students and to help provide an environment conducive to developing skills in living and working with a diversity of individuals.

All residential colleges except one are co-ed. This means both men and women are assigned to the same building; however, the genders are separated by floor or wing. The single gender building is Springer College.

Each room is equipped with twin beds, desks, chairs, closets and blinds. The students furnish most other items. Additional suggested items include

towels, linens, blankets, clock, radio, area rug, lamp and telephone.

Washers, dryers, vending machines, kitchenettes (with stoves and microwave ovens), and study lounges are available in the residential colleges. Hart and White residential colleges each have expanded computer labs with internet access that is available for all students to use. Please note as well that each room on-campus has internet access and wireless access to the internet is also available.

For specific guidelines, policies and housing regulations please visit our website: <http://murraystate.edu/Campus/Housing.aspx>

**MSU Housing Office**  
206 Stewart Stadium, Murray, KY 42071  
(270) 809-2310 📞 (270) 809-3578 (fax) ■



# Does Your Student Need Help?

There are many options available for students who may be struggling with classes as they begin their college career at Murray State. The following information will help you to determine what services are available for your student to make the most of their college career.

**Student Support Services (SSS)** is a TRIO Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that offers free tutoring, academic and career planning, and personal skills development to qualified participants. To qualify for Student Support Services, your student must demonstrate an academic need and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a first-generation college student, meaning neither parent has received a baccalaureate degree.
- Demonstrate a financial need.
- Have a documented disability.

An academic success plan based on each student's background, study skills, lifestyle factors, and major course of study is created to guide students in reaching their academic goals. Additionally, SSS offers social and cultural activities, graduate school planning and counseling, financial literacy, and other as-needed services to participants.

**The Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS)** coordinates and administers services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities. In doing so, OSDS staff reviews disability documentation, meets with students to determine appropriate reasonable accommodations, and works with MSU faculty and staff to remove barriers to promote "equal participation" for students with disabilities in all areas of university life. These disabilities include: cognitive

(i.e. learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, and traumatic brain injury) psychological impairments, seizure disorders, autism, sensory, mobility, or other physical and health impairments.

All accommodations are based on each student's diagnosed disability. Accommodations may include but are not limited to:

- Alternative testing accommodations – this may include: extended testing time, distraction-reduced environment, reader, scribe, large-print, use of assistive technology.
- Note-taking assistance
- Recording lectures (student's responsibility)
- Audio textbooks
- Materials printed in alternate or contrasting colors
- Classroom & course accommodations
- Housing and parking accommodations.

**Project PASS: Program for Achieving Student Success** provides a more comprehensive level of support for incoming freshman or new transfer students who have a disability. In addition to ensuring that students receive necessary accommodations, Project Pass provides the following areas of support:

- Scheduling assistance during Summer Orientation
- Early move-in program (Smooth Move) allows incoming freshmen to move in to their residential college three days before the rest of the incoming freshmen. This extra time allows for a leisurely move in and then provides two days of study skills workshops to ensure a successful transition to college. A fee of approximately \$150 is required.
- Specialized English and study skills classes
- Project Mentor

**Project Mentor** is an academic support service of the Office of Student Disability Services that offers enhanced services to students who wish to access the service. Students receive individualized assistance with learning effective strategies for organizing and studying course-related materials. Each student enrolled in Project Mentor is assigned to work with a trained Academic Mentor on a weekly basis (usually two hours to three hours per week). Sessions with the mentor may include any of the following: writing skills, self-advocacy skills, and study skills.

Fees for Project Mentor are based on the number of hours each week the student

meets with his/her academic mentor. Project mentor fees are \$15/hour.

Students with a disability who participate and take advantage of these enhanced services are retained and graduate at a higher rate than the institution's retention and graduation rate.

To register with the Office of Student Disability Services you must:

- Be admitted to Murray State University
- Provide current documentation (no more than three years old) of disability to the OSDS Office
- Schedule a meeting with an OSDS staff member to discuss services and accommodations.

Students and parents are encouraged to contact Student Support Services or the Office of Student Disability Services to discuss their specific situations and options available.

## Student Support Services

📞 (270) 809-2059

[shanna.burgess@murraystate.edu](mailto:shanna.burgess@murraystate.edu)

## Office of Student Disability Services

423 Wells Hall 📞 (270) 809-2018

[velvet.wilson@murraystate.edu](mailto:velvet.wilson@murraystate.edu) or

[cindy.clemson@murraystate.edu](mailto:cindy.clemson@murraystate.edu) ■

## The Center for Academic Advising

Has your student not yet declared a college major? Have they declared a major but feel unsure about their choice? If they are one of the many students who want more information before choosing a college major, then the Center for Academic Advising can offer guidance and academic advising for exploring possible majors. A student can begin college Undeclared and still graduate in four years!

