

University of central Missouri

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With an 18:1 student/faculty ratio, you're not just another face in the crowd, and we don't treat you that way. With professors who genuinely care about your success and get to know you by name, you'll receive one-on-one time and attention so you can get where you need to be.

- At UCM, you'll find a quality education at an affordable price.
- UCM is accredited and **consistently recognized as a Best College** by U.S. News and World Report and a "Best in the Midwest" by Princeton Review.
- Our **tuition is lower** than most colleges in Missouri and the national average. Plus, UCM was just ranked as a **top overall university nationally for low student debt** by LendEDU.
- UCM students don't just attend college, they graduate. In fact, our degrees are so competitive that **97 percent of our graduates are employed** or continue their education within six months of graduation!

The Office of the President, Roger J. Best, Ph.D.

As an institution committed to a student experience that features individualized support, top-ranked academic programs, and real-world learning opportunities, the University of Central Missouri's priorities align with the leadership and vision of its 16th president, Dr. Roger J. Best.

Founded in 1871, UCM is a major comprehensive university of more than 12,500 students that continues to be ranked among the best colleges and universities in the Midwest by Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report. While taking an aggressive, team-centric approach to helping students succeed in their higher education journey, the university has increased student retention and become a state leader in degree completion. UCM also is recognized by LendEDU as a top national university for low student debt, and enjoys a reputation for its dedication to military members and veterans through recognition by organizations such as College Faculty, U.S. News & World Report, and VIQTORY.

UCM has a long history of serving students who are the first members of their families to pursue a higher education, a tradition that is close to Dr. Best's heart. Born in a rural Georgia community, he was a first-generation college student who benefitted from caring and engaged professors who encouraged him to consider a career in education. From pursuing an undergraduate degree at Georgia College in Milledgeville to earning a Ph.D. from Florida State University in Tallahassee, the inspiration he drew from educators who touched his life continues to serve him today in meeting the needs of diverse university students from across the globe.

Considering the history of UCM presidents, Dr. Best took a rare home-grown pathway to the university's highest office, which has equipped him with a well-rounded view of the academic and business side of campus operations. He came to UCM in 1995 as an assistant professor of finance, and in the years that followed was promoted to full professor and served in various administrative roles including chair, associate dean, dean and vice president. Following three months of service as interim president, the Board of Governors demonstrated confidence in Dr. Best's leadership and vision by appointing him president on Nov. 5, 2018.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Best has supported innovative programs that enrich the student experience, often imbuing their education with real world experience and perspectives. As a college dean, for example, he oversaw the creation of the [Student Managed Investment Fund \(SMIF\)](#) with a \$500,000 initial allocation through the UCM Alumni Foundation (currently valued at more than \$1 million) and the creation of the Donn Forbes Center for Financial services which supports the class instruction and research activities of the SMIF.

Under Dr. Best's leadership, the university:

- Launched the campuswide strategic planning initiative to serve as a blueprint for the university's future.
- Initiated a new campus master plan.
- Secured donor, state and federal funding for future upgrades to the [Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport](#) to include a new terminal and aviation education building.
- Began a major renovation of the historic Humphreys Building.
- Significantly revised and realigned the General Education Program.

Dr. Best has a wealth of experiences that have included parachuting in tandem with the U.S. Army's Golden Knights and flying the B-2 simulator at Whiteman Air Force Base. He believes it is important to give back to our communities and professions, and currently serves as:

- Board of Directors member, [Kansas City Area Development Council \(KCADC\)](#)
- Board of Directors member for [Johnson County \(MO\) Economic Development Corporation](#)

- Board of Directors member for [Kansas City PBS](#)
- Chair, [Council on Public Higher Education](#) (COPHE) in Missouri
- Chair, CEO Council of the [Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association](#)
- Delegate to the [AASCU Council of State Representatives](#)

In addition to these roles, he has also previously served on the Board of Directors for Whiteman Area Leadership Council.

In his service to UCM, Dr. Best acknowledges and values the strong engagement and support of his wife, Robin. Both are actively engaged in the Warrensburg community, and enjoy time spent with their two daughters, Amy Burk and Lindsey Keirse, and their six grandchildren.

President's Council

The President's Council is the senior leadership team for the university and works with the president to ensure the fulfillment of the university's mission and in achieving the university's vision.

The Council is chaired by the University President, and includes:

- **Roger Best**, University President
- **Shari Bax**, Vice President for Student Experience and Engagement
- **Phil Bridgmon**, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
- **Lindsay Chapman**, General Counsel
- **Courtney Goddard**, Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement/Executive Director for UCM Alumni Foundation
- **Bill Hawley**, Vice President for Finance and Operations
- **Monica Huffman**, Executive Assistant to the President/Assistant Board Secretary
- **Matt Howdeshell**, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics
- **David Pearce**, Executive Director for Governmental Relations
- **Susan Smedley**, Vice President for Integrated Marketing and Communications

Board Of Governors

UCM's Board of Governors is composed of eight members, all from the state of Missouri. Seven of the board members have voting privileges; the eighth is a student representative and does not.

Stephen Abney, Board Vice President

Phyllis A. Chase, Ed.D.

John A. Collier

Mary Dandurand, Board Secretary

Stu Rogers

Gus S. Wetzel, II, M.D.

Ken Weymuth, Board President

Hadley Oden, Student Governor

Centrally Located

The University of Central Missouri has two campus locations, a site office at Whiteman Air Force Base and an online presence. Both UCM campuses are centrally located in Missouri, which means you're close to just about everything.

Warrensburg

Our Midwestern charm and hospitality is something in which we're proud. This is in addition to our nationally recognized and beautiful campus grounds.

Lee's Summit

UCM - Lee's Summit balances convenience, affordability and flexibility without sacrificing the outstanding education delivered by the same, recognized faculty members who teach at the main campus in Warrensburg.

UCM Online

With UCM Online you can take classes anytime and anywhere. With hundreds of courses and many programs to choose from, you'll have flexibility to complete your degree on your own schedule while learning from the same expert faculty members who teach on campus.

UCM Warrensburg Campus

Historic and Beautiful

The University of Central Missouri's main campus is located in Warrensburg, about 50 miles southeast of Kansas City, Mo. This beautiful college campus spans 1,561 acres. It features a perfect blend of state-of-the-art facilities and historic—yet modern—buildings that date back to UCM's founding in 1871. The [Elliott Student Union](#) is the hub of UCM. Head there with friends to watch movies at the [Union Cinema](#), hang out at Café Rouge, grab a quick bite to eat at [retail restaurants](#) like Chick-Fil-A and stock up on UCM apparel and course materials at the [University Store](#). You can even go bowling at [Union Bowling Center](#)!

Campus Life

Living on Campus

You're required to [live on campus](#) your first and second years, and you'll be so glad you did. It's a great way to meet new people and be engaged. Plus, students who live on campus are more likely to get involved and to graduate.

Expand Your Experience

[Campus life](#) is exciting, thanks to more than 185 student organizations, athletic teams, intramural and club sports and Greek organizations.

About Warrensburg

Campus is within a five-minute walk to downtown [Warrensburg](#), a charming and vibrant town with unique festivals, restaurants and shops.

UCM – Lee's Summit

In addition to the Warrensburg campus, you can take classes [online](#) and at [UCM – Lee's Summit](#), located about 20 miles southeast of Kansas City.

UCM - LEE'S SUMMIT

The University of Central Missouri - Lee's Summit, located 20 miles from Kansas City, offers undergraduate completion and graduate degrees as well as professional education and certificate programs.

UCM-Lee's Summit is geared for students like you who need to balance their studies with work and family. By taking evening and weekend classes at UCM-Lee's Summit, you can fit your educational goals into your busy life. Additionally, with UCM Online, you can also pursue a variety of programs online and at your own convenience. Interested in workforce and professional education opportunities? We give professionals a pathway to their next career change, offering everything from entry-level industry-recognized credentials to continuing education units (CEUs).

UCM - Lee's Summit

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Lee's Summit, MO 64086
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Student Services

The staff at the Missouri Innovation Campus are dedicated to providing a state-of-the-art learning environment that will enhance each student's academic experience. The MIC offers the following services to our students.

Student Services

Academic Advising

UCM Lee's Summit provides a full-time academic advisor to assist both current and prospective undergraduate students in the following services:

- Admissions
- Advisement for undergraduate programs offered at UCM Lee's Summit
- Enrollment
- Liaison services with graduate advisors
- Transfer assistance for undergraduate programs offered at UCM Lee's Summit
- Programs of study

To make an appointment with the advisor, please call 660-543-8252 or e-mail fuhr@ucmo.edu.

Career and Life Design Center

The [Career and Life Design Center](#) is a centralized center serving the entire campus community. We work with students and alumni for all academic disciplines and degree programs.

University Store

Purchase textbooks and merchandise:

The University Store has a storefront at the MIC Building. The bookstore is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The bookstore sells UCM branded merchandise and course materials.

If a student requires an additional textbook, or if the MIC branch of the University Store is closed, a student may also purchase textbooks by calling the University Store (1-800-330-7689) or [visiting the website](#). Students must request that their textbooks be delivered to the MIC and the University Store will then courier the textbooks to MIC at no charge. Before coming to the MIC to pick up any materials you are expecting, please call 816-347-1612 to ensure they have arrived.

End of term book returns:

The University Store will accept both rental and buy-back books in accordance with the University Store's return policy. They collect books during their normal operating hours. Please contact the University Store at 1-800-330-7689 if you have any questions.

Courier

The MIC offers students and faculty a courier service that transports educational material between MIC and the main campus in Warrensburg.

Before coming to MIC to pick up any materials you are expecting, please call 816-347-1612 to ensure they have arrived.

Library Services

The James C. Kirkpatrick Library has a MIC library services website, which describes library resources available at Lee's Summit. The site provides helpful links, information about the Warrensburg library, a list of the library books available at the MIC, and information about the ethical use of information. Don't forget to review the information detailing how a librarian can help you!

You may request materials from libraries across the state of Missouri and have them delivered to the MIC via the courier. You may pick up and return library materials at the Learning Commons Desk (B207) in the MIC.

University Student Services

Students at UCM-Lee's Summit have complete access to all online University Student Services, which are also provided on the main campus, and are eligible to attend and participate in any activity offered on the main campus.

Students taking classes at UCM-Lee's Summit benefit from a wide variety of services. Services are categorized as on site and off site.

Parking

Parking at the MIC is free. We do require that students, faculty, and staff sign up for a parking pass that is unique to the MIC. The front entrance to the MIC is on the south side of the building. Students can park in the south lot. Faculty and staff can park in the west or south lot.

Please sign up for a parking pass.

[Student Form](#)

[Fac/Staff Form](#)

Map and parking information for the [MIC Building](#)

Prior Learning Credit (PLC)

The Prior Learning Assessment is the process used to award credit for prior learning outside of the traditional transfer of credit from one academic institution to another. There are several types of prior learning that can be considered for college credit. If credit is determined to be awarded the major you are pursuing will determine where credit can be applied (general education, electives, core courses, major courses, or free elective credit).

[Click for more information](#) or contact ucmole@ucmo.edu.

Shuttle Bus

UCM operates a shuttle that transports student between UCM-Lee's Summit and the main campus in Warrensburg.

The semester shuttle pass may be purchased on MyCentral under the student tab, prior to riding the bus. The Pass will be a feature of your university ID/One Card. The cost is \$250/semester.

Note: It takes 3 hours for the shuttle pass to become available on your student ID.

To pay per ride, the rider must have funds deposited in his/her Central Cash account, which is also accessed using the ID card or have a credit card.

The cost to ride is \$7.00 per ride/per direction, and you must have sufficient available funds in your Central Cash account to cover the cost of your ride--cash is not accepted on the bus.

Warrensburg

The shuttle picks up students from the James C. Kirkpatrick Library (Lot 29) and the Multipurpose Building.

Students need to be on the shuttle and in their seat by the departure time. The shuttle has to leave on time so students can get to class on time.

The bus departs from the northeast corner of the James C. Kirkpatrick Library on Clark Street at:

- Monday through Friday: 6:50 am, 10:50 am, 4:45 pm, and 7:45 pm
- Saturday: 6:50 am, 9:50 am, and 3:45 pm

The bus departs from Lot 42, north of the Multipurpose Building at:

- Monday through Friday: 7:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, and 8:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am, 10:00 am and 4:01 pm

UCM Lee's Summit MIC Building

Students need to be on the shuttle and in their seat by the departure time. The shuttle has to leave on time so students can get to class on time.

- Monday through Friday: 8:00 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm, and 9:25 pm
- Saturday: 8:00 am, 11:15 am, and 5:15 pm

MIC Program

What is the MIC Program?

The MIC program is a partnership between the University of Central Missouri, Lee's Summit R-7 School District, Metropolitan Community College, and more than 65 Kansas City area businesses. It provides motivated students with career-ready skills and the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree two years after high school graduation, and with little to no debt. MIC students have access to state of the art facilities at The Missouri Innovation Campus, which opened its doors in 2017, and it is reshaping the way students experience education and innovation.

Select [here](#) to view our Missouri Innovation Campus program two-page brochure.

The MIC students graduate with:

- A bachelor's degree, two years after high school graduation.
- Little to no student debt.
- Applied experience through paid internships.
- Highly sought-after skills for high-paying careers.

Programs Offered:

- Bachelor of Science in Design & Drafting Technology - Associate in Applied Science: Engineering Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Associate in Applied Science: Computer Science and Information Systems, Software Development emphasis
- Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
- Bachelor of Science in Data Science
- Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering
- Bachelor of Science - Business Administration in Big Data/Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Science - Business Administration in Computer Information Systems

An Outstanding Value

One of the most significant obstacles facing students who pursue a college education is cost. The MIC program delivers the value of a four-year degree with little to no student debt upon graduation through:

- First Two Years of Tuition Paid
- Student Employment
- Institutional and Departmental Scholarships
- Paid Internships

The Missouri Innovation Campus provides an open, flexible learning environment through an accelerated program model. It's a bold, visionary approach that connects students with a valuable, affordable education that prepares them for a successful life, and connects businesses with the skilled, career-ready workforce they need.

The MIC program requirements, timelines and programs are also summarized on this [two-page flyer](#).

What is The Missouri Innovation Campus? The Missouri Innovation Campus was designed through a collaborative effort of business partners, the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, Metropolitan Community College and the University of Central Missouri. The goals of The MIC are to connect

businesses to a trained workforce that has specific skill sets, make students competitive in the marketplace and reduce training costs. The Missouri Innovation Campus also uses an accelerated model designed to reduce student debt and increase student retention and degree completion. What is innovative about The MIC programming? This training initiative is rigorous, relevant and can be used with all of the Missouri Strategic Initiative for Economic Growth target clusters, including advanced manufacturing, energy solutions, bio sciences, health sciences and services, and information technology. The instructional program is delivered by instructors who use inquiry, team-building, real-world problem solving and hands-on activities to assess both the hard and soft skills required by business partners and their industries. The program is enriched by several internships—beginning in the summer after the student’s junior year of high school—where business partners can observe and assess the students’ abilities in real-life activities within the company throughout two or three years. Why is The MIC program an accelerated model? Students begin the program in their junior year of high school by taking not only courses required to graduate from high school, but also college credit courses that position them to graduate from high school with an associate degree from Metropolitan Community College. The final two years are focused on completing a bachelor of science degree from the University of Central Missouri. This accelerated model is a four-year, year-round program that reduces degree completion by two years for students finishing their coursework on time as identified by their four-year plan. How do The Missouri Innovation Campus business partners benefit from this initiative? The MIC business partners benefit by hiring trained employees with specific skill sets and competencies aligned to the needs of the individual company. These skills and competencies have been assessed in multiple real-world settings through classroom instruction and on-the-job internships. Through the internship experience, business partners are able to interact with students, shape their skills and see if individual students would be a good fit for their company, reducing training and hiring costs. How can my company become a Missouri Innovation Campus business partner? Business partners are a critical component of The MIC and make the experience unique for MIC students. If you are interested in becoming an MIC business partner, you can contribute in two ways: • Assist in the development and review of curriculum in your company’s program of interest. • Provide internships for MIC students in your program of choice. Please contact Stan Elliott, The MIC Director, at elliott@ucmo.edu or 660-543-8256 for more information on becoming a valued MIC business partner.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS For more information visit ucmo.edu/micprogram or email mic@ucmo.edu. What degree programs are offered through The Missouri Innovation Campus? • Big Data and Business Analytics • Computer Information Systems • Cybersecurity • Data Science • Digital Electronics/Engineering Technology/Design and Drafting • Software Development/Computer Science • Software Engineering Two of the seven MIC programs offer an AAS degree from MCC. Those programs are Design and Drafting and Computer Science. All six of The MIC programs offer a Bachelor’s degree from UCM. Other science, technology, engineering and mathematics career field programs will be added through the oversight of UCM, in collaboration with MCC, Lee’s Summit R-7 School District and The MIC business partners. What are the admissions requirements for The Missouri Innovation Campus programs? 1. Maintain good attendance in high school (95 percent overall) and good grades (3.0 GPA), and complete prerequisite coursework. For specific course requirements, visit the Summit Technology Academy’s website at sta.lsr7.org. 2. Score into college-level courses on the ACT or the ACCUPLACER placement test. 3. Submit your online application to Summit Technology Academy by going to the STA website at sta.lsr7.org. Check that you are interested in the MIC Program. 4. Complete and submit an Eligibility form and Student MOU form that you will receive at the MIC enrollment meeting in March. 5. Once accepted into the program, apply for admission to MCC at mcckc.edu and UCM at ucmo.edu/apply. How is tuition for The Missouri Innovation Campus students funded? One of the greatest obstacles to college completion is student debt. The MIC students will receive their first two years tuition-free, but they

will be responsible for their textbooks and instructional materials. Additionally, The MIC works with students to seek new ways to assist students through student internships, grants, department and institutional scholarships, and low-interest loan programs to obtain their bachelor's degrees with little to no student debt. Dual credit courses should be taken through MCC or UCM where possible. Those taken outside MCC or UCM will be reimbursed through receipt and grade transcript at the MCC dual credit tuition rate. It is the student's responsibility to provide the program documentation to UCM for reimbursement. If a student drops or fails to obtain the required grade for a course, tuition for that course is the responsibility of that student and reimbursement to UCM will be required. Who provides transportation for The MIC, including internships, at the respective business partners companies? Transportation for The MIC is the responsibility of the student or sending school district. Student hardships in this area should be addressed to the director of the Summit Technology Academy and the director of The MIC. How do MIC students acquire internships? The MIC internship coordinator will coordinate the interview process for internships with the students and business partners. Students will interview at various times with the business partners before the summer at the end of their junior year and must have secured an internship to remain in The MIC program before starting their senior year in high school. When do MIC students begin their internships? Students begin their internship experience the summer after their junior year of high school with a paid, eight-week, 40-hours-per-week internship. This internship will occur each summer, as well as two days a week during the fall and spring semesters until graduation from UCM. Are MIC students assured of a job through their internship with a MIC business partner? A student intern is not guaranteed a job with the participating business partner but the on-the-job internship experience will increase job placement opportunities. UCM-17948

