
CAMPUS RESOURCES AND SERVICES

OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

112 Armstrong Hall
Phone: 507-389-2986; 800-627-3529 or 711(MRS/TTY)
www.mnsu.edu/affact

Minnesota State University, Mankato is committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, status due to the receipt of public assistance, or any other group or class for which discrimination is prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 363A, and other applicable state or federal laws.

The Office of Affirmative Action is responsible for assisting faculty, staff, and students who believe they have been harassed or discriminated against because they are a member of a protected group. The Office is charged with investigating complaints under MnSCU's 1B.1 Nondiscrimination Policy and 1B.1.1 Procedure; 1B.3 Sexual Violence Policy and 1B.3.1 Procedure as well as all Title IX sex discrimination complaints. In addition, the Office is responsible for administering the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) at Minnesota State Mankato. Contact the Office of Affirmative Action for more information.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

209 Wigley Administration Center
507-389-6061
Email: cdc@mnsu.edu
Website: www.mnsu.edu/cdc

The Career Development Center (CDC) offers an array of career planning and job search programs and services to ALL MSU students—no matter what stage of academic and career planning they are in. CDC signature programs include:

Mavjobs.com: Mavjobs is Minnesota State University Mankato's exclusive and comprehensive online system for connecting students and alumni of all majors with part-time and seasonal jobs, internships, and professional employment after graduation.

The CDC automatically creates a Mavjobs account for all new students based on University class registration records. To log-in, go to the CDC's homepage and look for the Mavjobs log-in box. Enter your username (your full University e-mail address) and your password. Difficulty logging in? Click on the "forgot password" link in the log-in box.

Quick Stop Walk-in Hours: Stop in during the CDC's popular Quick Stop walk-in hours for career & job search questions, resume and cover letter feedback, interview tips, internship search help, a place to start with choosing or changing your major, etc. These 10-15 minute sessions are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are held in the CDC's Career Resource Library when classes are in session. Go to <http://www.mnsu.edu/cdc/students/jobsearch/quickstop.html> for specific hours and more information.

The CDC Website: As a supplement to Mavjobs.com, the CDC web site is a comprehensive tool that students can use to access a wealth of career planning and job search information including:

- Detailed information on CDC services and programs, including a calendar of employers interviewing on-campus, employer information sessions, workshops, practice interviews, career events and job fairs and more.
- Online MSU Job Search Handbook & Handbook for Students Choosing or Changing Their Major
- "What can I do with my major?" guide and information on available career assessments.
- Career Spots series of job search videos
- Results of MSU's annual graduate survey with detailed information by major on related employment and continuing education rates, job titles,

top employers, geographic location of graduates, length of job search, etc.

- A listing of prior internship sites by major
- 500+ links to career exploration and job search information by major and career fields.

Classroom Career Planning & Job Search Education: In partnership with teaching faculty, the CDC staff provides numerous class guest lectures and workshops on career and job search topics targeted to specific majors and class levels.

Career and job search events: The Career Development Center sponsors and co-sponsors a number of career and job search events annually both on and off-campus. These events are intended to provide opportunities for students/alumni and employers to connect and to facilitate the career planning process for our students/alumni of all levels and interests. Events include: Part-time Job Fair; Fall Career & Internship Expo; Practice Interview Days; Speed Networking; employer panels; Etiquette Dinner; Government & Nonprofit Career Fair; Major Fair; Social & Behavioral Sciences Spring Career Fair; Minnesota State Universities Job & Internship Fair; Minnesota Education Job Fair; MSU Summer Job Fair; and others.

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

125 Memorial Library
Phone: 507-389-1791 - Fax: 507-389-2726
www.mnsu.edu/supersite/academics/success

The Center for Academic Success provides comprehensive academic support services for all Minnesota State Mankato students.

All students can improve academic performance when they use the services of the Center for Academic Success. Our trained staff of graduate and undergraduate tutors can guide students through the process of writing an effective paper, preparing for an important exam, or completing a tough assignment. Along the way, students of all abilities obtain the skills needed to become more confident about succeeding in their academic endeavors.

Trained tutors are available to assist students with writing, languages, math, science, and more. Come visit the Center, located in the lower level of the library, and learn how you can improve your study habits, acquire more effective academic skills and achieve better grades.

COUNSELING CENTER

245 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-1455

The Counseling Center provides short-term, confidential counseling to help students cope with personal, social, and educational concerns that may be interfering with their ability to succeed at the University. Services include short-term counseling, educational programming, crisis intervention, consultation, national testing, and referral to outside resources.

DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC

3 Morris Hall (Lower Level)
Phone: 507-389-2147, 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)
<http://ahn.mnsu.edu/dental>

The dental hygiene clinic is a student training facility staffed by dentists and dental hygiene faculty. Comprehensive dental hygiene services performed include prophylaxis, radiographs, sealants, teeth whitening, periodontal therapy, and dental exams. The clinic is open to the public and most dental insurance is accepted. Day and evening appointments available September - December and January - May.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

132 Memorial Library
Phone: 507-389-2825 (V, TTY), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)
www.mnsu.edu/dso

The Office of Disability Services facilitates accommodations for individuals with disabilities which ensure equal access to programs, services and activities

offered by Minnesota State Mankato. The office assists with advocacy; alternative format of printed materials; alternative testing services; assistive technology; early registration; note taking; sign language interpreters; and texts in alternative format. The office also acts as a resource and referral agent for community contacts and disability-related information.

Emergency assistance is also available on a 24-hour basis through the Security Department. Grievances, questions or requests related to equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities should be presented to the Office of Disability Services Director at 507-389-2825 or the Affirmative Action Officer at 507-389-2986 (Voice) 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY).

COLLEGE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

116 Alumni Foundation Center
Phone: 507-389-2572 or 800-722-0544
E-mail: ext@mnsu.edu
Website: www.mnsu.edu/ext

Extended Learning serves the public and private sectors of our region by providing access to educational programs, professional, workplace and lifelong learning consistent with the mission of Minnesota State Mankato. Courses and several complete programs are offered online as well as face-to-face in the Twin Cities metro and greater Minnesota areas.

HONORS PROGRAM

265 Morris Hall
Phone: 507-389-5191
Website: www.mnsu.edu/honors

Mission Statement. The mission of the Honors Program at Minnesota State, Mankato is to encourage future leaders, researchers, and global citizens by providing high ability and motivated students with exceptional learning opportunities, mentoring relationships, and a community of scholars to pursue a variety of academic interests.

Program Overview. The Honors Program is dedicated to the development of three main competencies: leadership, research, and global citizenship. Early in the program, students participate in a learning community in which they enroll in honors sections of general education courses that focus on competency development. As students move into courses within their major, they further develop their honors competencies through advanced honors seminars and individualized plans of study. Throughout their time at the University, students will participate in a number of co-curricular activities, which complement their plan of study. At the culmination of all coursework, seniors are required to demonstrate acquisition of the global leadership, research, and global citizenship competencies through a successful presentation and defense of an honors portfolio in HONOR 475: Honors Portfolio.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)

3010 Memorial Library
Phone: 507-389-6651 - Fax: 507-389-6115
www.mnsu.edu/its

Information and Technology Services (ITS) serves the faculty, staff and student members of the Minnesota State Mankato community in providing and supporting technology services. The Academic Computer Center and the Office of Instructional Technologies are areas within ITS.

The Academic Computer Center (ACC). Located at 121 Wissink Hall, telephone 507-389-5160. The Academic Computer Center has over 475 computers and printers for student use. Our computers are constantly being upgraded to keep current with technology. All computers have access to the Internet. Student workers are on duty at all times to maintain the lab, provide safety and security, and offer technical assistance. For students who need to develop their computer skills, free workshops are offered throughout the semester.

Surrounding the open lab are six classroom/labs for hands-on, interactive instruction. In addition, a services area houses printers black and white and color laser printers for the Macintosh and IBM microcomputers.

A multimedia area provides access to the latest technology in digitizing art, flatbed and 35mm scanning, video, and sound editing.

Students who have personal computers with modems in their rooms or at home can access the campus computer network via telephone, DSL, or cable lines.

Many satellite labs, with over 700 computers, are located around campus to provide specialized needs.

Computer Help Desk. Located at 3010 Memorial Library, 389-6654, Help Desk staff field questions about campus computers' hardware, software and related issues. They are also the contact for the Multimedia Presentation Systems in classrooms. Contact them via telephone at 507-389-3221, e-mail HelpDesk@mnsu.edu, or in person at 3010 Memorial Library.

Computer Store. Located in the Centennial Student Union, 389-1907. Computers, printers, and software are available for purchase at low prices.

Interactive Television (ITV). Interactive Television courses delivered via satellite to other communities as listed in semester course schedules. Contact individual departments about their course listings. Tech support: 507-389-5947, www.intech.mnsu.edu/new/.

Student Technology Assistant Training Program are offered to student workers in administrative and academic departments at Minnesota State Mankato who may participate in computer training related to their position responsibilities. Training subjects include MS Access, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Word, MS FrontPage, Internet & Multimedia. Call 507-389-3205 for information.

INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY

238 Wigley Administration Center
Phone: 507-389-6125
www.mnsu.edu/cultdiv

Institutional Diversity works to improve the socio-educational climate to make educational experiences more meaningful for students from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. In addition to providing support services and cultural awareness activities, the program works with academic departments to increase diversity in curricula. The centers for African American, American Indian, Asian American and Chicano-Latino affairs recruit and retain underrepresented students. The Office of Multicultural Affairs/Intercultural Student Center, 269 Centennial Student Union, provides social and cultural program opportunities.

The College Access Program (CAP) identifies students who show promise of success and provides a specialized program that enables access, opportunity and success in college. The College Access Program provides an intense transition from high school to college beginning with a five-week summer bridge program. This program assists students in mastering subject matter, teaches study skills, and helps students gain critical life skills necessary for college.