The Center for Academic Advising serves as the official academic advisor for undeclared students until such time as they decide on a major field of study. This office offers a freshmen orientation course for undeclared majors. If your student needs guidance in selecting a major, they should visit the Center for Academic Advising.

**The Center for Academic Advising, 122 Ordway Hall** 📞 (270) 809-3895 ■



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riding, and rustic campgrounds provide an escape from the weekly routine. Kentucky Lake is known as the "Crappie Capital" of the world, hosting several regional and national tournaments a year. For a family weekend together, renting a boat and taking ride on our beautiful lakes makes special memories together!

The historic, downtown square in Murray is a hot place to be! Late spring through autumn students will find our Downtown Saturday Market with the local farmers providing fresh produce and baked goods from surrounding areas. Specialty boutiques and family-owned restaurants are sure to provide entertainment. For the music lovers, the Regional Special Events

Center (RSEC) brings in concerts of all genres. The Lovett Live concert series in Lovett Auditorium brings an eclectic style of music popular with our students.

Ever heard of disc golf? Here in Murray, this new sport is rapidly growing with our Central Park Disc Golf Course. Disc golf is similar to traditional golf, but instead, Frisbee-like discs are used. Students of all skill levels are impressed by the 5,200 foot course located within our parks system.

If disc golf is not your style, Murray offers many other sporting facilities. The American Society of Golf Architects designated the Frances E. Miller Memorial Golf Course as one of the best designed 18-hole courses in American. A variety of golfing challenges await with over 50 sand bunkers and scenic water hazards. Sullivan's Par 3 Golf and Sports Center features batting cages, 18-hole executive golf course, miniature golf, and a driving range. Murray hosts numerous tennis tournaments a year, being named a "great American tennis town," by Tennis Life magazine in



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## Murray Attractions

### Outdoors, Hunting and Fishing

Murray and its surrounding region is ideal for hunting and fishing. Kentucky Lake is known as the "Crappie Capital" of the world. The lake also offers other types of fish such as largemouth and smallmouth bass, spots, bluegill, red ear, white bass, shell cracker, strippers and sauger. Dedicated fisherman come from near and far to sample the wealth of the lake. For those who do not already have a boat, everything from fishing boats to yachts to sailboats are available for rent.

For hunters, there are more than 250 days of hunting seasons for the area, complemented by vast hunting ground. High on the list for the regions hunters are white-tailed deer. Kentucky is regularly in the top five states in producing record book deer. Nearby Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge offers open hunting in rich bottomland hardwoods.

With its close proximity to the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Murray is a paradise for any outdoorsman. LBL presents a big-woods hunting experience on 170,000 acres of ridges and hollows.

Murray's great outdoor life has even gained national recognition by *Outdoor Life* magazine. Murray State was named a top 10 university for students who love to hunt and fish.

### Kentucky Lake

Kentucky and Barkley Lakes, joined by a free-flowing canal, form one of the largest man-made bodies of water in North America. Combined, the two lakes have over 4,000 miles of shoreline and over 3,000 miles of water. Not only will you find fun-filled outdoor activities such as boating, swimming, fishing, hiking and camping, but you will also discover family-fun adventures in water parks, go-karts, train rides and more.

### Parks

Covering 180 acres of land, the Murray-Calloway County Parks system holds a swimming complex, batting cages, nine baseball and softball fields, a soccer complex with 15 fields, three basketball courts, 10 covered pavilions, five playgrounds, a youth climbing wall, an outdoor amphitheater, three-and-a-half miles of developed nature trails, a disc golf course and a dog park. There are also many unique historic sites located in the parks including Calloway County's first courthouse, a 1907 train depot and caboose, a tobacco barn and Water's 1925 one-room schoolhouse. Take a leisurely stroll through Central Park and enjoy the nature, or visit Chestnut Park and experience one of the many events taking place there on a regular basis.

### Golf

The American Society of Golf Architects designated the Frances E. Miller Memorial Golf Course as one of the best designed 18-hole courses in America. It presents a unique challenge for competitive and recreational golfers alike. Measuring 6,592 yards from the championship tees, the par-71 layout has two distinct nines which require a wide array of shot-making. The outward nine is set on hilly terrain and requires pinpoint accuracy from tee to green, whereas the inward half rewards length and accurate long-iron play. The facility also offers two large practice putting greens, as well as a wide two-level practice tee and a spacious 315 yard driving range. Sullivan's Par 3 Golf and Sports Center offers an 18-hole executive golf course and a driving range, where during the peak season, the range is lighted for night practice. Sullivan's also houses an 18-hole miniature golf course and batting cages.