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retention and future-proof their organization. Benefits for Business Partners: • Opportunities to shape curriculum • Access to talent for effective and efficient recruitment • Continuity of internship with self-motivated, high-achieving interns • Crafts culture that supports continued learning as a strategy for competitive advantage • Highly trained employees with industry knowledge two years sooner

An Outstanding Value Graduating in less time with little to no student debt and direct access to a career, who could ask for more? At MIC, we know that one of the biggest obstacles facing students who pursue a college education is the cost. UCM is lowering the cost for students through: • Paid internships • First two years eligible for paid tuition • Scholarships and low-interest loan programs • Cost reduction through reducing time to graduate An Opportunity for Talented Students What kind of student will find success in the MIC program? All highly motivated students who want the opportunity to learn beyond a traditional classroom and graduate with their bachelor's degree just two years after high school. Academic programs at the MIC focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. MIC Programs Offered: • Bachelor of Science in Drafting and Design Technology - Associate Degree: Engineering Technology, Architecture emphasis • Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Associate Degree: Computer Science and Information Systems, Software Development emphasis • Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity • Bachelor of Science in Data Science • Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering • Bachelor of Science - Business Administration in Big Data/Business Analytics • Bachelor of Science - Business Administration in Computer Information Systems Successful MIC students have: • An aptitude in science and math • A clear career vision early in high school • Strong academic abilities • The ability to work independently or as part of a team • The desire to exchange the last two years of traditional high school for an intense jumpstart on their college career The Missouri Innovation Campus provides an open, flexible learning environment through an accelerated program model. It's a bold, visionary approach that connects students with a valuable, affordable education that sets them up for a successful life, and connects businesses with the skilled, career-ready workforce they need.

Healthcare

- [Certified Medication Technician \(CMT\) Development Program \(In-person\)](#)
- [Certified Nursing Assistant \(CNA\) - Home Health Aide Development Program \(In-person\)](#)
- [Certified Nursing Assistant \(CNA\) - Mental Health \(In-person\)](#)
- [Certified Nursing Assistant \(CNA\) - Special Needs Advancement \(In-person\)](#)
- [Certified Nursing Assistant \(CNA\) - Development Program \(In-person\)](#)
- [Clinical Medical Assistant \(CMA\) with Externship \(In-person\)](#)
- [Dental Office Manager \(Online\)](#)
- [Emergency Medical Technician \(EMT\) Basic \(In-person\)](#)
- [Healthcare IT \(Online\)](#)
- [Medical Administrative Assistant with EHR \(Online\)](#)
- [Medical Assistant with Clinical Externship Program \(Online\)](#)
- [Medical Billing \(Online\)](#)
- [Medical Billing and Coding \(In-person/Hybrid\)](#)
- [Medical Billing Professional \(In-person\)](#)
- [Medical Office Assistant with ICD-10 \(In-person\)](#)
- [Medical Office Manager \(Online\)](#)

- [Medical Transcription and Editing \(Online\)](#)
- [Personal Care Assistant Development Program \(In-person\)](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician \(Online\)](#)
- [Phlebotomy Technician \(In-person\)](#)
- [Phlebotomy Technician Training w/Externship \(Online\)](#)
- [Physical Therapy Aide \(Online\)](#)
- [Professional Medical Coding and Billing \(Online\)](#)
- [Restorative Nurse Assistant \(In-person\)](#)
- [Sterile Processing Technician \(In-person\)](#)
- [Veterinary Assistant \(Online\)](#)
- [Veterinary Receptionist \(Online\)](#)

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Chase your dream!

The University of Central Missouri Online brings learning to you — on your schedule! Learn in the comfort of home from the same expert faculty members who teach on campus. Whether you're a full-time student, working full-time, raising a family or serving in the military, UCM Online provides a flexible, high-quality education in a supportive learning community.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Big Data and Business Analytics, BSBA

Big Data and Business Analytics Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

- Online

- Warrensburg

Build the skills and knowledge you need to enter one of the hottest tech fields with the University of Central Missouri's Big Data and Business Analytics BSBA degree program. If you're interested in studying how business and technology intersect, this program is a perfect fit for you.

UCM's big data degree gives you in-depth knowledge of big data engineering, artificial intelligence and analytical tools — as well as the skills for how to apply these tools to business decision-making.

Learn from tech industry professionals

UCM's Big Data and Business Analytics degree faculty members are experts in the field and passionate about passing along their knowledge to you. Your faculty mentors in the big data degree program bring their experience in this exciting field to their classrooms and course activities in subjects that range from AI and deep learning to cloud computing.

Communication Studies, BS

Communication Studies Bachelor of Science

- Online

- Warrensburg

Do you love people-facing work? Have you dreamed of a career working and interacting with others as a marketing expert, speaker, community advocate or leader? No matter your ambition, the Communication Studies major at the University of Central Missouri can equip you with the writing chops, presentation skills and sheer confidence you need to enjoy a long-lasting career in collaborative, interactive environments.

At UCM, we focus on results: Missouri is the “Show Me” state, after all. Our bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies is thorough but flexible: All of our classes are offered on our Warrensburg campus, or you can complete your degree 100% online. Most students are able to earn a Communication Studies degree within just four years. During that time, our faculty provide career advice and network connections that can pay off where it matters most. Almost every single graduate of our Communication Studies BS has a job or is accepted into grad school within six months of graduation.

Criminal Justice and Criminology, BS

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology

- Online

- Warrensburg

If you’re driven to serve your community through enforcing the law, helping people within the justice system or performing investigative work, the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJC) at the University of Central Missouri is right for you.

You’ll obtain key knowledge and learn field techniques from accessible, expert faculty who are leaders in their fields and passionately focused on helping you achieve your academic and professional goals.

- Study federal law enforcement procedures from a former U.S. Marshal.
- Find out how to provide services to youth in the system from a former juvenile probation officer for the city of St. Louis.
- Learn about the prison system from a former corrections officer.
- Explore the legal side of the criminal justice system from a Missouri municipal judge.

No matter your interests, you’ll find a mentor ready to help you learn all you need to know to succeed. UCM even provides majors in Criminal Justice and Criminology with a

dedicated career coach to help you focus your coursework and find a job. Our faculty and advisors are connected to every step of your learning and development — from sponsoring student activities to involving you in their research projects.

A powerful education delivered how you need it through online and hybrid options

Whether you're a working adult with family responsibilities or a student right out of high school who's living on campus, you'll find a course delivery method that helps you earn your Criminal Justice and Criminology bachelor's degree your way. You can choose to move through the program at your own pace by opting for either 8- or 16-week classes. We also offer a fully online Criminal Justice degree alongside our on-campus program in Warrensburg, Missouri. These options help you get your education when and where it's convenient for you — and faculty are always available to help guide and encourage you along the way.

Sociology, BS

On Campus and Online Sociology Bachelor's Degree

- Online

- Warrensburg

Put science behind your passion to effect community change in the Bachelor of Science in Sociology program from the University of Central Missouri. Our BS degree in Sociology prepares you for community and organizational problem-solving by building social analysis skills and an understanding of social dynamics.

Learn what a Sociology degree can do from established faculty experts. From involvement in social and political movements to experience with sociological data collection, your faculty mentors are skilled sociologists who bring their field experience to the classroom every day to help you grow.

In fact, UCM graduates say that our knowledgeable, helpful faculty are one of the biggest strengths of our Sociology bachelor's program.

How to choose between the BS and BA in Sociology degrees

UCM offers two Sociology degrees: a BS program and a BA program.

If you want to focus your coursework on science, analytics and community-level problem-solving, the Sociology BS may be for you. This option also offers an online Sociology bachelor's degree for an alternative to our program on the Warrensburg campus.

If you want to learn how to become a sociologist who works with non-English-speaking populations or international organizations, you should choose the [Sociology BA](#), which includes a foreign language component.

Public Relations and Strategic Communication, BS

- Online

- Warrensburg

Public Relations professionals work at the intersection of business and strategic communication as the “voice behind the voice.” We are everywhere, keeping an organization’s story front and center to help it achieve goals like selling products, connecting people, changing history and setting pathways to new adventures. At the University of Central Missouri, you’ll learn how to achieve this by telling and sharing stories through words, speech, imagery, timing and more to help people, businesses and organizations be heard. Prepare for a career in PR at UCM with a business-oriented bachelor’s degree — that has fewer math requirements.

A PRSA-certified bachelor’s degree focused on strategy, skills and success

To keep up with the changing needs of employers, media outlets and publics, our Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and Strategic Communication program continues to evolve. Other programs with degrees in Public Relations still teach only tactics. At the University of Central Missouri, we’ve grown from a mass communication degree to a communications and journalism degree and finally to a PRSA-certified bachelor’s degree program that integrates strategy and skills throughout the curriculum.

What’s the difference? You’ll gain traditional publicity and media experience, just like most undergraduate degrees in Public Relations. However, you’ll also develop more than 11 applied skills, including social media strategy, video production and story pitching, to help you land jobs within public relations — or start a business in any industry or profession you want.

Public Relations online degree program

UCM's PR and Strat Comm program offers a Public Relations [online degree](#) (or contact Brenda at Fuhr@ucmo.edu) option through the Office of Online and Learning Engagement. You can enroll part time or full time starting in the fall, spring or summer and finish your bachelor's degree as a major in Public Relations by taking all online classes.

Nursing - Generic Option

Nursing BSN Program

- Lee's Summit

- Warrensburg

In the University of Central Missouri's Nursing program, you choose your area of specialty, and we will train you to be the best nurse you can be. Our in-person BSN programs feature a prelicensure option to provide nursing students with clinical experience to practice skills, help you qualify for the NCLEX exam and earn a bachelor's degree.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at UCM is a competitive program that will give you the experience to prepare you for licensure and start your nursing career.

[View Courses](#)

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[School of Nursing](#)

Marketing, BSBA

Marketing Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

- Online

- Warrensburg

When you choose a Business degree in Marketing from the University of Central Missouri, your career opportunities are tremendous. No matter the industry, marketing serves as the driving force for creating awareness, generating business and increasing market share. It's no wonder employers seek the best candidates with a degree in marketing management or marketing to help achieve these critical responsibilities. Look to UCM to provide the education and hands-on experience you need to land the career you want with an AACSB-accredited Marketing bachelor's degree.

The flexibility of earning your Marketing BSBA

In-person classes are held on our Warrensburg campus. However, knowing students have different needs, we also offer an online program option for our accredited Business degree in Marketing.

Our online Marketing program helps you balance other responsibilities and allows you to complete courses in an accelerated format: eight-week courses instead of the typical 16. No matter your path, expect to gain the knowledge, skills and professional certifications necessary to excel in your marketing career.

History, BS

History Bachelor of Science

- Online

- Hybrid

- Warrensburg

The University of Central Missouri's Bachelor of Science in History program promotes the study of diverse cultures and human experiences across time. As a History major, you'll develop critical thinking, research and analytical skills, as well as your cultural competency. At the same time, you'll gain experience in digital history, service learning and public history. Your adventure as a citizen of a changing world begins in UCM's History degree program.

A bachelor's degree in History for the career-minded student

The B.S. in History removes the foreign language requirement from the B.A. and instead requires you to use nine or more of your 45 free-elective credit hours to complete additional history courses or work towards a complementary minor or double major outside of history. Many of our concentrations get you halfway (or more) to a minor in another discipline.

If you're interested in studying History with a focus on modern languages and cultures, you may also want to explore our [History BA degree](#).

History degree online program

UCM's bachelor's degree in History program offers online classes that allow you to enroll part time or full time starting in the fall, spring or summer. Earn a bachelor's of History by taking some of your History degree courses completely online.

Environmental, Safety & Risk Management, BS

Environmental, Safety and Risk Management Degree

- Online

- Warrensburg

Become a safety professional dedicated to protecting people, property and the environment with an Environmental, Safety and Risk Management degree from the University of Central Missouri. Safety professionals help companies streamline their operations, build new facilities and implement new technologies. As corporations grow and work environments become more regulated, organizations will depend even more on skilled people with Risk Management degrees to keep their facilities running smoothly and profitably.

Earn a bachelor's degree and your GSP designation

Our Environmental, Safety and Risk Management major is a Qualified Academic Program (QAP) through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). This means all graduates are eligible for the Graduate Safety Practitioner (GSP) designation for a competitive edge in an important field.

An online Risk Management degree for experienced professionals

You can choose to earn your bachelor's degree for this Safety Sciences program on campus in Warrensburg or online. Earning your Risk Management degree online enables you to learn on your own schedule. You can complete your bachelor's while maintaining your professional and personal commitments. Enroll part time or full time starting in the fall, spring or summer. Many of our students are able to earn their online Risk Management degrees in just two years.

Environmental, Safety and Risk Management online degrees tailored to transfer students

Unlike traditional environmental safety and health degrees, UCM's bachelor's degree in Environmental, Safety and Risk Management is designed specifically for transfer students or working professionals who have an associate degree from a regionally accredited institution. We'll make sure all of your credits transfer so you save time and money on completing your bachelor's degree and can take the next step in your career sooner.

All Environmental, Safety and Risk Management degree courses are offered online, but you may opt to take some courses on campus in Warrensburg. You could finish your Environmental, Safety and Risk Management degree in as little as two years.

UCM ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Our innovative academic programs follow industry trends and are taught by experienced faculty members, giving you the skills you need to graduate prepared for your career.

Aviation Masters Degree | Aviation Safety Program

- Online

Rise up in aviation management jobs with a rare master's degree only offered at the University of Central Missouri School of Aviation and a handful of other top aviation management colleges. In this unique graduate program, you'll learn all the ins and outs of aviation safety and become an expert at implementing and managing safety systems for a variety of industries.

Advance your aviation career with classes that fit your lifestyle

You can earn your UCM Aviation master's degree fully online. You deserve a graduate program that offers high-quality learning to advance your career without sacrificing the rest of your life. Aviation Safety master's students, on average, complete the course requirements in 18 months, but you can choose to pace your progress however it fits with your schedule. No matter how quickly you choose to earn your next Aviation or pilot degree, the best time to start is now.

