

MIZZOU

2025 COUNSELOR GUIDE

1,963

Faculty & instructors

18

Division I athletic teams

92.6%

Retention rate freshman to sophomore year

1 of 10

Public universities with Law, Medicine & Veterinary Medicine on one campus

600+

Clubs & orgs

1 of 38

Public universities in the prestigious Association of American Universities



STRONGER STARTS HERE

31,000+

Students

1839

Founded

300+

Degree
programs

18:1

Student-to-
faculty ratio

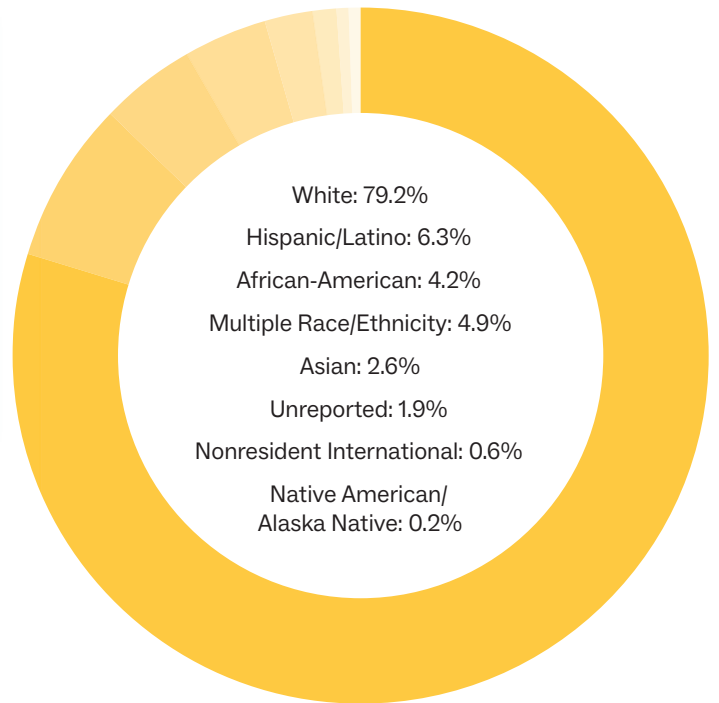
Why Choose Mizzou

- Mizzou provides all the benefits of two universities in one — it's a major land-grant institution emphasizing service to Missourians, and it's the largest public research university in the state.
- The University of Missouri is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), an organization of the 71 leading research universities in the U.S. and Canada. Only 38 are public institutions, and MU is the only public AAU member in Missouri.
- Mizzou is one of only 10 public institutions nationwide that can claim a medical school, veterinary medicine college and a law school on the same campus. We also house the country's most powerful university nuclear research reactor. Our students have immediate access to agriculture and engineering colleges.
- Mizzou utilizes the Missouri Method, a hands-on approach to learning that was born in the School of Journalism and now permeates every academic discipline.
- U.S. News & World Report has ranked Mizzou No. 85 among best value schools for students getting need-based financial aid; ranked No. 12 for overall best value, and No. 1 among public national universities in neighboring states (Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois).
- Mizzou students collectively serve thousands of volunteer hours each year through service-learning and student-led service programs and have contributed \$58.4 million in positive economic impact to the state of Missouri.
- Our freshman to sophomore retention rate is 92.6%, and Mizzou's Student Success Center provides tutoring and academic and career advising services under one roof, making it more convenient for students to find the resources they need.
- Within six months of graduation, 95.4% of Mizzou graduates report a positive career outcome, including jobs and graduate school admission, one of the highest rates among public universities.
- More than 11,500 employers recruit at Mizzou through internships and campus career fairs.