### Forrest C. Pogue Library

The Special Collections Library, located in the Forrest C. Pogue Library, includes materials relating to the history and culture of western Kentucky and Tennessee, especially TVA and Civil War materials. Visitors can also enjoy tracing their genealogy in the vast records. On the National Register of Historic Places, the building was constructed in Renaissance Revival style, featuring bronze doors on the east and west entrances, and is often the building used to represent Murray State University.

### Wrather West Kentucky Museum

Wrather West Kentucky Museum is located in the first permanent building constructed on the Murray State campus and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum holds both permanent and changing exhibits and highlights an understanding of Murray State, Murray and the entire Jackson Purchase region.

### MSU Athletics

Murray State University provides excellent Division I athletic events. Whether it is football, basketball, soccer or volleyball, spectators are sure to find unparalleled excitement. To view an athletic events schedule, visit [goracers.com](http://goracers.com).

### Regional Special Events Center

The Regional Special Events Center, also known as the RSEC, is a \$23 million multi-purpose facility used for Racer basketball games, concerts, conventions and trade shows. Four concourses, nine basketball courts, five volleyball courts, four tennis courts, a rubberized indoor walking track and retractable seating provide the facility with versatility. This year, the facility will host large-scale events such as the Harlem Globetrotters, Boat and Outdoor Show, and Playhouse Disney LIVE!

### Expo Center

The William "Bill" Cherry Agricultural Exposition Center, commonly referred to as the Expo Center, hosts a wide variety of events from livestock and horse shows to

circuses, truck pulls, motocross and much more. Over 25,000 people from far and wide attend the various events held annually. In 2010, the Expo Center will host events such as the popular Bull Blowout February 19th-20th and The World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions April 15th. To find details about scheduled events, call 270-809-3125.

### Fine Art

Located on the campus of Murray State University, the Clara M. Eagle Art Gallery is a multi-level exhibition space allowing visitors as well as locals to experience art first-hand. The gallery features diverse shows; from art classics to contemporary, from student work to national juried shows. Also on campus, the Curris Center Gallery is home to a wide variety of exhibits throughout the year. Both galleries are free to the public.

After spending eleven years in New York City, Jennifer Fairbanks recently returned to Murray to open her own art gallery, Gallery 109 & Fairbanks Studio. The studio is housed in a newly renovated downtown building, located at 109 North 3rd Street. Go see one of the many exhibits featured throughout the year, including work from local, national and international artists. Classes, such as drawing and oil-painting for beginners, are conducted weekly.

The Murray Art Guild, a local, non-profit educational and cultural organization, offers classes and workshops to help develop the talents of local artists. Classes range from photography to drawing to rug weaving, and are taught for multiple skill-levels. For those who enjoy viewing art more than creating it, the guild displays several shows at the Robert O. Miller Conference Center, located on the court square.

### Theatre and Music

Escape life's realities and tantalize your imagination by attending a Playhouse in the Park performance in Central Park. Housed in a 1907 train depot, Playhouse's location adds a dramatic effect to its plays.

Murray State University's Music Department and Department of Theatre and Dance provide concerts, plays, and dance productions throughout the school year. Also, the Murray Civic Music Association presents world-class performances at historic Lovett Auditorium. Also in 2010, the Murray Shakespeare Festival will welcome the American Shakespeare Center, performing *Romeo and Juliet* as well as a comedy, *The Knight of the Burning Pestle*.

Lovett Live consists of two concert series held at Murray State's Lovett Auditorium that bring fans closer to the music. With the Onstage Series shows, sit on stage with the artist, close enough to ask questions and hear the stories behind the songs from the artists themselves. The intimate coffee-house style seating for 200 includes tables, leather sofas and giant chairs. The Concert Series shows get you closer to the music by bringing new and favorite artists to Murray, so fans don't have to travel to major cities to see great bands. Lovett Live features local artists, Nashville singer/songwriters and artists you may be surprised are stopping in Murray. ■

# Counseling and Testing Center

Everyone seeks help at one time or another. We may be confused about a personal problem, or may be feeling depressed or anxious. We may be concerned about an academic or work-related decision such as selecting a major or going to graduate school. We may share our problems and concerns with friends, classmates or relatives. But there are times that professional counseling is necessary to help us through difficult or confusing times.