Graduate ready to earn your Safety Management System (SMS) certification

The FAA proposes to update and expand the requirements for safety management systems (SMS). Prepare for these requirements by earning your MS in Aviation Safety at UCM. Throughout the program, you will:

- Develop expertise in SMS development and implementation
- Learn the ins and outs of aviation law and airport accident causation
- Become prepared to earn the SMS certification from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

While earning your degree, you will have the opportunity to implement improvements to your current safety practices in real-time as you progress through courses. Our program also focuses on written communication skills and research skills so you can be an effective safety manager for your operators. Meet the needs of your team and earn your MS in Aviation Safety at one of the only universities offering it in the nation.

[Admission Information and Requirements](#)

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Sport Management, MS

MS in Sport Management (Online Program)

- Online

Enhance your career opportunities – and your life – when you complete a Master of Science in Sport Management degree online from the University of Central Missouri. UCM is ranked among the country's best sport management schools for the value we offer as you prepare to begin or advance your career in the sports industry. Learn how our online Sport Management master's degree can help you score your professional and educational goals.

UCM's highly rated MS in Sport Management is available 100% online

Are you a teacher wanting to become a coach or a coach seeking to become an athletic director? Maybe you're a student eager to work in sports media or other sports industries? At UCM, we can help you get where you want to go.

Among the nation's seasoned and most respected sport management schools, UCM has offered graduate-level sport administration courses for over 50 years. Our Sport Management master's concentration was first offered in 1982. Over the years, we've expanded our Sport Management program offerings and evolved to keep pace with the needs of the industry and our students.

UCM was one of the first schools to offer a 100% online Sport Management master's degree to help you balance your coursework with other personal and professional needs. University of Central Missouri has received specialized accreditation for its sport management program through the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) located in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Being a part of COSMA offers us a chance to showcase the dedication of our programs in preparing students for diverse careers, not just to our students and their families but

also to our sport and community partners. Our students consistently showcase their industry impact, leaving our programs to achieve remarkable success in the field.

[View Courses](#)

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Nutrition, MS - Sport Nutrition Option

Master of Science in Nutrition - Sport Nutrition Option

- Online

- Hybrid

As humans, our performance is directly impacted by the quality of our nutrition. Learn to help athletes and others excel through sports nutrition when you study and train at the University of Central Missouri. Our Master of Science in Nutrition program, which includes a Sport Nutrition master's degree, provides the required education and hands-on experience to become a sports nutritionist or for RDNs to advance your education.

A flexible Sport Nutrition degree that meets new requirements

Starting in 2024, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics will require entry-level Registered Dietitians Nutritionists (RDNs) to have completed a master's degree. If you're already an RDN seeking to be more competitive in the job market, our Sport Nutrition graduate's degree will expand your knowledge and skill set. If you are a student seeking to enter the profession, this degree will enable you to work as a sports nutritionist in settings that don't require RDN certification.

While you work toward either goal, enjoy flexible options for completing UCM's Sport Nutrition master's degree program. The Sport Nutrition Option is offered either Online or

Hybrid. Admittance to the program requires an undergraduate degree in an appropriate major, with an accumulated undergraduate GPA greater than 3.00.

[View Courses](#)

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Master of Library Science, MLS

- Online

Are you equipped to help patrons at libraries across the world? You will be when you complete the University of Central Missouri's affordable, 100% online Librarian master's degree program. Since our Master of Library Science is exclusively online, you can adapt your graduate studies to fit your lifestyle while earning your graduate degree.

Reading and learning is for everyone

Our vision for the Master of Library Science program at UCM aspires to provide transformational education by creating an inclusive learning community that connects learners worldwide with practitioners in their field of study. Your classmates may include students from Germany, South Korea and rural China – as well as all over the United States.

Our faculty bring answers directly from libraries to you, sharing real-world challenges and solutions from their industry experience. Once you graduate, you'll be a 21st-century librarian. Your skills and experience will stand out from the competition graduating from other library science colleges.

Our Library Sciences master's degree is accredited by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Master of Library Science program accreditation

Our [Library Sciences degree program also has pre-candidacy status for accreditation with the American Library Association \(ALA\)*](#). This will benefit you in your career, especially if you're interested in a job at a public, state or academic library, rather than a school library. We've already updated the program curriculum, so our graduate students are prepared to work anywhere.

** UCM's Master of Science in Library Science program has been granted precandidacy status by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association. Precandidacy status is an indication that UCM has voluntarily committed to participate in the ALA accreditation process and is actively seeking accreditation. Precandidacy does not indicate that the program is accredited nor does it guarantee eventual accreditation of the program by ALA.*

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Public Relations

Master of Business Administration - Public Relations

- Online

- Hybrid

A company's reputation is only as good as its messaging. Highly trained public relations (PR) pros play an essential role in developing strategic communication to promote customer trust and company growth. The University of Central Missouri offers a Master of Business Administration in Public Relations taught by industry experts who will prepare you to lead in this dynamic role.

The best MBA in Public Relations for the job — and you

The critical nature of PR and strategic communication, whether guiding companies through times of crisis or in moments of triumph, demands a high-caliber business education — which is what you will find at UCM. Our Master of Business Administration program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). UCM is also one of only 15 MBA programs offering a Strategic Communication course approved by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). This commitment to excellence for your business and PR and strategic communication education is what regularly earns us rankings as one of the best schools for MBA degrees.

Students and working professionals also enjoy the flexibility of our MBA program. Begin your graduate studies at one of five points during the year, choosing to attend classes online or at our Warrensburg campus, just 45 minutes from Kansas City. Wherever you are, you'll have the support of our highly educated and experienced faculty, including PR

and strategic communication professionals with years of industry experience, to help ensure your success.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Management and Organizational Leadership

Master of Business Administration - Management and Organizational Leadership

- Online

- Hybrid

Successful organizations need effective leaders who can actively develop their workforce, fill critical needs and ensure company growth. The University of Central Missouri's Master of Business Administration in Management and Organizational Leadership will teach you to guide companies in implementing change management initiatives and recruiting, training and promoting employees. Discover why UCM ranks among the best schools for MBA students seeking to advance their careers.

An MBA for managers and organizational leaders who rise above their peers

As UCM's fastest-growing MBA concentration, Management and Organizational Leadership provides a business education of the highest caliber. We're one of only 10 Missouri universities accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and we're regularly named among the best schools for MBA degrees. Our students get a top-notch education at some of the region's most affordable tuition rates.

UCM's "minimester" schedule lets you begin studies for your Master of Business Administration degree on one of five different dates during the year. Choose from in-person and online classes and enjoy true flexibility on your path to a better career.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - International Business

AACSB-Accredited MBA in International Business

- Online

- Hybrid

Today's business operations transcend geographical boundaries. To effectively communicate with international colleagues or target audiences, you must understand their cultures and laws. Whether you're currently working for a global organization or wish to, if you're interested in an international business degree, you can get the education you need for success at the University of Central Missouri – ranked one of the best online MBA programs. At UCM, you can tailor your Master of Business Administration in International Business to your personal and professional goals.

An MBA in International Business where you are

Students across the region and around the world appreciate our ranking as one of the best online MBA programs in the U.S. We are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), so you can be sure you're getting a high-quality graduate education. We offer a flexible MBA in International Business program with a variety of attendance options:

- On-campus courses in Warrensburg
- Real-time online classes
- Asynchronous online learning on your schedule
- Study abroad for course credit

We no longer require the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) for admission. Plus, our “minimester” schedule lets you begin your studies at one of five points during the year. At UCM, we make it easy to take your career global with an MBA in International Business.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Finance

Master of Business Administration in Finance

- Online

- Hybrid

Today's finance managers need to be able to not only review financial data, which is at the core of every sound business decision, but also to understand the bigger picture and realize organizational goals. A Master of Business Administration with a Finance

concentration from the University of Central Missouri provides the general business and finance education you need to be an integral leader. Start your financial career, advance your standing or launch your financial planning business with a UCM MBA in Finance.

Become a business finance leader on your own schedule

As you explore master's degrees in business finance, consider these reasons why UCM is regularly ranked among the best MBA schools:

- We're committed to high-quality education, demonstrated by our Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation.
- We offer flexible attendance options: Study 100% online (livestream or at your pace) or combine online and on-campus options in Warrensburg, just 45 minutes away from Kansas City, to suit your needs.
- Begin your graduate studies at one of five starting points per year following UCM's "minimester" schedule.
- Take advantage of the region's lowest tuition rates for an AACSB-accredited Master of Business Administration in Finance.

Human Development and Family Science, MS - Human Development and Family Science Option

Human Development and Family Science, MS - HDFS Degree Option

- Online

- Warrensburg

Make a difference for children and families in your community with a master's degree in Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) from the University of Central Missouri. Our HDFS degree focuses on human development and the interrelationships of families in a culturally diverse world.

Through engaging coursework and the guidance of experienced faculty mentors, you'll learn how to develop, manage and evaluate programs and services to meet the needs of children, youth and families. With UCM's accelerated program, you'll be ready to make an impact on your community in as little as 12 months. You'll also have the flexibility to earn your master's degree while taking all of your classes at our Warrensburg or some online

classes. If you are looking for a course schedule with more flexibility, the HDFS degree can be completed part-time completely online in two years.

One degree with two options

Our Human Development and Family Science degree program offers two tracks. The HDFS track studies the dynamics of human development and family interaction in non-clinical settings. This track is ideal for students who want to engage in research, pursue advanced education, or work with children and families in non-clinical roles.

If you're looking for a clinical degree, the [Master of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Science – Marriage and Family Therapy](#) track may be best for you.

English Language Learners, MSE - TESL Option

Learn English Language Teaching Strategies for ESL/EFL students

- Online

- Lee's Summit

- Warrensburg

Interested in pursuing a career working with students learning English as a Second Language (ESL) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL)? The University of Central Missouri's Master of Science in Education for English Language Learners, TESL option, prepares you to help meet the particular needs of adult ESL students in the United States or EFL students of all ages in other countries.

UCM's master's in Education, with a focus on TESL, helps you understand the process of acquiring a second language so you can teach English as an additional language more effectively. You'll study advanced teaching theories and how to guide ESL and EFL students to improve their English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills.

In our MSE program for English language learning, courses are offered at our Warrensburg and Lee's Summit campuses, as well as online. You'll learn how to support adult ESL students in the United States and prepare for teaching EFL abroad.

English, MA

Master of Arts in English

- Online

- Warrensburg

Do you want to broaden your knowledge of literature and your career opportunities? Do you need a master's in English program that offers flexibility to achieve your goals? If you answered 'yes' to these questions, look no further than the University of Central Missouri for the education you seek.

Whether you wish to increase your earning potential as an educator or gain employment in the private sector, at UCM, you can advance your literary understanding in as few as four semesters based on your interests. Immerse yourself in your favorite page-turners — from medieval works to contemporary bestsellers — while enhancing your marketability. Discover your possibilities when you explore UCM's Master of Arts in English program.

Earn your master's degree in English your way

UCM's Master of Arts in English program offers convenient class options for working professionals, out-of-state residents and international students. Enjoy flexibility when you fulfill requirements for your master's in English in person, online or a combination of both. You can also complete your degree on a full- or part-time schedule to meet your timeline.

Educational Technology, MS

Master of Science in Educational Technology

- Online

Connect with your students in new and effective ways with an online master's degree in Educational Technology from the University of Central Missouri. Learn how to enhance student learning in any educational environment, from K-12 classrooms to health care or corporate training programs, from a solid foundation of theory, curriculum development and practice.

UCM's top-rated Educational Technology program will enrich your teaching with instructional design strategies and applied technology skills. Whether you're an experienced educator or just beginning your teaching career, our 100% online Educational Technology degree will help you design engaging multi-platform curricula.

Educational technology is critical for modern curriculum development

Your master's degree in Educational Technology from UCM includes training in the strategies and techniques of instructional design. You'll also learn how to use a variety of devices and software platforms and, more importantly, how to adapt to and integrate innovative technologies into your teaching as they emerge.

Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, MS

Master of Science in Data Science and AI

- Online

- Lee's Summit

- Hybrid

- Warrensburg

Data scientists with advanced skills in machine learning, data visualization and analytics, are leading today's commercial, institutional, and non-profit organizations into the future. Data and artificial intelligence (AI) masters who can harness the power of data-driven decision making are in high demand.

The University of Central Missouri's master's in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence is designed to prepare you for the ever-evolving field of AI technology and data analytics. As a Data Science and Artificial Intelligence master's student, you'll explore the unity between data science and artificial intelligence, gaining a deep understanding of machine learning, data visualization, big data analytics, natural language processing and more.

Graduate from UCM with your master's degree in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science ready to tackle challenges in whatever industry you choose, such as, health care or business.

Flexible data science and artificial intelligence learning opportunities

Courses for UCM Data Science and AI master's students can be flexed to fit your life. Take your data science classes online, in-person, during the day or evening and even on the weekends. Pursue your MS in Data Science and AI without sacrificing your professional or personal life.

Cybersecurity and Information Assurance, MS

Masters of Science Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

- Online

- Lee's Summit

- Warrensburg

The need for expert cybersecurity professionals has never been greater: Cyberattacks are increasing worldwide, and organizations of all types and sizes are vulnerable. If you want to master the advanced skills and technological tools necessary to protect vital infrastructure systems, the University of Central Missouri's Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance is one of the most affordable and top-ranked programs in the United States. **UCM's Cybersecurity department has been designated as a National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and National Security Agency since 2022.** Our MS Cybersecurity curriculum has been designed by faculty who offer diverse academic, research and industry expertise in the full range of career pathways. Seven UCM faculty have earned one or more SANS GIAC certifications.

With a Cybersecurity MS from UCM, you'll master the science behind solving problems in the field using advanced technology and techniques. You'll design and analyze security policies and systems to meet information security requirements and learn to evaluate and maintain cyber systems to ensure secure, reliable organizational operations.

Online Cybersecurity master's courses meet the needs of working professionals

Is your goal to update your skills, deepen your knowledge and earn a high-paying MS Cybersecurity salary? Returning to grad school can help prepare you to take on increased responsibilities in your current job or change your career to work in this exciting tech field.

Our Cybersecurity master's degree is designed to be flexible and affordable yet comprehensive to give you a high-value return on your investment. You can take classes in Warrensburg, at our Missouri Innovation Campus (MIC) near Kansas City or in an online Cybersecurity master's format.

Criminal Justice and Criminology, MS

Criminal Justice Master's Degree

- Online

- Hybrid

- Warrensburg

Are you ready to move up from your entry-level criminal justice job? Do you want to advance toward a doctorate so you can teach or do research related to criminology? With a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Central Missouri, all of your goals are within reach — professionally, academically and financially. Our admissions requirements are very flexible, with no GRE requirement.

There are two areas of the Criminal Justice and Criminology MS to ensure you are getting the skills and knowledge you need to reach your goals. Choose to focus in **Area 1: Theoretical Criminal Justice and Criminology**, or **Area 2: Criminal Justice Administration and Leadership**. [Learn more about both areas](#) below to discover which one is right for you.

Learn from program [faculty](#) who pass along their extensive experience and expertise through engaging lectures and active mentorship. You'll benefit from working side-by-side with them on critically important and meaningful research projects of contemporary cultural and social significance. You'll also build connections that may help you earn that job promotion or advance your career in [Criminal Justice and Criminology \(CJC\)](#).

In fact, the expertise — and accessibility — of our decorated faculty members is one of the main reasons our graduate students say the Criminal Justice and Criminology master's program at UCM is the best. You can take graduate classes from faculty with international law enforcement experience, a Missouri state municipal judge, a certified correctional officer, a juvenile probation officer, and even a contributor to a think tank for terrorism research.

In as little as two years of coursework, you can earn a highly relevant and marketable Criminal Justice master's degree from a top-ranked Criminal Justice graduate program that's consistently recognized for its value and affordability.

A flexible Criminal Justice and Criminology MS – available online or in person – to fit your lifestyle

We know you have priorities and commitments outside your academic goals, but your life doesn't have to stop to achieve them. At the University of Central Missouri, you can earn your Criminal Justice and Criminology master's degree in the way that works for you. Complete your 30 credits 100% online, choose to learn in person at our Warrensburg or Lee's Summit campuses or get the best of both worlds with hybrid instruction. Rest assured that no matter how you choose to earn your master's in Criminal Justice and Criminology, you'll get the personal attention and support you need to succeed.

Communication, MA

Master of Arts in Communication

- Online

- Warrensburg

Strong communicators are often our strongest leaders. The University of Central Missouri's master's degree in Communication equips you with the advanced methods in theory and practice you need to lead in community, media, personal and professional communication contexts. At UCM, you'll gain knowledge and know-how that can propel you into a communication job in nearly any industry.

A respected Communication master's degree that gets results

UCM's graduate degree in Communication is designed to meet the needs of working professionals looking to deepen their knowledge or seek new skills to use in their current communication careers.

We offer two specializations for our Master of Arts in Communication:

- **Applied Communication:** Our Applied Communication concentration courses can be completed entirely in person or entirely online.
- **Communication Studies:** Our Communication Studies concentration offers a selection of courses online.