Benefits of the College Access Program include:

- Provisional admission to the University when regular admission is denied.
- Specialized academic and personal support to encourage success in college.
- Year round advising and tutoring.
- Leadership development opportunities.

For more information regarding the CAP Program, contact Sang Yang at 507-389-1028.

ELIZABETH & WYNN KEARNEY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

250 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-1281
www.mnsu.edu/ic

The Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center is the information hub for all things international at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Kearney International Center is made up of two divisions: Study Abroad/International Programs and International Student and Scholar Services.

Kearney International Center study abroad advisors provide information and guidance to students and faculty about the many different academic opportunities abroad. Students receive help at every step to facilitate their study in a different

culture. The office operates with proper procedures to comply with all legal requirements for the institution, sponsors and student participants. It is also the designated overseer for all institutional agreements between Minnesota State Mankato and programs abroad.

The Kearney International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) staff assists international students with advice about academic, immigration, personal, social and financial issues. There are over 600 international students representing more than 77 countries at Minnesota State Mankato. The Kearney International Center serves as the official contact agent between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, other government agencies, and the University community. The ISSS also processes J-1 immigration documents for visiting faculty and scholars.

Health Insurance. Health and accident insurance is REQUIRED for all international students and their dependents studying at Minnesota State Mankato on an F-1 or J-1 visa. All newly arrived international students are required to purchase a 12 month annual plan from the University's designated health insurance provider prior to their first enrollment and throughout their studies at Minnesota State Mankato.

In-State Tuition Cultural Contribution Scholarship. International students will receive an in-state tuition scholarship during their first semester which is renewable if the student maintains the required academic qualifications and cultural contributions.

New Student Orientation. All new and transfer international students are required to attend the International Student Orientation before they receive authorization to register for classes. An orientation fee will be charged to each international student who enrolls at Minnesota State Mankato.

English Placement Test and ESL. New and transfer undergraduate students may be required to take the English Placement Examination prior to enrolling in classes. This applies to undergraduate students below the English Departments determined TOEFL minimum or without appropriate transfer English course work. Based on placement test performance, students may be required to enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, beginning their first semester on campus, before being eligible to enroll in English Composition 101. If a student fails to meet this requirement, a hold will be placed on the student's records. ESL courses are not a substitute for English Composition 101 for general education requirements. Questions concerning ESL can be referred to the English Department 389-2117

Intensive English Language Institute.

Students who want to improve their academic English or who rank below the required minimum TOEFL 500 and equivalent levels, are invited to study English at Minnesota State through the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI).

The IELI offers both short-term language and culture courses and semester-long programs in which students combine study in English as a Second Language with one or two regular courses for which they receive language support and academic credit. The International Center helps with visas and other immigration-related issues for all students of the IELI.

The IELI is operated in collaboration between the Department of English and the College of Extended Learning. For more information about admission, cost and procedures, please contact Amy Mukamuri at the IELI, the International Center, or the College of Extended Learning.

KSP 106 Education/Culture in the U.S. Course. The university requires all new undergraduate international students to register and complete the course: "International Students in Higher Education" during their first semester on campus. Students who have attended other U.S. institutions for more than one year are waived from this requirement. The course is offered through the K-12 and Secondary Programs Department.

JIM CHALGREN LGBT CENTER

194 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-5131
www.mnsu.edu/lgbtc
lgbtc@mnsu.edu

Filling the need for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their allies, the LGBT Center at Minnesota State Mankato provides a safe place for students to build community. In addition, the center offers referrals, information, and LGBT specific programming. Educational resources include peer advocate panels, ally trainings, and a resource library of LGBT magazines, books, and videos.

LIBRARY SERVICES

lib.mnsu.edu

Reference Services: 507-389-5958

The mission of Library Services is to support the University curriculum by providing students and faculty with information resources. Assistance, guidance, and instruction in using information resources for class work and research are available through reference services, formal classes, online access and individual consultations with faculty librarians. The library's resources include approximately 1.2 million volumes, more than 55,000 full-text periodicals and over 250 electronic databases. Circulation services include check out from the print, audio, video, and media equipment collections. Interlibrary loan services complement the local collections by providing access and delivery of materials from other libraries.

Special collections include: Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies, University Archives, federal documents, maps, juvenile fiction and non-fiction, DVD's, audiobooks and more. A broad collection of circulating scores and recordings are available for check-out from the Music Library located in the Earley Center for Performing Arts.

Additional services include internet access from almost 300 computer workstations, scanners, print and electronic reserve materials, study carrels, group study rooms, and a copy shop with paper and microform copiers. Wireless Internet access is available in all study areas of the Memorial Library.

The library is open approximately 100 hours per week.