Many fellow students and staff of our university community have visited the Counseling and Testing Center. After all, we all face problems at various times in our lives. If you haven't heard about these visits, you won't learn about them unless your friends tell you. You see, our services are confidential. (That's one of the advantages of going to professional counselors.)

#### When do I need counseling?

When all the sources you've tried haven't solved the problem and you're still confused, anxious, depressed or unhappy.

#### Who does the Counseling and Testing Center help?

The center is available to students of all ages, and faculty and staff of Murray State University.

#### Will I have to pay?

All counseling sessions and career tests are free of charge. National tests administered at the center have standard fees.

#### Where is it located?


The center is located in Ordway Hall (east wing) at the corner of 15th and Olive Streets on the Murray State campus. Phone (270) 809-6851.

#### What will happen when I arrive?

You will be introduced to your counselor, and in a private, relaxed, informal atmosphere the two of you can discuss your concerns and implement a plan of action.

#### What kinds of services are provided?

You will have the opportunity to share personal concerns or problems of any type with one of the staff counselors. This includes, but is not limited to, services provided for depression, eating disorders, anxiety disorders, marital or dating problems, stress management, crisis intervention, rape crisis intervention, loneliness, homesickness, adjustment problems and substance abuse. Group counseling is also available for selected topics.

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# FERPA

## (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act)

#### What is FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, is a federal law which provides that colleges and universities will maintain the confidentiality of student educational records. The law basically says that no one outside the institution shall have access to students' educational records nor will the institution disclose any information from those records without the written consent of students. There are exceptions, such as allowing certain personnel within the institution with a legitimate educational interest to see the records, or releasing them in an emergency in order to protect the health and safety of students or other persons.

#### What is Considered Directory Information?

Under the terms of FERPA, Murray State University has established the following as directory information:

- Name
- Addresses
- E-mail
- Telephone numbers
- Date of birth
- Place of birth

- Fields of study
- Classification
- Full/part-time status
- Dates of attendance
- Most recent institution attended
- Participation in recognized athletic sports
- Weight and height of athletes
- Degrees, honors and awards received

The directory information will be available for release to the general public. However, FERPA states that each student has the right to inform MSU that the information is not to be released. In order to withhold release of directory information, a student must notify the Registrar's Office in writing. The release must be on file prior to the end of the fifth day of the semester.

If you have any questions about FERPA compliance, please contact the MSU Registrar.

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2nd floor, Sparks Hall  
(270) 809-2667

## African-American Student

Services & Ethnic Programs  
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Multicultural Center  
(270) 809-6836

## Alumni Affairs

100 Easley Alumni Center  
(270) 809-5600

## Americans with Disabilities Act

103 Wells Hall  
(270) 809-3155



## Athletics

217 Stewart Stadium  
(270) 809-6800

## Susan E Bauernfeind Student

Recreation and Wellness Center  
1000 Racer Dr.  
(270) 809-6000

## Bookstore – University Store

2nd Floor, Curriss Center  
(270) 809-4388

## Campus Ministers Association

(270) 753-5771

## Career Services

210 Ordway Hall  
(270) 809-3735

## Center for Academic Advising

122 Ordway  
(270) 809-3895

## Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach

303 Sparks Hall  
(270) 809-4159

## Counseling and Testing Center

100 Ordway Hall  
(270) 809-6851

## Curriss Center

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(270) 809-6921

## Dining Services

101 Curriss Center  
(270) 809-4600

## Directory Assistance

(270) 809-3011

## Emergencies

Public Safety  
(270) 809-2222

## Employment (Campus) Office

of Human Resources  
404 Sparks Hall  
(270) 809-3052

## Enrollment Management

Curriss Center  
(270) 809-2684

## Equal Opportunity

103 Wells Hall  
(270) 809-3155

## Financial Aid

Sparks Hall  
(270) 809-2546

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202 Bastogne  
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## Graduate Admissions

& Information  
Sparks Hall  
(270) 809-3779

## Greek Affairs

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Campus Admin Bldg 7-B  
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## Housing/Residence Life

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165 Woods Hall  
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## International Student Services

166 Woods Hall  
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## Office of Recruitment

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Chhanda Islam, College  
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500 Sparks Hall  
(270) 809-3225

## Office of Student

Disability Services  
423 Wells Hall  
(270) 809-2018

## Student Affairs

114 Ordway Hall  
(270) 809-6831

## Student Support Services

261 Blackburn  
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## Tutoring

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