No matter which area you choose to specialize in, you'll be able to employ advanced communication strategies to reach your audience – and your goals.

Biology, MS

Biology Master's Degree Program

- Online

- Lee's Summit

- Hybrid

- Warrensburg

Would you like to develop an original research project in advanced biology? Develop an original research project? Present your findings to the larger scientific community? The University of Central Missouri's Master of Science degree in Biology is for scientists who want to specialize in organismal biology, molecular biology or ecology. The Biology Master's Degree Program is designed with flexibility in mind. Offering both a thesis and non-thesis options. This degree can be completed fully online, on-campus or a combination of formats.

UCM's top-notch science facilities at Warrensburg and Lee's Summit include renovated labs and classrooms, a large animal/aquatic research center and access to many natural ecosystems. These provide ideal settings and environments for your graduate coursework and thesis research.

Preparation for Biology master's jobs and doctoral studies

Industry, government, and academic institutions alike place high value on the scientific skills developed in UCM's master's in Biology program. You'll learn to critically review biological literature, interpret and visualize data, design and conduct research studies, and give effective written and oral presentations.

Biology program faculty at the University of Central Missouri have strong relationships with numerous employers who offer Biology master's jobs in the private, public and government sectors.

University Mission, Vision and Values

Who We Are

The University of Central Missouri believes its responsibility is to enrich each student's perspective through a cumulative experience that starts with academic rigor and integrates applied learning and servant-leadership opportunities. Our model of continuous learning allows each student to find and fulfill his or her own sense of purpose. By engaging students with multiple sources of learning and creating a dynamic environment that encourages individuals to find their passions and reach beyond themselves, UCM prepares students by giving them knowledge and experiences that broaden and deepen their education so they may flourish in a world of accelerated change.

University Mission

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) disseminates knowledge that transforms students into leaders who possess the aptitudes, skills and confidence to succeed.

Statewide Mission

The University of Central Missouri is a public, master's level, comprehensive regional university and is designated as the state's baccalaureate and master's degree-granting institution in professional applied science and technology.

Our Vision

Every student achieves that to which they aspire and leaves exceptionally equipped, enriched and connected to UCM.

Our Values

Open the accordion below to learn more about the UCM values of:

- Community
- Diversity
- Excellence
- Learning
- Opportunity
- Service

Our Values

Community: The University of Central Missouri is committed to developing a caring community that consciously works to foster an atmosphere where responsibility, collaboration, communication and respect thrive. UCM embeds and cultivates a culture

of exemplary citizenship, a commitment to civic responsibility, a sense of global awareness and an appreciation for human diversity at all levels in all its manifestations.

Diversity: The University of Central Missouri strives to create an atmosphere where all individuals feel welcomed and valued, and where the expression of different ideas from myriad perspectives contributes to learning that is multi-faceted and transformative. UCM encourages inclusion and respect of individuals with differing values, ideas, beliefs, abilities, life experiences and backgrounds. UCM advocates for principles and actions that support equity and inclusivity and understands that building unity within our various populations is a critical and foundational component of who we are.

Excellence: Striving for excellence is the creative catalyst of what we do at the university, both collectively and as individuals. This aspirational mindset drives the university's evaluation of our own efforts thereby creating an institutional engine of continuous improvement. UCM recognizes this process encourages the development of curriculum and delivery methods that are both innovative and inspirational. This philosophy is integral to sustaining a culture of excellence in academics, scholarly activity and service.

Learning: The University of Central Missouri is student focused. The university is dedicated to providing an educational experience rooted in a tradition of academic rigor while engaging our students in learning opportunities that are both dynamic and transformative. UCM is committed to educating students who are citizens of Missouri, the nation and the world through future-focused academics delivered by qualified, devoted faculty. The university educates the student as a whole person with an emphasis on continuous learning, preparing them to become lifelong learners and leaders, able to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing society.

Opportunity: The University of Central Missouri believes in creating and offering experiences inside and outside the classroom to develop leadership characteristics, skill sets and knowledge that lead to career advancement and quality of life improvements. The university strives to provide a high-quality, affordable education that enables students to access opportunity and enhance their economic mobility. UCM encourages and supports students in making decisions today that place tomorrow's opportunities within reach.

Service: With the motto, "Education for Service," the University of Central Missouri embraces opportunities for the UCM community to develop and exhibit characteristics of responsibility and civic engagement. The university is committed to engaging with our broader community as servant leaders. While UCM incorporates opportunities for students to engage in service through classroom and extracurricular experiences, the university works toward the betterment of our world.

Media Resources

Welcome to the University of Central Missouri

UCM's Integrated Marketing and Communications staff is available to answer media questions, present an overview of our campus community, identify subject-matter experts on our faculty, provide photos/video footage and work with you on articles related to higher education. Please contact Jeff Murphy at 660-543-4640, or jmurphy@ucmo.edu.

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Campus B-Roll Video Footage

UCM campus [B-Roll footage](#) comprises a variety of campus views and activities. For more videos visit the university YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/ucmlive>

Campus Photos

A variety of campus photographs are available for use. Visit our [image library](#) to find anything from historic photos, to current campus photos.

Recent Media Requests

[UCM Update on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Our President

Roger Best, Ph.D. was appointed President of the University of Central Missouri, effective Nov. 5, 2018. Known for his strong business acumen, leadership ability and commitment to students, Best joined UCM in August 1995 as an assistant professor of finance, and climbed the faculty ranks to become a professor in 2005. He was named Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance in 2003; Associate Dean of the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies in 2008; and college dean in 2010. Former President Chuck Ambrose named Best Interim Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration in August 2017, and he was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer following administrative restructuring in January 2018.

History

Founded in 1871 as a state normal school charged to train teachers, UCM has grown into a comprehensive state university with a diverse population of students. Throughout its evolution as Central Missouri State Teachers College, Central Missouri State College and Central Missouri State University, UCM has responded to the needs of modern society by providing graduates who are prepared in a variety of fields to become productive members of society.

The Board of Governors

The University of Central Missouri Board of Governors is made up of eight members appointed by the Governor of Missouri.

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Employers are increasingly seeking college graduates with the creativity and adaptability to overcome any need or challenge. Learn these and other fundamental skills that transcend your degree and transfer across all careers when you study within the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Central Missouri. Whether you're completing one of our bachelor's or master's degrees or enhancing your major with one of our minors, you'll learn to be a critical thinker, effective communicator, active collaborator and creative problem-solver. These highly valued competencies have enabled our graduates to attend law school or get jobs as account executives, social services directors, journalists, graphic designers, professional musicians, teachers and production artists, among countless others, and then quickly advance in their careers.

Explore our diverse programs — designed to satisfy any passion and, more importantly, provide the foundation you need for success through access to UCM's resources, which include:

- **State-of-the-art facilities and venues:** From fully equipped theaters and impressive music studios to a mobile broadcast unit, UCM offers impressive spaces to explore your craft.
- **High-impact experiences:** Apply your learning outside the classroom for experience that enhances your resume and builds your network. Participate in the Muleskinner student newspaper, UCM Mock Trial, study abroad and a wide variety of other student activities.
- **Nationally accredited programs:** As a UCM graduate, you'll be recognized for your quality education. Our School of Visual and Performing Arts, for example, holds an impressive range of accreditations as well as the longest tradition of accreditation – over 60 years – at the national and international levels of all Missouri universities.
- **Financial awards and scholarships:** UCM's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences has over 100 named and endowed scholarships for which you may qualify. Every year, we also recognize several outstanding students with monetary awards.
- **Support of expert faculty:** Study under our faculty of performers, artists, professional designers, active scholars and researchers. Expect their support every step of the way and well into your future.

Mission Statement

CAHSS is committed to engaging students deeply with the academic disciplines and providing an inclusive, creative atmosphere for experiences needed to lead fulfilling, impactful lives, and to achieve career success.

Vision Statement

CAHSS strives to be recognized regionally and nationally for empowering our graduates to be leaders by fostering creative inquiry, promoting critical thinking, and engaging them to meet the demands of a globalized society.

College of Health, Science, and Technology

Our College of Health, Science, and Technology offers a range of programs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), in accordance with the [state-wide mission](#) in Professional Applied Sciences and Technology adopted by the University of Central Missouri.

Whether you're seeking a degree, professional development or additional studies, here are some features that set our College of Health, Science, and Technology apart:

- **Hands-on learning opportunities:** In UCM's College of Health, Science, and Technology, you'll practice what you learn and conduct research in cutting-edge labs.

- Personalized learning: Learn in classrooms with small class sizes to provide you with meaningful discussions, mentoring from faculty members and time with your instructors.
- Strategic partnerships: Our College of Health, Science, and Technology collaborates with universities in India and China and is pursuing connections in Nepal and other countries. Our exchange initiatives bring diversity, global perspectives and cultural richness to UCM campuses, and collaboration among our faculty members enables research opportunities for our students.

College of Health, Science, and Technology Mission

Our mission is to provide a distinctive and relevant education in an environment of scientific, technological and professional knowledge creation and innovation to equip our graduates for a successful career in their chosen field.

A degree from one of UCM's College of Health, Science, and Technology programs tells employers you're a technologically savvy, complex problem-solver who is adept at sophisticated inquiry.

Tutoring Services

[Tutoring at UCM](#) is available for many UCM courses—and is available at no cost! Tutoring is available by appointment using our scheduling app, [Penji](#). We almost always have someone here to help with mathematics, from Introductory Mathematics to Linear Algebra. Check out Penji for hours by course.

Writing Center

Need help with a paper for class? Not sure where to begin? Start by coming into the [UCM Writing Center](#). It's free and available to all UCM students at any stage of the writing process. Walk in visits are always welcome, but appointments are encouraged--especially near midterms and finals.

Online Writing Center

If you live off campus or your schedule doesn't allow you to visit the Writing Center during center hours, try our Online Writing Lab (OWL). OWL allows you to submit your paper at any time and receive feedback within 48 business hours. Please note, we try our best to get back to you over the weekends, but sometimes we have a high inflow of requests. If you submit a paper on a Friday or Saturday, it may not get back to you until Monday!

Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction (SI) offers weekly study groups for difficult courses. Sessions are led by trained students who have already passed the course. SI Leaders attend class

and work with faculty to make the SI sessions specific to the faculty member's teaching style.

How does SI work?

SI is offered two to three times a week at a set time. Check the class schedule or your instructor for specific days and times.

Why should I participate in SI?

SI provides you with:

- Review and discussion of course material, including readings, lecture notes, and homework assignments.
- Learning activities, such as practice quizzes, games, and group activities, to help increase and deepen understanding of course material.
- An opportunity to connect with other students in a structured but relaxed environment.

Support for your academic success...

We are here to help you in every way possible as you pursue your goal of academic success. Academic Success Advisors can help you make the right decisions in selecting a major and defining a path toward earning your degree. We can assist you in building your academic schedule, help you complete required forms and point you toward the resources you'll need to get where you want to go.

Meet with your Academic Success Advisor frequently, at least once a semester. We are here for you as a resource and are available to keep you on track with your classes all the way to graduation

UCM Student Support Services

"Serving Students Equitably and Holistically, Building Strong Relationships to Achieve Academic Success!"

You chose the University of Central Missouri to give yourself more opportunities in life. But if you're the first in your family to go to college, you likely have a lot of questions, concerns and even doubts. UCM's Student Support Services has been helping undergraduate students like you graduate. If you're a first-generation student, come from a low-income background, or are challenged by a disability, this program is designed to help you earn your degree at UCM.

Services Provided

The Harding Student Support Services Center

- YOUR place to study on campus!
- Open Monday - Friday; 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Computers available with free printing!
- Success Coach (certified peer educators) available to assist with general academic questions, understanding assignment directions, and other basic study skills.
- Group Collaborative Study Zone with large electronic whiteboard capability.
- Located within the Success Advising Center, giving you accessibility to your Success Advisor!

Success Advising

- Provide academic success coaching, and access to free tutoring, which may include developmental and/or supplemental instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science, and other subjects as needed.
- Provide advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection.
- Provide assistance to students needing information on the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships.
- Provide individualized advising for navigating personal (life), career, and academic situations and/or decisions.
- Provide information, activities, and instruction designed to acquaint students with their academic and career options, define success (their goals), and guidance on how to accomplish their goals.
- Provide a peer education & mentoring (Success Coaching) program.

Learning Commons

Provide academic success coaching, and access to free tutoring, which may include developmental and/or supplemental instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science, and other subjects as needed.

Student Financial Aid

- Provide assistance to students needing information on the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships.
- Provide Education designed to improve the students financial and economic literacy, and assistance in completing financial aid (FAFSA) applications.

Career and Life Design Center

- Provide assistance in researching, seeking, and applying for internships, jobs, or admission to graduate/professional programs.
- Provide individualized advising for navigating personal (life), career, and academic situations and/or decisions.

University Housing

Provide assistance in securing temporary housing during breaks for students who are homeless youths, and students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system.

Computer Science, MS

Master of Science in Computer Science

- Lee's Summit

- Warrensburg

Computer science experts develop innovations that shape our future. We prevent cyberattacks and predict and prevent catastrophic events. We accelerate advancements in business, health care and many other fields.

At the University of Central Missouri, not only do we prepare you to advance your career, but we also prepare you to lead teams of technology professionals with a Computer Science master's program.

An HLC-accredited master's degree that provides you with the skills to lead

Today's computer science professionals are found in nearly every industry. As technology continues to transform, evolve and become more specialized, companies are looking for skilled individuals with advanced degrees to lead their teams.

Because we have the largest and one of the most affordable Computer Science programs in Missouri, UCM is well-equipped to help you become a senior computer science professional. Our Computer Science master's program has a cloud computing master's degree track, as well as tracks in General Computer Science and Software Development. You'll not only use technology to solve a variety of practical problems, but you'll also gain relevant knowledge and skills so that you can lead in a career that interests you.

Master's in CS degree program courses online

Graduate students in the University of Central Missouri's master's in Computer Science program primarily take courses in person, but the program is also available 100% online. You can also enroll in coursework on a full- or part-time basis to earn your Computer Science MS degree on a schedule that works for you.

What you will study

Gain the expertise and experience needed to take charge and solve complex technological challenges in computer science.

At the University of Central Missouri, our master's in CS starts with Algorithms, Operating Systems, Database and Compilers. From there, you have the choice to personalize your graduate degree in a way that works for you.

We have three degree tracks within the Computer Science master's program that are highly customizable — allowing you to pursue a thesis, a master project or just graduate coursework. No matter which track you choose, you'll gain the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in your computer science career.

Master's degree in Computer Science program options:

- **General Computer Science graduate degree track:** Gain a broad-based education in developing software products and theoretical computing. You will study mobile computing, web development, big data and other relevant topics.
- **Software Development degree track:** Emphasizing development of real-world applications from the ground up, you will learn how to produce large software products in a variety of industries within our master's Software Development track.
- **Cloud Computing degree track:** Design applications using a commercial cloud computing platform such as Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform and Microsoft Azure. Understand cloud security architecture and

security design principles as well as billing, account management and pricing models.

Excellence in Computer Science

- **95%:** UCM Computer Science master's degree graduates are employed within six months
- **#1:** Graduate school in terms of affordability for Computer Science programs in Missouri

Unique learning opportunities in computer science

The University of Central Missouri's Computer Science master's degree program gives you hands-on experiences that will set you up to lead a team of tech professionals in computer science. Here's how:

- **Internships:** The majority of our master's in CS graduate students pursue an internship, this can occur during your fall, spring or summer semesters. Our faculty have countless industry connections to help you gain the experience you need to lead.
- **Master's projects:** Take on a computer science project that interests you while working with one of our industry partners.
- **Research thesis:** If you have an interest in pursuing graduate research as part of our Computer Science master's program, you can work with a faculty member to develop a thesis project for course credit. Put your expertise to work and help advance research within our profession.

What can you do with a Computer Science master's degree from UCM?

The University of Central Missouri provides you with a graduate degree that opens doors professionally, no matter which Computer Science track you pursue.

UCM graduate program alumni are employed at Amazon, Boeing, Garmin, IBM, J.P. Morgan, Mastercard, Sprint and many Fortune 500 companies.

Looking for a computer science job promotion?

With a master's in Computer Science degree, you can become a leader in our profession. Learn about job outlooks, salary expectations and more.

Payment Information

How Charges are Billed

Your bill will automatically include tuition and mandatory fees. Other fees, if applicable, may also be posted. They include, but are not limited to:

- Program fees
- Course fees
- Health Center charges
- Meal plan
- New student fee and other one-time student charges

- Parking permit (by request)
- Residence hall
- Unpaid library fines
- Unpaid parking tickets

The University Bookstore may allow you to charge books (up to \$500 per semester) to your account by using your Student ID number. If your financial aid does not cover all of the charges on your bill, you may make payments to UCM or explore other payment options (see below).