McNAIR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

302 Wiecking Center

Phone: 507-389-1188

<http://www.mnsu.edu/mcnair/>

The McNair Achievement Program is housed within the College of Graduate Studies and Research. The purpose of the McNair Achievement Program is to provide low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students with research opportunities, access to technology, and concrete assistance in order to ensure their success in graduate programs after completing bachelor degrees.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS CENTER

243 Centennial Student Union

Phone: 507-389-6300

The Multicultural Affairs Center staff members are skilled and knowledgeable on the background and culture of students of color and can identify and work effectively with the concerns of students from diverse backgrounds. The center maintains four Directors: African American, Asian American, Latin American and American Indian. They assist students of color and serve the entire University community in creating and providing social cultural events and programs that help to bridge minority/majority relationships.

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

(FORMALLY First Year Experience)

103 Preska Residence Community

Phone: 507-389-5498

The Office of New Student & Family Programs (NSFP) recognizes that students' first year of college can be challenging. The overall mission of NSFP is to provide services and programs to help students make a successful transition to college life. The programs housed within NSFP include: academic and general advising, First Year Seminar, Learning Communities, PSEO, Concurrent Enrollment, and Orientation.

Academic Advising. Many students come to college unsure of their academic

major. NSFP staff serve undecided students as advisors, by providing thorough knowledge of the General Education curriculum, and by encouraging students to intentionally explore majors early in their college careers. Students struggling with difficult academic or other college transitions can visit NSFP advisors for assistance and possible referral. NSFP staff collaborate with academic college advisors and the Career Development Center (CDC) to meet student needs. Undecided students should call ahead to schedule appointments with an NSFP advisor (507-389-5498).

Warning/Probation Advising Plan for Undecided Students

www.mnsu.edu/fye/advising/probation.html

1. Academic Affairs will notify students of their academic warning or probation status, and direct them to follow their college or advising office procedures for academic warning/probation.
2. Undecided students on warning or probation will be contacted by the NSFP Office via email. They will be instructed to follow-up with the steps outlined below.
3. Students start processes by reviewing an online video regarding information about academic status and University standards. Students are encouraged to take notes while reviewing this information.
4. Students calculate their MSU GPA and cumulative completion rate.
5. Students need to complete the online Self-Assessment Questionnaire. The Self-Assessment includes questions about information in the video they reviewed.
6. Students make an appointment to work with an undecided advisor by calling 507-389-5498.
7. Students attend their scheduled appointment, and work with an advisor to develop an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP). They will set up follow-up appointments at the AIP meeting.
8. NSFP advisors will temporarily override students' registration holds to allow registration for the following term, after students have completed the steps outlined above, including follow-up meetings.

First Year Seminar. Seminar is a one-credit general education course specifically designed for first-year students. The course strives to help students transition to college life by introducing them to campus resources, and building expectations of academic success. For more information about course goals and specifics, visit the First Year Seminar website.

Learning Communities. Learning Communities help ease students' transition to the University by providing a fun and supportive start to college. Learning Community students co-enroll in courses their first year, and live on the same residence hall floor. Each Learning Community has a Learning Community Coordinator (LCC) who assists students in setting/achieving academic goals, and plans academic and social events for Learning Community students. Students interested in applying to be an LCC should visit the Learning Communities website for more information; LCCs are hired early in the spring semester before the following fall's Learning Communities.

PSEO. The PSEO program offers an opportunity for eligible high school juniors and seniors who meet Minnesota State University, Mankato admissions requirements. PSEO students earn high school and university credit simultaneously. Classes can be taken at the Minnesota State University, Mankato campus or at one of the University's off-campus locations. Tuition and required textbook costs are paid by the Minnesota Department of Education; therefore there is no cost to the PSEO student. <http://www.mnsu.edu/pseo>

Concurrent Enrollment. Concurrent Enrollment is a collaboration between

Minnesota State Mankato and area high schools. This partnership offers qualified high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn university credit in their high school setting during regular school hours. Concurrent Enrollment courses are taught by qualified high school instructors who partner with faculty from the University. Students who successfully complete a Concurrent Enrollment course receive high school credit and Minnesota State University, Mankato credit. Concurrent Enrollment courses are paid for by the high school and there is no cost to the student. <http://www.mnsu.edu/concurrent>

Orientation. Orientation is a comprehensive program to address student transition issues, inform students/families about resources available to them, and offer academic advising in preparation for students' first semester. Orientation concludes with class registration. Orientation Peer Assistants (OPAs) are peer mentors who assist students/families throughout their orientation experiences. Students interested in applying to be an OPA should visit the Orientation website for more information; OPAs are hired early in the spring semester before summer orientation.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

132 Wigley Administration Center

Phone: 507-389-6266 or 1-800-722-0544 (option 6)

Registration Help Center Phone: 507-389-2252

www.mnsu.edu/registrar/

The Office of the Registrar provides efficient registration, timely graduation evaluation, timely transfer evaluation, and accurate verification of enrollment to outside agencies. Our website explains many of our services.