2024 Feeder High Schools

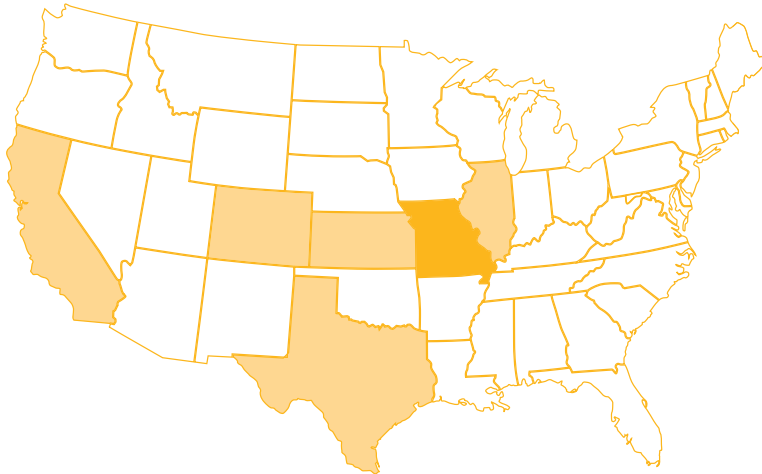
Battle	Lindbergh
Blue Springs South	Marquette
Eureka	Nerinx Hall
Fort Zumwalt West	Oakville Senior
Francis Howell	Park Hill South
Francis Howell North	Parkway South
Helias	Parkway West
Hickman	Rock Bridge
Kirkwood	Rockhurst
Lafayette	Rockwood Summit
Lee's Summit North	Saint Dominic
Lee's Summit West	Saint Louis University High
Lee's Summit Senior	Seckman Senior
Liberty	Staley
Liberty - Lake Saint Louis	Timberland
Liberty North	Webster Groves

2024 Freshman Class by Ethnicity



Top Five States Represented at Mizzou

(OUTSIDE MISSOURI) 1. ILLINOIS 3. KANSAS 5. COLORADO
2. TEXAS 4. CALIFORNIA



Top Majors Chosen by 2024 Freshmen*

Business	Biology
Engineering	Psychology
Journalism	Pre-Health (OT, PT, RT, DMU, etc)
Nursing	Education
Exploring (Undeclared)	Animal Science
Health Science	Political Science

*Rank ordered

Mizzou's 31,000-plus students represent every Missouri county, every state and 100-plus countries.

Resource Page

→ [ADMISSIONS.MISSOURI.EDU/COUNSELORS](https://admissions.missouri.edu/counselors)

- Check our schedule of counselor events and register to attend
- Find links for courses, credits and transfers
- Reference our school codes
- Update school information and counselor names, and set preferred visit times
- Contact your admissions representative to order information brochures or schedule a Mizzou presentation

Be a Part of Slate.org

Slate.org is a free service that allows you the ability to track your students' applications, view checklist items, upload materials, schedule events and more. Mizzou and more than 1,100 other schools use Slate, which conveniently collects your students' data in one place.

Freshman Admission to Mizzou

Test Score Review

Students meet the requirements for admission if they:

Completed the required high school curriculum with good grades

— **AND** —

Earned a composite ACT score of 24 or higher

— **OR** —

Earned an SAT score of 1160 or higher

— **OR** —

Met criteria in the table below for ranking and non-ranking high schools.

Scale for Ranking and Non-Ranking Schools

ACT	SAT Total	Non-Ranking Schools	Ranking Schools
		Core GPA*	Class % Rank*
24+	1160+	2.0+	any rank
23	1130–1150	2.80	top 52%
22	1100–1120	2.90	top 46%
21	1060–1090	3.05	top 38%
20	1030–1050	3.20	top 31%
19	990–1020	3.35	top 22%
18	960–980	3.50	top 14%
17	920–950	3.65	top 6%

** Students who attend non-ranking high schools will be evaluated for admission based upon their core grade point average in required core college-prep courses in combination with their standardized test scores. Standardized test scores are not used for admission if applying as test-optional. The core course GPA is a GPA that MU recalculates with specified courses. It is not the transcript GPA.*

Encourage students to apply at → [APPLY.MISSOURI.EDU](https://apply.missouri.edu)

Required High School Curriculum

Students are expected to follow a college preparatory curriculum that includes at least 17 units of credit (one unit = one year in class).