Semester Payment Information

Students are required to pay their account balances by published deadlines using one of the following payment options:

- Payment in full
- Installment Payment Plan
- Confirmed Financial Aid greater than account balance

According to the [Financial Responsibility Agreement](#), students must pay all outstanding balances and/or be current on their payment plan before being eligible to re-enroll or receive transcripts. Please ensure that you meet the payment date deadlines to keep your student account in good standing to avoid having a [hold](#) placed on the account. Learn more about [Summer, Fall & Spring](#) semester payments. (You can zoom in the pdf file for better viewing if you open it in the browsers)

All students are obligated to pay promptly all charges owed on their account, including payment plan fees, collection agency referral-fees, and other reasonable collection costs to collect unpaid balances.

Methods of Payment

UCM accepts *in-person payments* up to 30 minutes prior to close, in the Student Financial Services Office, Ward Edwards, Suite 1100 of:

- Money Order/Cash/Demand Draft
- Debit Card*
- Check/Cashier's/Bank Certified/Travelers**

**PIN may be required for in person transactions.*

***See Returned Payment Section*

The following payment types may also be made online through the [MyCentral](#) or [Authorized User](#) UCM Payment Center Portal:

- Debit Card*
- Check **
- Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover) - *Service Fee Applies****

**Online debit is possible if your bank allows purchases without use of a PIN.*

***See Returned Payment Information*

****A nonrefundable fee of 2.85% of the amount being paid is assessed by the processor; the University does not share in this fee.*

Please Note: Checks from certain types of accounts cannot be processed electronically through the UCM Payment Center (Ex: Trust, Money Market, Investment Account, College Savings Plan and Corporate Checks). Credit Card checks and counter checks are unable to be accepted.

The following types of payments are also accepted via Mail:

- Money Order/Demand Draft
- Check/Cashier's/Bank Certified/Travelers
- 529 College Savings Plan
- Other state prepaid plans - *Please see Third Party Payments*

Please include the student's name and/or 700# with the payment or on the payment method.

Mailing Address:

Attn: Student Financial Services
1100 Ward Edwards Building
University of Central Missouri
PO Box 800
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Returned Payments

Personal checks written to the University of Central Missouri and E-checks will be electronically debited from the customer's checking account. Any check remittance returned by the bank as unpaid may be electronically submitted for repayment the maximum number of times allowed by law. In the event that the transaction is still returned unpaid, the customer agrees the student account will be charged a return check fee of \$25 plus the original amount of the payment that was initially credited to the account.

Special Student Populations - Avoid Payment Plan Fees

Financial Aid: Make sure your Financial Aid requirements have been completed and your aid is ready to disburse prior to the payment in full due date. If Financial Aid does not cover your entire balance, the remaining balance is due according to published payment dates.

Third Party: Ensure your letter of credit or sponsorship voucher has been received in our office prior to the payment in full due date.

Military and Veterans: Complete all required steps with the [Office of Military and Veteran Services](#); completing the Veterans Certification Request Form each semester and providing your Certificate of Eligibility to the VA Certifying Official before the semester begins is imperative to avoid payment plan fees.

Third Party Payments

[Military and Veteran tuition assistance](#), Vocational Rehabilitation, [Federal or State aid](#), [Scholarships](#), and Employer tuition assistance are the most common forms of third party payments.

Please ensure all required applications and steps have been completed with the third party to ensure timely payment to your student account.

Remaining fees or charges not covered by the third party are due upon billing. Failure to remit payment by the billing due date will result in late fees being assessed and/or failure to process your registration for the following semester. [Exceptions for Chapter 31 and 33 recipients](#).

State prepaid plans - The Account owner must contact their plan administrator to begin the process. Once the account owner has completed all required documentation with

their plan administrator, the prepaid program will send UCM a third party billing authorization letter.

The Plan Administrator may mail documentation to:

University of Central Missouri
Student Financial Services
PO Box 800
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Vocational Rehabi

International Payments

International Payment methods may also include wire, government sponsorship, and demand draft.

UCM has partnered with [Flywire](#) to provide you with a quick, easy, and secure method to make international payments. Flywire is the leading payment processor for educational institutions all over the world; with the ability to track your transaction, you can pay with confidence.

Flywire Benefits:

- Track your payment from start to finish
- Make secure payments in more than 150 currencies, online from banks worldwide
- Save money on bank fees and exchange rates
- Multilingual [customer support](#) 24x7
- Avoid fraud and tuition payment scams
- More payment methods: international credit and debit cards (additional international payment options may be available-varies by country)
- [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) mobile app downloads to make payments and receive status updates

Documentation for Bank Managers

Some international bank managers, may ask for additional information regarding the methods of payment accepted by the University. The letter below has been provided for your convenience:

Additional International Payment Methods

U.S. currency (cash), checks from stateside bank accounts, and credit card payments are also accepted according to the same guidelines as domestic students; details are

available in the "Methods of Payment" section on this page. Other accepted methods of international payment include:

Are there scholarships for International students?

Information regarding UCM scholarships for international students is available through [International Admissions](#) and the UCM Scholarship Finder, the University's [online scholarship application](#).

Can students from other countries get U.S. financial aid?

Federal Aid is dependent on your citizenship or immigration status. Please see Federal Student Aid's "[Basic Eligibility Criteria](#)" section, specifically the definition of an "eligible noncitizen."

When is my payment due?

Full payment for each semester is as follows:

- Fall semester is due August 20
- Spring semester is due January 20
- Summer semester (if applicable) is due May 20

More information about billing, payments, refunds and outstanding student account balances can be found on this page.

I'm getting a loan from my bank in India; can I use Flywire?

Yes, please see specific details at flywire.com to understand how the process works. Other payment options are discussed on this page in the International Payments section.

How much should I pay?

Please refer to the tuition and fee charges on the I-20 that was prepared for you by the [International Office](#). Student Financial Services can only accept payment **per semester** for what is billed; this will include:

- tuition
- mandatory fees
- international insurance (amount varies)
- new student fee (\$50), charged only the first semester
- international student services fee (\$100 per semester)
- room and board - **only** if living on campus and billed by Housing

These totals are included on the I-20 as a total for two semesters. You will need to divide the charges listed above in half to get the estimated cost per semester.

Overpayment to the University is not permitted, therefore, if bringing a demand draft, ensure the amount is only for the amount expected to be billed. A [letter](#) has been prepared for bank managers that would like official clarification.

Installment Payment Plan Information

As a service to our students and families, Student Financial Services offers a five-month installment payment plan for Fall and Spring semesters and a three-month plan for Summer semester. If you do not have authorized aid to cover your balance at billing, you will automatically be enrolled in the installment plan if your balance is \$50 or more. Upon enrollment, you will receive an email notification directing you to login to the UCM Payment Center on the Student Financial Services tab in MyCentral to see your installment amounts. Please allow 24-48 hours for your installment amount due to update as aid is authorized, payments are made, and charges are incurred. Please confirm your installment amount due in the UCM Payment Center before making your monthly payment.

Payment Due Dates

Fall and Spring Payment Dates

FALL	PAYMENT SCHEDULE	SPRING
Aug. 20	Total "Amount Due"	Jan. 20
	OR	
Aug. 20	Anyone with an unpaid balance will automatically be placed on a payment plan. Students will receive confirmation via email notification. A 1.5% payment plan fee, assessed on your declining, unpaid balance, is added monthly. Your monthly payment plan amount is determined by your current balance due and can be found in your UCM Payment Center.	Jan. 20
Sep. 15		Feb. 15
Oct. 15		Mar. 15
Nov. 15		Apr. 15
Dec. 15		May 15

The 16th of the month, the University assesses a 1.5% monthly fee based on the unpaid balance for charges previously billed but not paid in full. The fee is assessed on the 16th of the month (Sep.-Dec.; Feb.-May).

Summer Payment Dates

SUMMER PAYMENT SCHEDULE

May 20	Total "Amount Due"
	OR
May 20	Anyone with an unpaid balance will automatically be placed on a payment plan.
June 15	Students will receive confirmation via email notification.
July 15	A 1.5% payment plan fee, assessed on your declining, unpaid balance, is added monthly.

Your monthly payment plan amount is determined by your current balance due and can be found on the UCM Payment Center.

The 16th of the month, the University assesses a 1.5% monthly fee based on the unpaid balance for charges previously billed but not paid in full. The fee is assessed on the 16th of the month (June, July).

Miss a Payment?

Please contact our office at (660) 543-8266 or through the Student Financial Services [online contact form](#) so we can help you get current and plan future payments. Missing payment date deadlines may result in a [hold](#) placed on the account.

Account Holds

A [hold](#) on a student account may occur for many reasons; ultimately, its use is warranted when immediate action is needed by the student to resolve a concern. Student Financial Services may place a hold on an account for the following reasons:

- The Student Financial Responsibility Agreement has yet to be acknowledged.
- Payment on your account is past due.
- A charge remains on your account that your aid is not authorized to pay.
- Your bank has returned your payment unpaid.

Admitted Student Information

Financial Aid Checklist and Billing Information

Use our Financial Aid Checklist below to start your semester off right! Don't miss important billing, payment options, and [frequently asked questions](#) links.

Are You Ready for the Start of Classes?

1. **Complete and Submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)**
Apply for federal and state grant, loan and employment aid. [Learn more about the process.](#)
2. **Complete Requirements to Receive Aid**
Step-by-step, [printable instructions](#) are available, and/or you may watch the video to learn how to receive a Federal Financial Aid Award from the UCM Student Financial Service Office.
Need Financial Aid Forms? Print required UCM financial aid [documents and forms](#).

International Student Information and Forms

This is the primary location for all information and application forms related to F-1 international student visa benefits and status maintenance.

Information found on this page will also be helpful to international students currently under other visa types who are interested in changes to F-1 visa status at some point.

Advisor name and location: (Assigned students are based on the first letters of the last name/family name)	Student last name starts with:
April Cochran, WDE 1800	A - Chee
Ramsha Akhtar, MIC	Chef - Gunr
Cord Cochran, WDE 1800	Guns - Kud
Becky Leevey, MIC	Kue - Nid
Jeffrey Couch, MIC	Nie - Sep
Aaron Stevens, WDE 1800	Seq - Z

Address Updates

International students are required to update UCM with their current address and phone information within 10 days of any move or update. This is also mandatory for F-1 visa holders due to the SEVIS regulations regarding address corrections.

Enrolled Students

You must update your address and phone information in [MyCentral](#) within 10 days of any move or update.

Follow these steps to update the address details:

1. Collect your address information.

Make sure you have the format of the address for when you receive mail. Ensure that the apartment number is included (if applicable).

Note, the name of the apartment complex should not be entered in MyCentral.

Note, the city and state should not be entered in MyCentral. It will automatically populate when you enter the zip code.

Address example- (the fields to be entered by you are bolded in the example below)

Address 1: 123 W Main St. Apt 10

Address 2:

Address 3:

City, State: Lee's Summit, MO

Zip: 64081

Phone: (816) 222-4444

2. Login to MyCentral and update the information.

1) Scroll down to the bottom right corner of the page and select 'Update Address, Phone, Email and Emergency Contacts' 2) Enter your phone and local address information. 3) Click save within each section. 4) Scroll down and check both Address Agreement boxes and click submit.

OPT Students

You must update your address and phone information in the [SEVP Portal](#) within 10 days of any move or update.

Follow these steps to update the address details:

1. Collect your address information.

Make sure you have the format of the address for when you receive mail. Ensure that the apartment number is included (if applicable).

Note, the name of the apartment complex should not be entered in the SEVP Portal.

Address example-

Address 1: 123 W Main St. Apt 10

City, State: Lee's Summit, MO

Zip: 64081

Phone: (816) 222-4444

2. Login to the SEVP Portal, update and save the information.

3. Complete and submit the [Change of Address Form](#) for ISS

UCM Change of Program Application

Instructions per student type:

International students: The purpose of this application is for new and current international students to request a change to their program. **The deadline for change of program requests for Spring 2024 has passed. You may request a change of program for Summer 2024 until the deadline - April 15 (for spring 2024 enrolled students) - February 1 (for summer**

2024 new students). *Undergraduate international students do not adhere to these deadlines*. Requests submitted after this date will not be considered.

Domestic students: The purpose of this application is for currently enrolled Graduate students to change their program. *If you have not enrolled in the last three semesters (including fall, spring, and summer) you will need to [submit a new application](#).

Questions? Please contact Jessica Davis, CRM System Manager, Graduate Studies, at jrdavis22@ucmo.edu

Change of Visa Status

Beginning April 1, 2024, USCIS I-539 fees will increase. If you submit your application online or by mail on or after this date, you must pay the updated fee amount.

*The \$85 biometrics fee is no longer required after October 1, 2023.

USCIS I-539 Fees	Before April 1, 2024	On or After April 1, 2024
File Online	\$370	\$420
File by Mail	\$370	\$470

Students may apply to change visa status from F-2, H-4, or another status to F-1 status.

If you are interested in applying for a change of status, please review this [flier](#) and follow the steps outlined in the [Change of Visa Status Guide](#) for more information.

- Students must be enrolled full-time in valid F-1 status for two full semesters to become eligible for CPT or OPT work authorization. If students change from H-4 to F-1 status within the country, then time enrolled full time in H-4 status will count toward the enrollment requirement. If students leave the U.S. to receive an F-1 visa from out of the country, time spent enrolled in H-4 status will not count toward the requirement for CPT or OPT authorization and the student must enroll full-time for two semesters upon their return to become eligible for CPT or OPT.
- When students are approved for F-1 visa status they will be required to enroll in and pay for the health insurance assigned by UCM. This is required even if other pre-existing insurance is held.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Application Requirements for CPT I-20:

- [CPT I-20 request form](#) -

Student submission - CPT I-20 request must be submitted by the student.

****** Once the CPT application has been submitted, a second application may not be submitted to change employers.

Academic department approval - Once the CPT request is submitted, it will first go to the academic department.

ISS Approval and I-20 issuance - Once the department approves, it will automatically be sent to International Student Services for a CPT I-20 to be issued.

- [CPT Agreement Form](#) and [Employment Offer Letter](#) -

At the time of submission, the complete CPT Agreement Form and Employment Offer Letter must be submitted by the student as uploads within the application.

Students may begin work only after the following two events:

1.
 1. International Student Services issuance of the CPT I-20
 2. CPT start date listed on the CPT I-20 has arrived

Upcoming CPT Live webinars (click the link to register):

- [Wednesday, March 13th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, April 3rd 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, April 17th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, May 15th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, June 12th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, July 17th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)

CPT Resources:

- [CPT Powerpoint](#)
- [CPT presentation video recording](#)

Eligibility Criteria:

- **GPA** - Meets minimum GPA requirements on the most recent transcript. Not currently in academic probation status.
 - Undergraduate/Bachelor's: **2.0+**
 - Graduate/Master's: **3.0+**
 - If a student does not currently meet minimum GPA requirements, they must wait for grades to be released at the end of the semester to apply for CPT.
- **One-year full-time enrollment** - Meets minimum full-time enrollment requirement of one year of enrollment within the U.S.

- By the expected CPT start date, the student must have attended full-time for at least a full fall and spring semester.
- The student must not have left the U.S. and returned on a new initial I-20 and SEVIS number within the year.

- Recent travel is okay, as long as the same I-20 and SEVIS ID were held for a year or more.

- **Internship Course Enrollment** - CPT participation is academic in nature. CPT is tied to enrollment in a course that applies to the student's degree program.

- The academic department will require at least one in-person class session on the UCM campus as part of the CPT course requirements.

CPT Dates and Deadlines

CPT Dates/Semester	Fall (August start)	Spring (January start)	Summer (May start)
Deadline to apply	August 5th	December 14th	April 29th
Start date options	August 19th - 22nd	January 8th - 11th	May 13th - 16th
End date	December 13th	May 3rd	August 2nd

Add/remove a F-2 Dependent

- Use this form to receive an F-2 I-20 for your spouse or child to join you in the U.S.
 - You must email the following documents to ISSS@ucmo.edu. **We cannot begin processing the I-20s until supporting documents are received.**
1. [Bank Statement, Declaration of Financial Support](#). An additional \$4,000 per dependent is required in addition to the program specific costs.
 2. Passport copies for all dependents to be added.
 3. Copy of marriage certificate (spouse) and/or birth certificates (children)

Driver's License

Students may apply for a Driver's License or non-driver's state ID. Submit the following form to receive a letter from our office to support your application:

- [Drivers License/State ID Letter Request](#)

Please review the following [guide](#) for information on the full process to obtain a Driver's License.