The following are the primary services we provide:

- Athletic eligibility
- DARS and CAS
- Grade changes and repeats
- Official transcripts
- Registration
- Student records management
- Student residency and reciprocity for tuition purposes
- Transfer evaluation
- Undergraduate graduation evaluation
- Verification of enrollment and degrees
- Veterans' Benefits

SECURITY

222 Wiecking Center

Phone: 507-389-2111

www.mnsu.edu/security

Security is an integral part of the campus community - a positive presence on our campus. All members of the department strive to be sensitive to the needs of all, while protecting the rights and property of the University Community.

The Patrol Division provides 24-hour vehicle and foot patrol, visitor and new student assistance, investigation into campus crimes, and serves as a liaison with the Mankato Department of Public Safety and Gold Cross Ambulance Service.

EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) are available to respond to medical emergencies and are in direct radio contact with Gold Cross Ambulance Service.

The On-Campus **SafeWalk Service** is designed to make the Minnesota State, Mankato campus a safer, more enjoyable place for you. When you are on campus for any purpose, we will gladly walk with you to any other destination on campus and surrounding apartment complexes. You can reach the Campus Area

SafeWalk Service by dialing Security at 2111 on any on-campus telephone. An officer will come to meet you at your location and walk you to your campus area destination 24-hours a day.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND AUDIOLOGY CLINICS

103 Armstrong Hall
Phone: 507-389-1414

Audiology and speech-language assessment and therapy services are available for students with hearing and/or speech-language problems and differences. Individual and group instruction for students with communication disorders is provided by advanced students majoring in communication disorders under the supervision of faculty members.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

21 Carkoski Commons
Phone: 507-389-6276
www.mnsu.edu/shs

The Student Health Services provides medical care, pharmacy services, laboratory services, and health education services including care for illnesses and injuries, vaccinations, allergy shots, sports medicine, contraception, STI screening, psychiatric and physical exams. There is a nominal charge for seeing a physician or nurse practitioner, certain medical procedures, laboratory tests, and prescriptions. A health insurance plan is available for students to purchase. Information is available at the Student Health Services (CC21) and The Campus Hub.

The Student Health Services emphasizes prevention through health education. Health educators provide sexuality/birth control information, drug and alcohol education and information in a variety of other health-related areas.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

355 Wiecking Center
Phone: 507-389-2797

Student Support Services is a federally funded program that assists students in achieving their potential both personally and academically. It is the goal of the department to retain and graduate participants from Minnesota State Mankato. Eligibility is based on income level (as determined by the Department of Education), first generation student status (neither parent has a bachelor's degree), and/or disability. Services are free and include tutoring, academic advising, career planning, workshops, seminars, and cultural activities.

STUDENTS' ATTORNEY

280 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-2611
www.mnsu.edu/mssa/

A service provided by the Minnesota State Student Association, the students' attorney is available on a part-time basis to all currently enrolled students. Legal counseling is provided at no charge on issues such as traffic violations, landlord-tenant disagreements, and domestic matters.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CENTER AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dr. Marilyn Hart – Marilyn.hart@mnsu.edu
Phone: 507-389-5732
Dr. Cindra Kamphoff – Cindra.kamphoff@mnsu.edu
Phone: 507-389-6112

The Undergraduate Research Center encourages all undergraduates to participate in research, scholarship or creative activities. Participation in undergraduate research will transform a student's educational experience, allowing the student to build strong faculty collaborations, engage with other students, build confidence, and alter their view of themselves and the world. Services include: financial support for student research, travel support for meetings, conferences and exhibits, advice for finding a mentor on campus, information about summer internships and an on-line peer reviewed journal. In addition, through a competitive process, students may be selected to present their research at the National Council of Undergraduate Research meeting and/or the Council of Undergraduate Research Poster's on the Hill.

Undergraduate Research Conference: Every spring, this highly successful conference offers undergraduate students an opportunity to present their research to the University community. All students who have participated in a research project with a faculty mentor may participate in this event. Students may present their research in various formats including oral presentations, poster sessions, performances, scholarly and creative work, and art displays.

For information about the Undergraduate Research Center, contact Dr. Marilyn Hart, director, marilyn.hart@mnsu.edu or urc@mnsu.edu, 507-389-5732.

For information about the Undergraduate Research Conference, contact Dr. Cindra Kamphoff, conference coordinator, cindra.kamphoff@mnsu.edu, 507-389-6112.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

168 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-5726
www.mnsu.edu/veterans

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) provides veterans, current military members, and their families with information and assistance regarding educational benefits, resources, and policies. The VRC also provides information and referrals to a broad range of service providers such as service-connected disability claims, employment help, counseling resources, and more.

WOMEN'S CENTER

218 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-6146
www.mnsu.edu/wcenter

The Women's Center. For anybody. Any time.

Welcome to the Women's Center. It's called the Women's Center because we just can't call it the "Come on in and Relax and Put Your Feet on the Chair Center." It doesn't fit on a sign and we only have so much furniture.