- English 4 units**
One unit may be in speech or debate.
Two units emphasizing composition or writing skills are required.
- Mathematics 4 units**
Algebra I and higher
- Science 3 units**
One unit must be a laboratory course.
- Social studies 3 units**
- Foreign language 2 units**
Same language
- Fine art 1 unit**

Superscores

Mizzou will accept superscores from both ACT and SAT. Students must request their superscore be sent directly to Mizzou from ACT. SAT superscores will be calculated from all official SAT scores sent to Mizzou from the College Board.

Test-Optional Admission

Freshman applicants for the fall 2025 term have the option of test-optional application review. Choosing a test-optional review means admissibility will be determined holistically by a committee. Students should indicate on their application that they want their application to be reviewed without test scores (test-optional).

Home School

Home-schooled students must earn at least a 24 composite on the ACT or an 1160 SAT total score and submit a transcript stating completion of required course work to be eligible for admission. Home-schooled students are not eligible to apply for a test-optional admission review.



Apply to Mizzou

We process applications on a rolling basis.

1 Students apply online — through the Mizzou application or the Common Application — starting August 1 of their senior year. We encourage students to apply early in order to meet other enrollment deadlines. An application fee of \$55 or a fee waiver must also be submitted.

2 Send official high school transcripts to the MU Office of Admissions by mail or electronically through your school's electronic transcript partner. Or use Slate.org, a free service for high schools to upload materials and check application status. If you choose to mail the official transcript, please do not staple them.

3 Send official test scores from ACT (code: 2382) or College Board for SAT (code: 6875). If applying test-optional, students will select a test-optional review on their application for admission and don't need to submit additional documentation.

A student's Application Status Page is their get-to-Mizzou guide. Students should check it often for tasks to complete, forms to submit and important deadlines.

→ [FUTURETIGERS.MISSOURI.EDU/STATUS](https://futuretigers.missouri.edu/status)

Exceptions

Applicants who do not meet our published admission requirements automatically receive a comprehensive review that considers the rigor of the curriculum, the core course GPA* and any extenuating circumstances mentioned in an accompanying essay or letter of recommendation. Files might be subject to additional review if the applicant's core GPA is low. Students who are not regularly admissible to Mizzou by rank and test score may not make up their deficiencies through dual-credit classes.

Freshman admission does not guarantee admission to professional programs. Many majors have competitive or selective admission after the freshman year.

For Denied Students

Students should send updated test scores from ACT or College Board. Counselors should send updated official transcripts once new grades are posted. Counselors may also send letters of recommendation or support if students are appealing the decision. Applicants will be reviewed upon receipt of any new information. No new application is needed.

Trial Admission Program (TAP)

Missouri residents who are graduating from high school this year and have applied for admission but were denied might be eligible for Mizzou's Trial Admission Program. Students who do not meet the criteria for regular freshman admission can take six college credit hours** during the summer session. Courses must be taken at an accredited Missouri college or university other than Mizzou. Students who earn grades of C or better in both courses can enroll on academic probation for the fall semester. Courses taken as dual credit while in high school may not be used to meet this requirement. Students interested in this option should contact the Office of Admissions.

***Including a transferable English composition course and algebra course*

Tiger Pathways Program

Tiger Pathways is a dual-enrollment bridge program between Moberly Area Community College (MACC)'s Columbia campus and Mizzou for students that were previously denied admission to Mizzou. While enrolled in this program, students are degree-seeking at MACC and non-degree seeking at Mizzou. Tiger Pathways students will work collaboratively with academic advisers, faculty and staff at both campuses to ensure academic success.

Tiger Pathways students have access to MACC and Mizzou services and facilities including residence halls, the library, recreation center, student organizations and athletic events. Enrollment in Tiger Pathways is limited and applications will be available until the program reaches capacity. All scholarships, federal and state financial aid (including A+) is reviewed and administered through MACC's Financial Aid Office.

Eligibility

To be eligible, students need to apply for freshman admission at Mizzou and be denied. Students must have either a minimum 17 ACT composite (920 SAT equivalent) or a 2.50 minimum high school grade point average.