F-1 Visa Status Maintenance

F-1 Visa Status Maintenance Resources

F-1 International Students are responsible for maintaining their own F-1 visa status by following all federal rules and regulations related to the F-1 visa type. It is important to familiarize yourself with all rules and regulations related to this visa type to ensure that you are adhering to all requirements.

- [International Student Policy Video](#) - 10-minute video overview of F-1 visa requirements
- [F-1 Visa Status Maintenance Flier](#) - useful tips for maintaining F-1 visa status
- [Visa Presentation PowerPoint](#) - PowerPoint provided during new international student orientation
- [Visa Presentation Video](#) - 50-minute video presentation of the above visa presentation PowerPoint
- [International Student Workshop PowerPoint](#) - PowerPoint covering additional topics (work authorization, driver's license and social security number processes, adding a dependent, etc.)

Immigration Attorney Resources

We encourage you to seek legal advice from an immigration attorney on obtaining and maintaining appropriate immigration status, including when and how to complete USCIS application documents. The following links regarding immigration attorneys are provided for informational purposes only. The selection of an attorney is a personal choice. UCM does not endorse or recommend any particular immigration attorney.

<https://www.ailalawyer.com/>

<https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/>

UCM Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) Fact Sheet

Fall 2023 – UnitedHealthcare Student Resources (UHCSR)

General Questions and F1 Visa Holder Requirements

Do I need to apply or opt in for insurance?

If you are an F1 visa holder (new, transfer, or returning), you will be automatically enrolled in UCM's health insurance plan (UHIP). You do not need to opt in or apply for insurance. Sit back and relax, we will take care of it.

Am I required to use the University's health insurance?

As an F1 visa holder, you are required to have the UHIP, even if you already have insurance or are covered under a spouse's plan. No exceptions.

When will I be enrolled in the health insurance if I am a F1 visa holder?

You will be enrolled in the health insurance plan one to two weeks after class enrollment.

After health insurance enrollment, when will my card be available?

UHCSR will send you an email within one week of insurance enrollment with information on how to access your insurance portal. From the portal, you will be

able to download or print your card.

What if I need to go to the doctor or get medicine right away?

As long as you are enrolled within the enrollment period (see open enrollment dates on the top left of this page), your coverage will be backdated to begin on the first day of the coverage period. You may attend your doctor's appointment and let them know that your coverage will be backdated.

How do I add/enroll a spouse or dependent on my insurance plan?

Once you, as a student, are enrolled in the UHIP, you can go into your MyCentral Student Tab, select the Health Services Section and then click the United Health Care Student Resources link to add a spouse or dependent. You can also contact United Health Care Student Resources for assistance.

Can I waive the University's health insurance?

Only if you are an H4 or F2 visa holder, are you eligible to apply for a waiver. If approved, the waiver will be reflected and credited on your student account.

H4, F2 or Other Visa Holders

If I am not an F1 visa holder, how do I enroll in the insurance?

Log into your MyCentral Account, go to the Student Tab, select Health Services.

Under Health Insurance select 'I want to Opt In.' This will take you to the UnitedHealthcare Student Resources website. If you are an H1B visa holder you will not be eligible to enroll in the UHIP.

As an H4 or F2 visa holder, how do I apply for a UHIP waiver?

Log into your MyCentral Account, go to the Student Tab, select Health Services. Under Health Insurance select Insurance Waiver. Follow the instructions and make sure to upload the required documents within the waiver period.

What happens if, as an F2 or H4 visa, I did not apply for the waiver?

If you do not apply for a waiver, you will be automatically enrolled in the UHIP one to two weeks after the waiver portal closes. No refunds or exceptions; please pay close attention to the waiver period dates.

H1B Visa Holders

If I have a change of status to H1B, will I still have the UHIP?

If you were enrolled in the UHIP before your change of status, your coverage will not be cancelled. You will have insurance through the remainder of that semester's coverage period. After that coverage period ends, you will no longer be eligible for the UHIP.

Housing and Apartment Search:

We know that students will be making plans for housing arrangements upon arrival. While we cannot recommend one particular off-campus housing company, we can direct you to available resources. Below are a few common locations, but feel free to search for additional locations, as there are others.

Lee's Summit:

[Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce Relocation Information](#) (pg 17 - Apartments and Townhomes)

Overland Park:

[Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Apartment Information](#)

Warrensburg:

[UCM On Campus Housing](#)
[Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce](#) (Category - Real Estate and Rentals)

Transportation Planning:

Notice that public transportation (bus, metro, etc.) is not readily available in the area. Many students choose to use a vehicle or car pool with other colleagues for transportation to and from classes.

Travel from the MCI/KCI airport to Lee's Summit:

[RideKC](#) or Uber/taxi and

[Amtrak](#) (KC station: 30 West Pershing Road Kansas City, MO)

Travel from the MCI/KCI airport to Overland Park:

[RideKC](#)

Travel from the MCI/KCI airport to Warrensburg:

[RideKC](#) or Uber/taxi and

[Amtrak](#) (KC station: 30 West Pershing Road Kansas City, MO)

Travel between Warrensburg/Lee's Summit:

[University Shuttle](#)

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Beginning April 1, 2024, USCIS I-765 fees will increase. If you submit your application online or by mail on or after this date, you must pay the updated fee amount.

USCIS I-765 Fees	Before April 1, 2024	On or After April 1, 2024
File Online	\$410	\$470
File by Mail	\$410	\$520

Optional Practical Training (OPT) - Initial Request

Application Requirements:

- UCM I-20
 - [OPT I-20 request form](#) - OPT I-20 request must be submitted to International Student Services.
 - [ISS fee payment](#) - At the time of submission, the ISS fee must be paid.
- USCIS Request
 - [I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#) - Once the OPT I-20 is received, OPT applications must then be submitted to USCIS through the online I-765 application.

Students may begin work only after the following two events:

1.

1. USCIS issuance of the Employment Authorization Document (EAD approval card)
2. OPT start date listed on the EAD card has arrived

Students are not required to have the employer updated I-20 in hand to begin work on post-completion OPT.

Upcoming OPT Live webinars (click the link to register):

- [Wednesday, March 20th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, April 10th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, May 1st 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 3:00pm CST](#)
- [Wednesday, July 10th 2024 3:00pm CST](#)

OPT Resources:

- [OPT Powerpoint](#)
- [OPT Presentation video recording](#)
- [I-765 Guide](#)

Eligibility Criteria:

- **GPA** - Meets minimum GPA requirements on the most recent transcript.
- Not currently on academic probation status.
 - Undergraduate/Bachelor's: **2.0+**
 - Graduate/Master's: **3.0+**
 - If a student does not currently meet minimum GPA requirements, they must wait for grades to be released at the end of the semester to apply for OPT.
- **One-year full-time enrollment** - Meets minimum full-time enrollment requirement of one year of enrollment within the U.S.
 - By the expected OPT start date, the student must have attended full-time for at least a full fall and spring semester.
 - A reduced course load for the final semester approved by International Student Service is acceptable.

- The student must not have left the U.S. and returned on a new initial I-20 and SEVIS number within the year.
 - Recent travel is okay, as long as the same I-20 and SEVIS ID were held for a year or more.
- **In final semester of enrollment** - Students must be completing all enrollment requirements in the current semester to be eligible to apply for post-completion OPT.
 - Students applying for OPT must have already submitted the [application for graduation](#).
 - **Job offer not required** - Students are not required to have a paid or unpaid job offer to apply for OPT. However, once approved for OPT students must begin working within their degree field within 90 days of the approved OPT start date. Work may be paid or unpaid.

OPT Dates and Deadlines

Application Deadlines: 3 months before to 2 months after program completion. Up to 90 days before and 60 days after the Thursday following finals week in the final semester of enrollment.

USCIS must not receive the application before or after the application window.

Start date: Choose a date from one week after finals week to 2 months after program completion.

OPT Dates/Semester	Fall (December completion)	Spring (May completion)	Summer (August completion)
Application dates	September 15th - February 13th	February 10th - July 8th	May 9th - October 7th
Start date options	December 15th - February 13th	May 10th - July 8th	August 9th - October 7th

Within 30 days of OPT I-20 issuance:

USCIS must not receive the application more than 30 days after the issue date found on the OPT I-20.

If application is not submitted to USCIS within the 30-day period, contact jsss@ucmo.edu to request an OPT I-20 cancellation and reissue.

If a 'rejection notice' is received from USCIS, contact jsss@ucmo.edu to request an OPT I-20 cancellation and reissue.

- This is especially important if resubmission after the rejection notice will near the 30-day period from when the OPT I-20 was issued.

Health Insurance:

For information regarding enrolling in UCM Health Insurance while on OPT please go back to the [forms page](#) and select Health Insurance.

Social Security

- International students can only apply for a Social Security Number (SSN) when they have a job offer.
- International students that do not have a job offer, and who need to provide proof that they are ineligible for an SSN can email ISSS@ucmo.edu for a Social Security Exemption Letter.

This letter is required for students without an SSN to obtain a Driver's License.

Students applying for an SSN:

- Complete the [request form](#) for an SSN letter from our office.

Please be sure to attend an appointment with your local SSN office within 30 days of the issuance of the SSN letter. You must request an updated letter from our office if it is beyond 30 days.

You must also attend an appointment with the SSN office no more than 30 days prior to your employment start date.

- Collect the following documents to bring to the Social Security Office:
- Submit the [online application](#) to the SSN office.
 - o If you do not complete the online application, then you must bring the Completed form [SS-5](#) 'Application for a replacement Social Security Card' with you to the SSN office.

- SSN Letter from ISS dated within 30 days
- On-Campus or Internship Employer Letter
- I-94
- Most recent Continued Attendance I-20 or DS-2019, signed by an International Student Advisor and the student
- Passport

Before going to the SSN office to obtain an SSN please be sure that you have already received your SSN letter (mentioned above) and for new students, the Continued Attendance I-20/DS-2019 from ISS.

*New students - please note that the continued attendance I-20s will be issued and available a few weeks after the start of your first semester.

Office Locations:

The policy is to contact the field office that services the zip code where you live. However, the Sedalia, MO office mentioned that they help students regardless of address when possible.

Use the following [website](#) to identify locations and hours for your local SSN office. Generally, students are required to come prepared with all documents and just walk-in during open hours, rather than calling ahead.

UCM Student Employment for International

Students

This presentation is provided by the

International Student
Services Office (ISS)

On-Campus Employment

- Students on an F-1 visa can work up to 20 hours per week on campus while school is in session (Sunday through Saturday)
- The ISS office is informed if students work more than 20 hours in a week and this often results in SEVIS termination. So please be careful not to violate on-campus employment regulations
- F-1 visa holders can work full-time during the summer and other school breaks
- To participate in on-campus employment in the summer, students must be enrolled in the summer or pre-registered for the upcoming Fall

On-Campus Employment cont.

- F-1 visa holders are only eligible for on campus employment until the last date of finals during the final semester of the academic program
- On campus employment must be located on the university campus
- New students may begin work up to 30 days before their program starts
- Students must submit a request for a SSN letter from the ISS office if its their first job in the U.S.

There is a restaurant close to UCM that Krishna wants to work at.

Would this be considered on campus employment?

- No! Only places on the UCM campus would be eligible on campus employment, such as Sodexo dining services, custodial positions, etc. If you are ever in doubt check with an advisor or you could be in danger of being out of status!

Q. Krishna then begins working for Sodexo on-campus, and he reports 22 hours on his time sheet during one week in the semester. Is Krishna maintaining F-1 status?

- No! F-1 visa holders are only eligible to work up to 20 hours per week while school is in session. Krishna's SEVIS record will likely need to be terminated and unfortunately, he would then be required to leave the U.S. due to this violation.

Q. Greeshma works 10 hours at Sodexo and 11 hours at the Rec Center on campus one week. Since Greeshma has 2 on campus positions it's okay that she went over 20 hours in one week?

- No! F-1 visa holders can only work 20 hours per week Sunday-Saturday, even if they have multiple employers. If your employer is asking you to work over 20 hours please tell them you cannot and explain that it is a violation of your visa status. It's the students responsibility to track hours

worked each week. Transportation

MIC/Warrensburg Shuttle Services

Many students travel from the Warrensburg campus to the MIC Lee's Summit campus regularly- here is information regarding the shuttle service available: [MIC Shuttle](#)

Amtrak Train

Student may consider the Amtrak train as a transportation option, as it travels to multiple cities in the area:

[Amtrak Flyer](#)- student discounts available

[Amtrak Timetable Schedule](#)- schedule of arrivals and departures by city

[#amtrakhowto-Youtube](#)- how to board the train, how to handle baggage, etc.

Campus Life

Big Experiences. Big Opportunities.

The University of Central Missouri is one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country. Campus life at UCM is active and creative, fun and fantastic. You'll literally have hundreds of opportunities to get involved—from [student organizations](#) to academic teams, to [sororities and fraternities](#), athletics to [intramural and club sports](#). By engaging in campus life at UCM, you'll make new friends, develop your interests, cultivate your talents and express yourself. And you'll have a great time!

Choose Your Fun

Whatever you're passionate about, you can find a student organization that's focused on it. From the saxophone to wildlife, films to horticulture, UCM's more than 185 student organizations truly do have something for everyone. Getting involved in student organizations is one of the best ways to engage in campus life at UCM and to build a resume that's impressive to future employers.

Work on Campus

More than 1,500 students work on the UCM campus. As a student employee, you'll do more than just earn money. You'll develop important skills, gain vital experience for your future career and make valuable connections that will last a lifetime.

Week of Welcome

During UCM's [Week of Welcome \(WOW\)](#), new students like you will enjoy a week of fun—from movies on the football field to ice cream at the Newman Center.

See the World

Campus life extends beyond our beautiful 1,561-acre campus. Gain a worldly perspective when you [study abroad](#). Spend a couple of weeks or an entire semester!

Cheer on UCM

Put on your Red and cheer on your favorite [Mules and Jennies athletic teams](#). Are you an athlete? Find out if you have what it takes to compete for UCM.

Campus Community Health

University Health Center • Counseling Center • Office of Health Promotion

Through our three areas - the University Health Center, the Counseling Center, and the Office of Health Promotion - Campus Community Health at UCM works to help keep you healthy and safe through health promotion, preventive health and wellness programs,

counseling services, and coalition building with both on-campus and off-campus partners.

We are committed to addressing and reducing the impact of physical, mental, and emotional health issues on students, through the delivery of quality primary care services and support, in a manner consistent with your level of need.

University Health Center

Medical Absence Request Form

University employees: DO NOT complete this form. Call Human Resources at 660-543-4255 instead.

Students: Please complete the Medical Absence Request Form to request an excused absence from Student Experience and Engagement for COVID or other health related absences. You will need to provide medical documentation as part of this request.

To complete the form:

1. click on the red button below;
2. answer the questions;
3. upload medical documentation.

You will receive a response via email from the Student Experience and Engagement Office.

Medical Absence Request Form

For information regarding COVID please see below under Important Information.

We Care For You

Part of [Campus Community Health](#) at UCM, the University Health Center (UHC) has a team of dedicated, friendly, and welcoming health care professionals available to address your needs.

The UHC is open for appointments when classes are in session; when classes are not in session but the University is open, the UHC is staffed to answer phone calls and respond to emails.

Call 660-543-4770 to make an appointment.

We can help if you:

- have an illness or injury/sprain/strain
- need a routine physical
- need an immunization
- need prescription medication (we can only dispense medications prescribed by UHC providers)
- need birth control, including free condoms
- need over the counter medication
- need a routine lab test
- have ongoing health care needs (our staff can work with your primary care physician)

We are a confidential resource regarding sexual assault, meaning you can discuss concerns regarding sexual assault with our clinical staff, and that information will not be shared without your permission. Visit [this Title IX page](#) for more information about your options.

In addition to providing medical services, the University Health Center promotes your well being through education, health promotion, and preventative health and medication counseling services.

To receive important notices from the University Health Center, sign up for [Textcaster](#).

Appointment hours differ from office hours, according to current staffing levels and student needs. The University Health Center accommodates patients with urgent care needs on an as needed basis. During some breaks, the health center may be open for phone calls.

Contact us at 660-543-4770 or uhc@ucmo.edu to schedule/change/cancel an appointment.

Cancellations or changes must be made at least one hour before your appointment.

Services for Students

Laboratory

Laboratory services help to diagnose your problem and monitor your recovery. Most of the laboratory work is performed at the University Health Center, in our CLIA approved lab, but some special laboratory tests are sent to a reference laboratory for analysis. Charges for laboratory tests may be billed to your personal insurance, paid for at the time of service, or billed to your student account.

HIV testing and testing for other sexually transmitted diseases is available. As with all medical information, the results are strictly confidential and can not be released without your consent.