Plus, we really are a women's center. For starters, there are lots of women here. Very cool, friendly students and staff who know the campus and can help with any question about the university or getting through it. That's if you need help – you're also welcome to drop by for nothing more than to **meet some new people, talk about whatever's on your mind or just catch some easy time.**

Located on the second floor of the Centennial Student Union, The Women's Center is an ideal place to take a break, yet we're also a good resource for students who want to plug into issues on campus and beyond. Close to home, we're committed to making the campus community safe for women, and we're proud to house the office of Sexual Violence Education, available for all students, all the time.

We also serve as a place that can help you get your concerns heard, whether they're of a confidential nature or a public one. **Your secrets are safe here, and so is your lunch** (we have a nice fridge and a microwave).

It can be easy to feel lost in a large university – we're here to help you use your individual strengths, passions and confidence to help you succeed in your time here and afterward. We're like your personal cheerleaders – minus, of course, the pompons and coordination. **We don't care how you vote, where you're from or what you eat:** You're welcome here. Period.

Not a woman? All the better – come in and see what we're about. Chances are you know one, and if she finds herself with issues of self-confidence, alienation or a career crisis, you can be the enlightened friend who recommends a stop to the Women's Center. Our goal is to help more women on this large, busy and diverse campus feel confident, proud and welcome.

The Women's Center has a number of opportunities for involvement as well, like designing campus-wide programs to bring in great guest speakers and shaping how we celebrate Women's History Month. **Academic credit is available** for internships that involve research and leadership within the Center. Volunteer opportunities abound. We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions. For more information, stop by the Women's Center in CSU 218. We're looking forward to meeting you.

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Assistant Director for Community Engagement
173 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-6076 - Fax: 507-389-5632

The Community Engagement Office was established in November, 2008. The Minnesota State Mankato Office of Community Engagement (CEO) is the volunteer center for the campus, working with over 65 different non-profit organizations in the greater Mankato area. Our volunteers, utilizing their time and talents, help provide the needed assistance to enable these organizations to fulfill their missions and supply the best possible service to their clientele. Students gain a knowledge of and appreciation for civic engagement as a part of their collegiate experience, which we believe will instill a passion to remain involved with their chosen communities for a lifetime! We also partner with the Academic Service-Learning Program to assist faculty and students discover projects and complete the service-learning components in various academic courses on campus. We're always looking for volunteers, so decide to make a difference in someone else's life TODAY!

Campus Kitchens Project, Mankato. Established at Minnesota State Mankato in 2005, we are entering our seventh year of sponsorship of the nationally-based Campus Kitchens Project. The Campus Kitchens Project currently provides approximately 400 meals every week from food recovered from the Minnesota State Mankato dining halls and Mankato-area restaurants that help feed low-income families and individuals in our community. Minnesota State Mankato students continue to create relationships with local agencies who work with individuals in need of a healthy meal, including Blue Earth County, ECHO Food Shelf, H.O.P.E., Partners for Affordable Living/Theresa House, Salvation Army, and Welcome Inn. Since its inception in 2005, the Campus Kitchens Project has recovered over 5,900 pounds of food from Sodexo University Dining Services and an additional 6,100 pounds from other community sources. Over 7,000 volunteers have assisted with this project, and, yet, we have a long way to go to eliminate hunger in our area. Blue Earth County still has over 2 ½ million missing meals after all of the various programs have contributed their provision of meals!

Mavericks READ. The newly-established Mavericks READ program is dedicated to improving children's language and literacy in the greater Mankato area. Over 49% of Mankato's children are not ready for Kindergarten. You can enrich a child's life with results that last forever by giving a few hours of your time!! The mission of the program is to:

- R- Read with and actively engage children in positive dialogue and creative activities in an environment which allows them to learn from and enjoy language and literacy-related activities;
- E- Educate the campus and community about the importance of volunteerism and youth literacy;
- A- Activate community partnerships that will work together to build strong educational foundations for children and create diverse volunteer and service opportunities for Minnesota State Mankato students and staff;
- D- Develop leadership, foster citizenship, and encourage community engagement in students, staff, and community members in order to assist with the development of life-long learners and stewards of service.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

173 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-6076 - Fax: 507-389-5632
www.mnsu.edu/activities

Student Activities is the place to get involved on campus and to learn more about specialized resources and support. Studies show that students who get involved get better grades, stay in school, secure a job sooner after college, and make lifelong friends. Don't wait!

Recognized Student Organizations. At Minnesota State Mankato, there are over 240 student organizations. If you don't see one you like, we will help you create your own. Getting involved helps build leadership skills, enhances your resume, and offers the opportunity to build lasting friendships.

Sororities & Fraternities. Are you interested in creating life-long friendships and connections? Then Greek Life may be just what you are looking for. Greek members are campus leaders that provide a network of friendship and support. Be a friend, be a leader, be unique, be Greek! Visit www.maverickgreeks.com for more information.

IMPACT Team. IMPACT is the campus activities board that plans Homecoming, concerts, lectures, movies, Mavericks After Dark and other campus-wide special events. If you are interested in the arts, music, marketing, or just want to get involved on campus, there is a place for you on the IMPACT team.