Application Process

Students who apply for freshman admission to Mizzou and are denied are eligible to apply for Tiger Pathways. After being notified that they are denied, students will see Tiger Pathways program information and the short Tiger Pathways application on their Mizzou Application Status page.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

For Missourians and Nonresidents

Mizzou is ranked as the #1 Best Value public national university among its neighboring eight states by U.S. News & World Report. Part of that value is our affordability. Automatic, competitive and general scholarships are three types of aid available to students as soon as they are admitted to Mizzou.

AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Students only need to apply for admission, submit official transcripts and test scores (unless applying test-optional). All applicants are automatically considered for a range of scholarships.

COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Some scholarships are based on academic achievement, while others are specific to departments and programs. Some competitive awards require additional application materials and might have varying deadlines.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships of varying amounts are based on a range of factors. Students should log into their Application Status Page to access scholarship applications. Their financial aid offer will be available in March.

Follow These Steps to Maximize Financial Aid

- 1** Apply for admission to be considered for automatic scholarships. For maximum scholarship consideration, students should apply to Mizzou by Nov. 15 of their senior year at apply.missouri.edu.
- 2** Tell students to apply for competitive, general and departmental scholarships through their Application Status Page by the Dec. 1 deadline.
- 3** For loans and grants, students should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Feb. 1 for priority consideration. Some scholarships require students to submit a FAFSA before the general priority date.

NEED-BASED AID*

Reserved for students whose families have higher financial need. Students should file the FAFSA to qualify for the maximum.

GRANTS*

Based on a range of factors, primarily centered on financial need. Like scholarships, they do not need to be repaid.

LOANS*

The FAFSA is required to qualify for federal loans. We also offer access to parent loans and a friendly, helpful staff to help students find the best solution.

**These require FAFSA information. Students should file the FAFSA even if they think their family's income is too high or they are not expecting to receive aid.*

Find more info about paying for Mizzou at → FINANCIALAID.MISSOURI.EDU



Residency Information for Nonresidents

Move. Live. Work. Save \$20,000 per year with lower, in-state tuition.

No matter where a student is from, we're glad they want to call Missouri home. If they're from out of state, something to consider is residency. Establishing Missouri residency means that they'll pay in-state tuition, a savings of up to an estimated \$20,000 per year.

Students can start the residency process beginning their freshman year. It takes 12 months to complete and will require some documentation along the way. Our residency experts will help with every part of the process.

The Basics of Missouri Residency

- Live in Missouri for 12 consecutive months (August–August)
- Obtain a Missouri driver license
- Register to vote in Missouri
- Get a job in Missouri earning \$3,000 of taxable income
- The student cannot be claimed as a dependent on a federal income tax return in another state

More About Gaining Residency:

- Residency takes one full year, which may start when a student begins classes in August of their freshman year.
- Students pay nonresident tuition until they are granted residency.
- Students can still receive a nonresident scholarship while going through the residency process. Once they become a Missouri resident, they will no longer be eligible for nonresident scholarships.

Learn more about gaining residency and in-state tuition at → RESIDENCY.MISSOURI.EDU



IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT STEPS

Accept admission & pay the enrollment fee

FAFSA

Students should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the priority deadline of Jan. 7 to maximize their aid offer.

Aid Offer

Students financial aid offer will be available starting in mid-March. After that, they should check their offer regularly for updates.

Housing

The Housing Contract opens on Oct. 1. Remind students to submit early for better room selection priority; the deadline is May 1. Housing Profiles open March 1 for roommate matching, with room selection in May and June.*

Honors College

Students who are eligible to apply to the Honors College will be able to access the application Sept. 15 on their Application Status Page. The priority deadline is Feb. 1

I Choose Mizzou

May 1 is National Decision Day!

Scholarships

Students apply for competitive, general, departmental and Honors scholarships through their Application Status Page by Dec. 1.

Orientation & Advising

Complete all steps to sign up for Summer Welcome Orientation and Advising. Registration opens March 1.*

Welcome Week

Residence halls open and Welcome Week events and activities begin on Aug. 20.

Classes Begin

First day of classes is Aug. 25, 2025.

**These steps require students to accept admission and pay the enrollment fee first.*