For any questions call 660-543-4338. Medications

Prescription Medications

We stock a limited amount of pre-packed prescription medications and only dispense medications that our clinical staff have prescribed. Because medications are pre-packed they're usually ready in 10 minutes or less. Our medication office is operated by a Certified Pharmacy Technician, not a pharmacist.

The medication office does not take prescription insurance; however, our medication costs are generally lower than most insurance co-pays, and can be paid for at the time of service by cash, check, credit card, debit card, or can be charged to your student account. There are also several retail pharmacies in the Warrensburg area that accept most insurance plans. Talk to our staff about the best option available for meeting your prescription needs.

Over the Counter Medications

A wide variety of over the counter medications are also available at very reasonable prices, such as pain relievers, cough syrup, and spermicide. Spermicide is a cream or gel that kills sperm before it can get to an egg. It can be used alone, but is more effective if used in conjunction with another form of birth control, condoms for example.

Hours of Operation

The medication office is typically open when the University Health Center is open. It has limited hours during semester breaks and is closed when the University is closed for holidays or other closings. **Plan ahead to be sure you have an adequate supply of medication to carry you through any closings.**

For medication questions not answered here, call 660-543-4628; if leaving a message, please be sure to include your name, 700# and date of birth.

Immunizations

We offer students routine immunizations, including those required for all enrolled students. Visit our [Immunization Information](#) page for a list of the required and optional immunizations/vaccines and tests available at the University Health Center, as well as instructions for submitting your immunization records. Please call the front office at 660-543-4770 for more information.

Appointments with Mental Health Nurse Practitioners

Our Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners can meet with you regarding a variety of behavioral health concerns, including ADHD, and can prescribe medications when appropriate. Virtual or in-person appointments are available; call 660-543-4770 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Appointment fees can be charged to your insurance, or you can choose self-pay. Either way, these appointments are much more affordable than at any other clinic.

For mental health counseling services, visit the [Counseling Center](#).

Quitting Tobacco

Through the University Health Center Medication Clinic, UCM offers students a free tobacco cessation program. The health center can help you quit cigarettes, vapes, chew or snus, or other forms of tobacco. This tobacco cessation program is confidential and convenient. It includes:

- A personalized cessation (“quit”) plan.
- One-on-one meetings with a trained cessation coach.
- If desired, up to 3 months of free nicotine replacement therapy (patches, gum, or lozenges. Prescription medication is also available after meeting with a provider).
- Stress management techniques and encouragement.

Call the University Health Center at 660-543-4628 to learn more or schedule an appointment.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)

STI stands for sexually transmitted infection from diseases that are spread during vaginal, oral, or anal sex. If you have an STI, you are not alone. Millions of people, from students to executives, get STIs every year. Some STIs can be cured, some controlled, and all can be prevented.

Everyone who is sexually active is at risk. You can reduce this risk by learning more about STIs.

Common Symptoms

In men and women:

- A burning, especially with urination.
- Lumps or bumps and other skin changes near the sex organs may be genital warts, herpes, or syphilis.
- Itching in or around the sex organs may be herpes, scabies, or crabs.
- Painful or itchy sores on or near the sex organs may be herpes. Painless sores can be syphilis.

In men:

- A white or clear, often thick discharge from penis may be a sign of gonorrhea, chlamydia, or other STIs. If a man is infected during anal sex, a discharge may appear from the anus.

In women:

- Any unusual vaginal discharge – often along with itching, burning, or odor – may be a sign of gonorrhea, chlamydia, or vaginitis.
- Abdominal pain may mean pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), chlamydia, gonorrhea, or other infections.

No Symptoms Some symptoms don't show up for months, even years. If you think you have been exposed to an STI, seek medical care.

Protect Yourself

Using [male condoms](#), [female condoms](#) and [dental dams](#) during sex reduces your risk of getting an STI and spreading an STI if you have already contracted an infection. Also, limiting yourself to one sexual partner greatly reduces your risk of an STI.

Prevention is the key to protecting yourself from an STI. If you think you have an STI, seek medical attention for early intervention and treatment. Most importantly, remember to make healthy choices for your body. It's the only one you have!

All **currently enrolled** students are eligible to utilize services at the Health Center. You'll be asked to show your ID card at each visit.

During the summer, you can be seen at the University Health Center if you're either enrolled in summer classes, or continuously enrolled from spring to fall semester.

Cost/Fees

Like most health care providers, the UCM Health Center charges for office visits and other medical services we provide, such as laboratory work, medications, immunizations, splints, and miscellaneous supplies.

The charges for lab work or other ancillary services not covered by your insurance will be applied to your student account, or you may pay for them by cash, check, or credit/debit card at the health center.

If you no-show/no-call and make late cancellations (less than 24 hours notice) you'll be charged a \$25 fee for standard appointments and a \$40 fee for appointments that take longer (such as well woman and psychiatric medicine consultations). The fee will be charged to your student account.

Accepted Insurance Policies

Select plans are accepted with the following insurance companies: Aetna, ASPE, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cerner, Cigna, Healthlink, Meritain Health, UMR, UnitedHealthcare, UnitedHealthcare StudentResources. Some insurance plans require you to see a specific doctor or use a specific network (HMO, EPO, Spira Care, Custom Plan, etc). Please contact your insurance company to verify your coverage details.

The University Health Center is not in-network with all plans associated with this list of companies. You will need to contact your insurance company to see if your plan is covered.

All fees (excluding medications/supplies/DME) can be billed to your insurance company. Co-pays and payments for non-billable services will be collected at the time of service. If you have a non-accepted insurance plan, you'll be considered non-insured/self-pay; see below for information.

We are unable to bill Medicaid (aka Healthcare USA), Medicare, and TRICARE.

Any unpaid balance from the insurance claim will be applied to your student account.

UCM Student Health Insurance

UCM provides a low deductible, high-quality health insurance plan for students through United Health Care Student Resources (UHCSR). This plan is available to students enrolled in 6 or more credit hours and their eligible dependents. Enrollment is open now and ends August 31st.

Highlights of the health insurance plan include:

- In-network preferred providers both locally and nationwide.
- A one hundred dollar (\$100) annual deductible for preferred providers. Office visits for preferred primary care providers are \$25.
- For care received at our UCM Health Center, the deductible is waived, office visits are \$15, and benefits are paid at 100%.

Additional benefits include:

- Free virtual counselor access via phone or video 7 days a week
- Free medical advice 24/7 through HealthiestYou app
- Free StudentAssist program, a care coordination service that helps get students connected with a network of resources including financial and legal counseling, mediation services, and self help programs, including a mobile app for stress, anxiety and depression.

To see a detailed plan summary, [domestic students click here](#) and [international students click here](#); summaries include rate information and coverage details. Note: when enrolling in the plan you pay UHCSR directly, not UCM.

To enroll in the plan:

You may enroll in the student health insurance plan through MyCentral. Enrollment is open until August 31st. Before August 27th, you will find the enrollment link in MyCentral by clicking on Student, then Health Services, and then looking for the Health Insurance box on the right hand side of the page. After the MyCentral update on August 27th, you can search for the “Health Insurance for Students” card using the “Find Cards” search tool on the Discover page.

Frequently Asked Questions

What about dental or vision? Does the UCM student health insurance plan cover this?

Like most insurance plans, UCM’s student health insurance plan only covers emergency care for vision or dental needs. However, you can choose to purchase additional dental or vision insurance through UHCSR’s partnership with Golden Rule Insurance Company. This insurance is separate from UCM’s student health insurance plan. You are not required to enroll in the health insurance plan to be eligible to purchase dental or vision insurance. [Click here](#) to learn more and get a price quote based on your specific needs. NOTE: to get UCM options and rates, enter Warrensburg’s zip code of 64093 in the price quote tool, rather than your home address zip code.

I have a specific question about the insurance plan that’s not covered in this article or in the Summary Brochure. Whom do I contact?

UCM has a dedicated customer service line through UnitedHealthCare Student Resources. Please call them at 1-877-944-6767 or customerservice@uhcsr.com. When asked, indicate that you are a member. Although you are not yet enrolled in the plan, choosing “member” is how you can ensure the person you’re talking to understands UCM’s plan.

Can I take online courses and still enroll in the insurance?

UHCSR policy is that students must be taking at least 6 hours of in-person classes to be eligible to enroll in the health insurance.

Can I pay the premium on a monthly basis?

There is no option to pay on a monthly basis. The premium is paid directly to UnitedHealthCare Student Resources and is paid either on a semesterly or annual basis.

What if I need to enroll in the insurance after the August 31st open enrollment period ends?

Students with a Qualifying Life Experience such as loss of coverage under another plan, marital status change, or adoption/birth of a child may enroll in the student health insurance. To do so, reach out to Rhonda Neill at neill@ucmo.edu in UCM Health Center and ask for the Qualifying Life Experience form.

Additionally, there are three open enrollment periods each year for UCM’s student health insurance. Open enrollment for the spring semester is December 1st, 2023 through January 31st, 2024. Students who are enrolling for the spring semester also have the

option to include the summer semester in their premium, if desired. Alternatively, students who only need insurance in the summer semester can enroll in the insurance between April 1st, 2024 through May 31st, 2024.

Immunization Requirements

We offer students routine immunizations, including those required for all enrolled students. Visit our [Immunization Information](#) page for a list of the required and optional immunizations/vaccines and tests available at the University Health Center, as well as instructions for submitting your immunization records. Please call the front office at 660-543-4770 for more information.

Suicide Prevention and Other Mental Health Resources

Suicide Prevention Resources

Faculty/Staff: What to do if you think a student is suicidal

A UCM employee who has reason to believe a student is in **IMMEDIATE danger of attempting suicide** should immediately call 911, or UCM Public Safety at 660-543-4123.

A UCM employee who has reason to believe a student may **possibly be suicidal** should immediately notify **one** of these:

- **Corey Bowman**, Associate Vice President for Student Experience and Engagement, at 660-543-4114 or Administration Building 214
- **Counseling Center** at 660-543-4060 or Administration Building 102
- **Public Safety** at 660-543-4123 or 306 Broad Street (24 hours, 7 days a week)

Be prepared to provide as much detailed information as possible. The Counseling Center staff and/or Associate Vice President for Student Experience and Engagement will evaluate the situation on a case by case basis, make a decision on what actions need to occur, and provide consultation regarding what additional steps need to be taken by the employee who reported the situation.

988 is the national Suicide & Crisis Line

Students: What to do if you think a student is suicidal

Crisis Phone and Text Lines

If this is a crisis, call or text one of these:

- UCM Crisis Support Line (24/7) - 660-543-8008

- [UCM Public Safety](#) - call 660-543-4123, text 660-422-2632, or visit 306 Broad Street in Warrensburg
- **Compass Health Network Crisis Hotline** - 888-237-4567
- [National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) - call 988 or text any message to 988
- [National Crisis Text Line](#) - text HOME to 741741
- **StrongHearts Native Helpline** - 844-7NATIVE (762-8483), a 24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy.
- [Trans Lifeline](#) - 877-565-8860
- [The Trevor Project](#), LGBTQ Youth & Young Adults - 866-488-7386
- [The Trevor Project Text Line](#) – Text START to 678-678
- [The Steve Fund](#) - supporting the mental health and emotional well-being of young people of color
- [Black Emotional + Mental Health Collective \(BEAM\)](#) – 800-604-5841
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#) – 800-273-8255 + press 1
- [Veterans Crisis Text Line](#) – Text 838255
- [Disaster Distress Helpline \(DDH\)](#), Multilingual, crisis support related to natural or human-caused disasters - 800-985-5990

On-Campus Mental Health Resources

- [Anonymous reporting](#) - Use this form to anonymously let the Student Experience and Engagement office know about unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities.
- [Ask.Listen.Refer.](#) - This easy to use program was designed to help faculty, staff, and students at UCM prevent suicide by teaching you to identify people at risk for suicide; recognize the risk factors, protective factors, and warning signs of suicide; and respond to and get help for people at risk.
- [Title IX/Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct](#)
- 24-Hour Title IX Support Line: 660-441-4855
- [University Health Center](#): 660-543-4770, 600 S. College Ave.
- [Office of Health Promotion](#): 660-543-8947, 600 S. College Ave. (inside the University Health Center)
- [Office of Accessibility Services](#): 660-543-4421, Elliot Union 224

Other Mental Health Resources

Warrensburg Area

- [Warrensburg Area Referral List](#)
- [Warrensburg Grief Recovery Programs](#)
- [Western Missouri Medical Center, 403 Burkarth Road, 660-747-2500](#)
- [Recovery Lighthouse](#)
- [Survival Adult Abuse Center](#) 1-800-846-7597

Kansas City/National

- [Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault](#) 1-816-531-0233
- [Kansas City Anti-Violence Project \(KCAVP\)](#) 24/7 crisis hotline for LGBTQ victims of violence 1-816-561-0550
- [American Association of Suicidology](#), including [resources for suicide loss survivors](#)
- [The Jed Foundation \(JED\)](#)
- [ULifeline](#)
- [Online Eating Disorder Screening](#)
- [Alcoholics Anonymous](#)
- [Narcotics Anonymous](#)
- [Al-Anon](#)

Title IX / Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct at UCM

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) seeks to foster a safe and healthy environment built on mutual respect and trust and is committed to affording equal opportunity in employment and education. UCM believes everyone should have the opportunity to experience our educational environment and University activities free from discrimination.

Sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct will not be tolerated. The University prohibits discrimination on the basis of any protected characteristic, including sex, pregnancy, gender identity, gender expression, and gender (non)conformity.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sexual discrimination. Title IX states, “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” All persons have the right to pursue educational opportunities, including athletic programs, scholarships, employment and other activities, free from sex discrimination, including sexual violence and harassment.

Sex-based discrimination in public schools and universities also implicates legal rights under Title IV of the Civil Rights Act, which is enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice and may implicate institutional responsibilities under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as the Missouri Human Rights Act enforced by the Missouri Human Rights Commission.

University Policies and Procedures

The University's Sexual Misconduct Policy and Complaint Resolution Procedures may be found here:

[Policy Prohibiting Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Harassment, and Sex Discrimination](#)

UCM is committed to protecting all participants in connection with all University programs and activities, including academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, employment and other programs of the school, whether those programs take place on or off campus. UCM is fully committed to developing and fully implementing effective sexual discrimination and misconduct policies and to providing training for students and staff.

By law, UCM has a responsibility to respond promptly and equitably to reports of sexual misconduct. The University's grievance process acts independently from any civil or criminal proceedings.

The University sexual misconduct grievance process:

- Provides options and support for members of the University community who have experienced sexual misconduct, while also providing an equitable resolution process.
- Provides equitable treatment and equal rights for the complainant and respondent – no disciplinary action will be taken until a determination on responsibility has been made.
- Will provide a timely, fair, and impartial resolution of the complaint, under the evidentiary standard of preponderance of the evidence, i.e., more likely than not that the alleged conduct occurred.
- Is carried out by University officials who have received training on these issues, are trained to conduct an investigation and make a determination that promotes safety, equity, and accountability free of bias.
- Provides the complainant and the respondent the right to have a support person/advisor present during all aspects of the investigation and resolution process.
- Allows a complaint to be resolved informally with mutual agreement if the respondent is not a UCM employee.
- Provides the complainant and respondent the opportunity to review and comment on all evidence and investigation report.
- Provides the complainant and respondent the opportunity to cross examine parties through an advisor during a formal complaint hearing process.
- Ensures that both the complainant and the respondent will be notified simultaneously in writing of the status of the complaint at all stages of the process, including investigation, hearing and appeals.
- Allows complainant and respondent the right of appeal following the hearing officer's decision in a formal complaint.

- Prohibits retaliation against a complainant for making a complaint and against anyone else for participating in the investigation.

- **The University of Central Missouri has over 185 Recognized Student Organizations.**

- There are 8 different categories of organizations, including:

Academic/Departmental	Organizations tied to an academic program or department on campus
Community Service	Organizations committed to serving non-profits and the community
Culture & Identity	Organizations that represent and celebrate culture and heritage
Governance	Organizations that represent the student body
Honorary	Organizations dedicated to academic achievement in various disciplines
Recreation & Sport Clubs	Organizations engaged in intercollegiate competition or recreational endeavors
Religious	Organizations that are faith based
Social Greek Organizations	Organization that are members of Fraternity & Sorority Life
Special Interests	Organizations dedicated to student passions that do not fall in previous categories

Elliott Student Union

Welcome to Your Campus Living Room

You know you're home by the sounds and smells that whisper their welcome and greet you faithfully, no matter how long it's been since your last visit. Your new surroundings probably look and feel different now. If you're looking for a comforting place of refuge you feel you have misplaced, look to the Elliott Student Union. The something you can't name, but want to be part of is here. It is found in the quiet study spaces, the cozy corners, the enticing aromas, the sounds of fun and laughter, and most importantly, the friendly faces. Begin your connection to UCM and what campus has to offer with your [Mobile Mule Card](#).