Nontraditional Students. If you are a parent, married, widowed, divorced, over the age of 24, a veteran, or commute over 15 miles, than you are a nontraditional student. Enhance your college experience by utilizing the resources and support provided by the Nontraditional Student Center.

Blue Earth Review

151 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-2425

Blue Earth Review is a fine arts magazine published twice a year for and by students to showcase the students' work. Submissions of poetry, fiction, non-fiction and artwork are welcome at any time. Copies are available in the *Blue Earth Review* office which is located across from Barnes & Noble in the Student Union.

CAMPUS RECREATION

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www.mnsu.edu/campusrec

The mission of the Office of Campus Recreation is to promote long-term healthy lifestyle behavior through participation in multi-faceted recreational and leisure opportunities.

The Office of Campus Recreation encompasses seven different program areas for University community members with varying skills and abilities.

Intramural Sports programs include: basketball, flag football, ice hockey, softball, volleyball, broomball, soccer, racquetball, tennis, triathlon, bowling, billiards, table tennis, golf and more.

Open Recreation offers badminton, basketball, fitness equipment, football, jogging, racquetball, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, walking, wallyball, weight lifting, soccer and other activities.

Fitness Activities offers group fitness classes and fitness equipment including cardiovascular machines (treadmills, elliptical machines, stair machines, and bikes) and variable resistant weight machines, personal training, fitness assessment and more.

Sport Clubs including: judo, mixed martial arts, Shotokan karate, men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's rugby, men's soccer, Aikido, men's and women's lacrosse, men's hockey, handball, cricket, paintball, Jiu-Jitsu, badminton, men's and women's ultimate frisbee, men's baseball, triathlon, and more.

The Outdoor Equipment Rental Program offers canoes, tents, sleeping bags and snowshoes for rent to the University community and general public.

The Adventure Education Program offers team building and leadership development workshops and events to the University and surrounding community. MSU's high ropes and challenge course is used during the warmer months as a tool for participants to challenge themselves both individually and together as a group. The AEP also provides indoor and travelling teambuilding and leadership development events year-round for groups of all ages.

Rock Climbing opportunities are found on campus both indoors and outdoors for the University community and general public. The Outdoor Climbing Tower is adjacent to the ropes course on the south side of campus and is available for climbing during the spring, summer and fall. Indoor Rock Climbing will be available in Myers Field House year-round. Rock climbing equipment and instruction will be available for climbers of all skill levels.

CENTENNIAL STUDENT UNION

220 Centennial Student Union

Phone: 507-389-2224

<http://csu.mnsu.edu>

The Centennial Student Union (CSU) is the center of student life! From activities to food, games to art and performances, and a great variety of services, you'll "Find Your Place" in the CSU. It's the place to be any time you're not in class. Opened in the University's centennial year of 1968, the Centennial Student Union continues to grow and add more for students every year.

Services include bowling and billiards, art gallery, food court and other dining options, Student Activities, Hearth Lounge, computer lab with MavPrint station, the Campus Hub, Counseling Center, Campus Bookstore, Women's Center, a bank, a credit union, Kearney International Center, Multicultural Affairs, International Student Association, Intercultural Student Center, Campus Computer Store and Electronic Repair, Jim Chalgren LGBT Center, MSSA student government, TV Lounge, Reporter student newspaper, Veterans Service Center, café and more.

The CSU is financed by students for students, and the management of the CSU relies heavily on the advice and guidance of the Student Union Board. If you need a meeting space or are planning an event, come to 219 CSU first so that staff can walk you through the process. To find out more about tenants and services, employment opportunities, or anything else in your Student Union, stop by 220 CSU, go to <http://csu.mnsu.edu> or call 507-389-2224.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

135 Myers Field House

Phone: 507-389-6111

www.msumavericks.com

Minnesota State Mankato currently offers 20 sports, 19 sports for men (football, cross country, golf, hockey, basketball, indoor track, outdoor track, wrestling, and baseball) and 11 sports for women (volleyball, soccer, cross country, golf, hockey, basketball indoor track, outdoor track, swimming, tennis, and softball).

Minnesota State Mankato, is an NCAA Division II institution that belongs to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Men's and Women's ice hockey compete on the Division I level and are members of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

All undergraduate students who wish to participate in the intercollegiate athletics program can obtain more information by contacting the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics or specific coaches.

INTERCULTURAL STUDENT CENTER

269 Centennial Student Union

Phone: 507-389-6207

The Intercultural Student Center is an extension of the Division of Institutional Diversity which provides a focal point for cross cultural programs and activities. A primary function of the center, which is operated by students, is to provide a place in which students of color and others at the University can exchange and reinforce their cultural existence. The center is a basic component of the diversity retention effort which helps to reduce social cultural isolation and connect students from diverse backgrounds to the University.

MANKATO AREA LIFE LONG LEARNERS

115 Wiecking Center

Phone 507-389-2011 - Fax 507-389-6379

www.mnsu.edu/mall

The mission of the Mankato Area Lifelong Learners is to enhance the area's quality of life by providing opportunities for intellectual and cultural stimulation and growth for people 50 and over. We do this through a variety of activities and programs. These include: Potluck dinner groups, a Bridge group and a Great Decisions discussion group affiliated with the state & national organization. We also sponsor special cultural event tours. These have included: The Wabasha National Eagle Center, The Minnesota Zoo, regional historical sites and theatrical and musical productions. In addition, every quarter we sponsor a series of classes on timely topics such as Islam, Minnesota's Role in the Civil War and Futurism. Our members have access to the annual Nobel Conference at Gustavus. All of our costs are low and the value outstanding.

MINNESOTA STATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MSSA)

280 Centennial Student Union

Phone: 507-389-2611

www.mnsu.edu/mssa/

The agency for student participation in University governance is the Minnesota State Student Association. Its governing body is the Student Senate, and it is recognized by the MnSCU Board as the official voice of the student body.

Officers include the president, vice president, and speaker. Elections are held spring term for president and vice president and 29 senators. In the fall two undeclared major senators and the Maverick Hall Senator is elected. Senate committees work to represent student concerns on issues including financial aid, housing, parking, allocation of funds and changes in academic policy. Students can participate in the MSSA by seeking a senate position or joining one of its committees.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

202 Earley Center for Performing Arts

Phone: 507-389-2118

If you liked playing in your high school band or orchestra, or singing in the chorus, then you will love joining a Department of Music ensemble! Plus, you can receive general education credits for participating. Vocal groups include University Chorale, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Opera, and Jazz/Pop Singers. Instrumental groups include Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, and Brass, String and Woodwind Ensembles. Please contact us for more details.

Our Department also sponsors a wide range of concerts and recitals in many styles, all year long. Our unique Performance Series lets you experience some of the world's finest performers, in concert and in master classes. Student-priced tickets are available. Concerts are in the E. J. Halling Recital Hall in the Earley Center for Performing Arts. Look for posters and announcements.

RADIO

General Manager: Jim Gullickson
Director of Operations: Karen Wright
205 Alumni Foundation Center
Phone: 507-389-5678 or 800-456-7810

Minnesota State Mankato is home to KMSU-FM (89.7 FM) and KMSK-FM (91.3 FM), members of Independent Public Radio. The station offers students the opportunity to participate in broadcast work such as with Radio Ala Carte, a student-hosted, hour-long, daily program broadcast live from the Student Union; the Southern Minnesota News Project where students learn how to create news stories which are aired daily; station operation; public relations and news internships; and work study.

With studios in the Alumni Foundation Center, KMSU and KMSK serve south central Minnesota with a wide variety of shows, many of which are volunteer run, and offer unique music and diverse programming to fit a variety of tastes. In addition, the station provides six hours of Latino programming on Saturdays. KMSU can also be heard on-line at www.kmsu.org.

SPEECH TEAM (MAVERICK FORENSICS)

This program is open to students interested in developing their speaking ability through competition. Participation provides the opportunity to attend forensic tournaments throughout the United States and to compete in major speech events, such as informative speaking, persuasive speaking, extemporaneous speaking, prose and poetry interpretation, and parliamentary debate. College credit may be obtained by participating on the speech team. Contact Dr. Leah White at 389-2213 for more information.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Reporter

293 Centennial Student Union
Phone: 507-389-1776 - Fax: 507-389-5812
www.msureporter.com

The Reporter is a twice-weekly student-edited, student-written newspaper that focuses on campus, local, state and national issues. Student staff positions are open to all students in a variety of capacities which include positions for editors, reporters, writers, photographers, advertising salespeople, graphic artists and computer ad designers. The Reporter also publishes several special issues: Sport Zone delivered to 28 high schools and 4 colleges where people from around campus are featured. and a Vikings issue is handed out yearly at training camp. For any advertising needs, please call 507-389-1079.

THEATRE AND DANCE

201 Earley Center for Performing Arts
Phone: 507-389-2118 - Fax: 507-389-2922
www.MSUTheatre.com

The Department of Theatre and Dance presents an array of entertainment including: The Mainstage Season consisting of six productions in both the 529-seat traditional Ted Paul Theatre and the 250-seat black box Andreas Theatre; the Studio Season, with four highly varied shows in the Andreas Theatre; two major Dance Concerts in the Ted Paul Theatre; two annual theatre tours, one professional stock theatre, Highland Summer Theatre, which is now in its 46th year. Recent Mainstage productions include: *Rent*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Altar Boyz*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Chicago* and *the Odyssey*. Recent Studio productions include: *The Shape of Things*, *Endgame*, *Why we have a Body*, *The Gingerbread Lady* and *True West*.

Tryouts for each play are open to all students and community members. Construction and crew work is done by students. Credit hours may be earned by acting or working on sets, costumes, lights, sound or management. All interested parties are welcome.