Mission

As the center of student life on campus, the Elliott Student Union is a welcoming space that is dedicated to providing facilities, services, and programs while supporting educational life in an environment that creates community and enhances the campus experience.

Vision

We will **Engage** individuals to embrace new learning experiences.

We will **Serve** UCM and celebrate the campus community.

We will **Uplift** and encourage all who use our services.

Values

Community: We provide a space that encourages meaningful connections between individuals which cultivates friendships and provides opportunities to participate in programs enriching everyday life.

Diversity and Inclusivity: We create a welcoming and accessible environment advocating for all to be acknowledged and respected. We respond to the evolving needs of our communities through collaborative programs and services.

Involvement/Engagement: We embrace the love of discovery and champion student leadership and personal growth by providing opportunities for involvement, entertainment and enrichment while amplifying our students' voices.

Celebration: We strive to make every interaction as unique as each guest and to foster memorable experiences beyond the classroom keeping our students and guests connected to the University and the time they spent here.

Service: We promote positive experiences and provide resources for those we serve.

Innovation: We embrace change with resourceful creativity and aspire to develop improvements, ideas and solutions in service of our students and mission.

Resources in the Union

- [Accessibility Services](#)
 - [Center for Multiculturalism and Inclusivity](#)
 - [Military and Veteran Services](#)
 - [Smiser Alumni Center](#)
 - [Success Advising Center](#)
 - [Center for Global Education](#)
 - [Meeting and Conference Services](#)
 - [Sodexo Catering](#)
 - [Student Activities](#)
 - [UCM - The Beat](#)
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Student Recreation & Wellness

Fitness & Wellness

Take group fitness classes, work out on your own, or with a personal trainer at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. [Learn more.](#)

Intramurals & Sport Clubs

From dozens of intramural sports teams to a variety of sport clubs, you can enjoy the thrill of competition at UCM. [Learn more.](#)

Outdoor Education

From hiking, biking and fishing at the historic Pertle Springs to using our trap and skeet fields, you'll experience the great outdoors. [Learn more.](#)

Sustainability

Raise your sustainability awareness, volunteer, attend events and even earn recognition for your green lifestyle. [Learn more.](#)

Special Events

Through events like these, you'll deepen your connection to UCM—and have a great time doing it!

- **Week of Welcome:** ease your transition to UCM
- **Homecoming:** our largest campus and community party
- **Get the Red Out:** our street fair for both UCM and the community
- **Family Weekend:** a weekend full of fun for you and your family
- **Unity Week:** a week of events to celebrate UCM's diversity

Volunteer Services

Volunteer

UCM fosters a commitment to service through volunteer opportunities, from activities and events on campus to helping others in Warrensburg and even outside of Missouri. [Learn more.](#)

Campus Cupboard

Volunteer at - or donate to - the Campus Cupboard to help alleviate hunger in the UCM campus community. Located in the lower level of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, the Campus Cupboard is available to all UCM students, staff and faculty who need food and/or personal items. [Learn more.](#)

Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Get Fit and Have Fun

Get in shape, enhance your personal and physical development and have a great time at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC) at the University of Central Missouri. The center features fitness equipment, free weight room, a gym, walking track, climbing wall, sport courts, fitness rooms for group classes and activities, inside seating areas and an outside patio. The center hours and fees were created with UCM students in mind.

Testing Services

Exam Flyers

UCM Testing Services is dedicated to improving student learning and development, the quality of academic and student support services programs, and the overall intellectual life and learning environment of the institution. Testing Services strives to implement UCM's assessment program, provide the highest quality testing environment, and maintain accurate, confidential and reliable test score and instructional assessment services.

Testing Services ascribes to nationally recognized professional testing standards and governmental regulations promoting responsible fiscal, legal, ethical and equitable practices within an environment of continuous quality improvement, business innovation and technological advancement. Services provided for students, faculty, staff, as well as community and business partners will be consistently rendered with an attitude of service that demonstrates value in human relationships, personal excellence, human dignity, diversity, and commitment to lifelong learning.

(Students please provide full name and UCM ID # when corresponding to receive more timely response.)

Technology Support Center

Office of Technology

Accounts/ OT Service Catalog

All students and employees of the UCM community are provided an account. This account allows our UCM community to have access to log into their devices, the MyCentral portal, email account, Blackboard, Office365 and other services.

Employee Accounts

The process for employee account creation and access termination is automated to make the process more effective and efficient, better meeting the needs of the UCM community.

How are employee accounts created?

Account creation at UCM is generated by input from Human Resources into Banner based on when the employee's status as an active employee begins. After an account is created, email notifications are generated and sent to Human Resources, the employee's personal email on file, the supervisor of the employee and/or the budget manager of the organization. The email will include the employee's credentials (Network ID and email address). If you receive an email for a new employee that does not report to you or your department, please contact Human Resources.

What access is provided with an employee account?

Full time employees will automatically receive access to UCM core services of Network ID (NID), email, MyCentral, Blackboard Learn (does not include course assignments), and personal and departmental drive share permissions based on the organization in which the employee is paid.

How do I request additional employee access?

In the event an employee needs additional accesses and permissions other than those listed, a request will need to be submitted via the [OT Service Catalog](#).

How is an employee account access terminated?

Termination of access is based on the job end date or termination in Banner. Access and permissions will be removed from an individual's account when that individual separates from UCM or at the end of the position assignment (Emeriti and retirees in good standing excluded). Access to MyCentral will continue after separation for a period of seven years.

To ensure timely processing of accounts for departing employees, please notify Human Resources if an employee leaves prior to their expected job end to have an account disabled or accesses removed on the appropriate date (i.e. student workers, temporary workers, etc.).

How do I remove access from an employee when they transfer to a new department?

If an employee (full or part time, student, temporary, GA) transfers to a new department on campus, you will need to [submit a request](#) to remove access to their previous department.

How do I request account access for a contractor or vendor?

For a contracted, non-instructional, non-UCM employee, please visit our [OT Service Catalog](#) to request access. A list of what is needed for this type of account is listed under "Add a New External Affiliate (XA) Account".

For a contracted, instructional, non-UCM employee, please contact the Office of Human Resources.

How do I request renewal of an employee account?

It is not necessary to request account creation or renewal for any type of employee to include student, graduate assistant, temporary, part time or full time. If an employee is returning to UCM after having been separated for a time, it is not necessary to submit an account renewal request for that employee.

Student Accounts

How are student accounts created?

Student accounts are created after application and admission to University of Central Missouri.

Upon admittance to UCM, students will receive an email in their personal account that includes their Banner ID (also called a 7#) and their Network ID (NID). Upon admission and issuance of an NID, students will be able to log into [MyCentral](#), the university portal.

Once a student is enrolled in classes, they will be notified in their personal email account of their UCM email address along with instructions about how to access it. It's important for students to use their UCM email address as all future correspondence will be sent to it.

What access is provided with a student account?

Student accounts will receive a Network ID (NID), Email (Google Workspace), MyCentral, Blackboard Learn, and Office365.

How is student account access terminated?

Domestic student email accounts are deleted after three semesters of non-enrollment. International student email accounts are deleted after five years of non-enrollment.

Retiree Accounts

Retired faculty and staff members will receive an @retiree.ucmo.edu email account per the [Board of Governor's policy 2.1.070](#) upon retiring from the University of Central Missouri. A [frequently asked questions document](#) is available to assist with any

questions related to the transition from the employee email to the retiree email. For additional assistance or questions, please contact the Technology Support Center by phone at 660.543.4357, via email at tsc@ucmo.edu or in person at WDE 0200.

Windows 11 for UCM Computers

The Office of Technology is continuing efforts to transition UCM systems running the Windows 10 operating systems to Windows 11. Analyzing the readiness of existing devices for Windows 11 relies solely on the hardware specifications. Once the analysis is conducted, the determination is made whether a device can either be upgraded to Windows 11 or must be replaced. The evaluations are essentially a “pass / fail” exercise. If the device meets the hardware specifications for Windows 11, the device can be upgraded to the Windows 11 operating system. If the device does not meet the hardware specifications for Windows 11, then the device must be replaced before October 2025.

Current experiences with devices being upgraded to and running Windows 11 are positive. New systems purchased have the Windows 11 operating system installed. The Office of Technology is now offering Windows 11 to those devices that have passed the hardware specifications test. On the system taskbar, you will see the Fighting Mule Head icon, and if the Fighting Mule Head icon is not present, then left click on the “>” or “^” symbol, which will display the Fighting Mule Head icon. Left click on the Fighting Mule Head icon to open the “UCM Self Service” application. Left click on the “Catalog” tab to see the offer to upgrade your system to Windows 11.

Please know that the Windows 11 upgrade will take some time to complete. The duration of the Windows 11 upgrade is dependent on several factors pertaining to the device characteristics and configuration. Therefore, the Office of Technology recommends that you accept and start the Windows 11 operating system update at the end of the workday. You will need to leave your device powered on, which means laptops should be docked and connected to the power supply. The device will automatically update and restart when the update is finished.

The Office of Technology also suggests that everyone in the same immediate office area should not execute the Windows 11 upgrade process at the same time. While the Office of Technology does not anticipate any significant issues, we all know that application upgrades from time to time can create challenges. In addition, the Office of Technology acknowledges that challenges may exist in some areas especially where older software applications and printers are installed. Therefore, the Office of Technology recommends that one or two individuals in each respective area conduct the upgrade to ensure the desired outcome is achieved. If the Windows 11 upgrade on the first few machines goes without incident, then proceed with the upgrade on the other systems in the office.

If you have any questions about upgrading to Windows 11 or you encounter any issues with the Windows 11 upgrade process, please call the Technology Support Center at 660-543-4357. You can also email the Technology Support center at tsc@ucmo.edu. Thank you.

Passwords & ID's for Students & Employees

Logging in to Resources

Your Network ID is used to log into campus computers, [UCM email](#), [Blackboard](#), UCMO WiFi, and [MyCentral](#). If you do not know or remember your Network ID, you may contact the Technology Support Center at 660.543.4357 or you may use the [username recovery](#) link to look it up. Employees: Your Network ID may have been provided to you by your supervisor, receiving an email in your personal email or from Human Resources.

Changing Your Password

If you have forgotten your password, you can navigate to [Forgot Password](#) at the SSO page and enter the required information. In order to reset your password, you will need to have a personal email account on file. Once you submit, you will receive a message in your personal email with instructions to reset your password.

If you do not have a personal email on file, navigate to [Office of Technology's Single Sign On Page](#) and follow the instructions under "Updating Your Personal Email".

If you have any trouble logging into anything at UCM, please call the Technology Support Center at 660.543.4357.

WiFi- Students/Faculty/Staff

Students/ Faculty/ Staff

In your computer's "Available Networks", (usually found by clicking the WiFi signal icon), find UCMO-WiFi. When you try to connect to it, you'll need to enter your **Network ID and Password**. This is the same ID/password that you use for Blackboard, logging into campus computers, and accessing your UCM email.

If you need to recover your Network ID, reset your password or add a personal email to MyCentral, please visit our [Single Sign-on page](#) for instructions.

NOTE: To connect to UCMO-WiFi on a mobile device, your device will need to be set to the following:

EAP Method = PEAP

Phase 2 Authentication = MSCHAPV2

Certificate = Automatically Select

If you continue to have difficulty connecting to WiFi, please visit the Technology Support Center in the Lower Level of the Ward Edwards Building room 0200 or by calling 660.543.4357.

WiFi- Guest

Guests of UCM

In your computer's "Available Networks", (usually found by clicking the WiFi signal icon), find UCMO-Guest.

- When you try to connect to UCMO-Guest, you should be directed to a Guest login page. If you are not, then launch your web browser and navigate to www.ucmo.edu. You will be redirected to a Guest login page.
- If you haven't been provided with a Guest User ID, select "Press Here to Get Guest ID" at the top of the page.
- After you enter your name and email address on the registration page, the system will send an email to you with your Guest User ID and Password. If you'd like the option to receive a text with your Guest User ID and password, enter your cell number and select your cell provider.
- Your Guest User ID and password will be sent via email (or text if selected).
- Return to the original page, enter your Guest User ID and Password provided. By selecting sign on, you are accepting the terms and conditions of using UCM WiFi. A link is provided at the bottom of the sign-on page with these terms and conditions.
- Your Guest WiFi access will last for five days.

NOTE: All guests are advised to check with their hosting or supporting department prior to arriving at UCM.

If you continue to have difficulty connecting to UCM Guest WiFi, please visit the Technology Support Center in the Lower Level of the Ward Edwards Building room 0200 or by calling 660.543.4357.

Office 365

Microsoft Office has changed both in how it is licensed to UCM, as well as how it is delivered to the end user. It is now available as a web browser based application, just like Google Docs, as well as the old, more traditional locally installed version (this version is referred to as Office 365 Pro Plus). All employee groups are entitled to the online, web based version (Office 365). Some are also entitled to the locally installed version, Office 365 Pro Plus. Please see the entitlement details below.

Office 365 online:

Under the current license, the following groups are entitled to use Office 365 Online: Full time faculty, full time staff, students, student workers, adjuncts, graduate assistants, bargaining unit, and temporary staff.

Office 365 Pro Plus:

In addition to Office 365 online, if you are full time faculty, full time staff, or a student, UCM's Office 365 agreement provides an additional entitlement to download the Pro Plus version of office products. This is the traditional version which is installed locally on UCM devices. The main difference is that this version now requires occasional authentication with Microsoft for continued use. Again, this version includes the desktop applications

that can be used without a constant internet connection and are accessed via desktop icons. Pro Plus licensed individuals can use Office 365 Pro Plus on up to five devices (desktop, laptop, tablet, and/or phone), whether owned by UCM or not.

To access Office 365 online and begin using the on-line applications or to download Office 365 Pro Plus to your device, visit office.ucmo.edu. Enter your email address, and you will be redirected to UCM's Single Sign-on page. Use your Network ID and Password to log in.

Note:

- Outlook is included with the Office 365 packages, however, it is not supported for UCM email.
- The Pro Plus version of Office 365 includes the Access and Publisher applications for PC, while the Office 365 Online version does not.

For additional assistance, please visit the Technology Support Center in WDE 0200, call us at 660.543.4357, or email us at tsc@ucmo.edu

Tuition & Costs

Committed to an Affordable College Education

The University of Central Missouri is one of the nation's most affordable universities. UCM works hard to keep tuition costs low.

Tuition/Credit Hour Rates* (Fall 2023-Summer 2024)

Missouri Resident	Undergraduate: \$277.50
Non-Resident	Undergraduate: \$555.00 Non-resident portion of these fees is \$277.50 per credit hour.
Online/Hybrid	Undergraduate: \$277.50
Active Military***	Undergraduate: \$250.00
CS/CIS Graduate**	
Business Graduate Courses	
UCM Lees Summit	Undergraduate: \$277.50

*Per credit hour rates do not include the following fees: mandatory, technology, testing, program, or course. Refer to the complete list of [2023-2024 rates](#) approved by the UCM Board of Governors. Additional Course/Program Fees per credit hour or course may be applicable. (View [Fall 2023 and Spring 2024](#) fees).

**Includes CS, CIS, SE, CYBR, and DSA course prefixes.

***Includes active Reserve and Guard members.

University of Central Missouri FY 2023 Student Instructional Rates Approved by the Board of Governors on March 25, 2022 \$ Change FY 2022 FY 2023 Per Credit Hour Description
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Scholarships

Mule Grant (starting fall 2023)

The Mule Grant awards new, first-time undergraduate degree-seeking students and new, first-time transfer students with an associate degree who are residents in the state of Missouri the opportunity to attend UCM with less financial stress. [Learn More Here ->](#)

All Academic Scholarship Recipients! Remember you must COMPLETE 12 credit hours each semester to earn that Scholarship

All students who are recipients of the following UCM academic scholarships*, regardless of when they started at UCM, must earn a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester to earn that scholarship for that semester, or all (or a portion) will be removed from the student's account for that semester:

1. All Red & Black Scholarships,
2. All Transfer Scholarships, including, but not limited to,
 - a. President's Distinguished,
 - b. President's,
 - c. Dean's

*Dual Credit, Phi Theta Kappa, and A+ Recognition are not included in this requirement.

These will be checked for full-time status throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. Any student NOT enrolled in at least 12 credit hours by the end of each term will have all or a portion of their scholarship withdrawn from his/her student account.

The scholarship will remain in place for subsequent semesters as long as the student maintains the minimum requirements for Full Time status and GPA.

Examples

1. If a student begins the Fall semester in 12 hours, but then drops a class to 9 hours, that student will have all or a portion of the scholarship removed from their account for that semester. It will be available to the student for the Spring semester, as it always has (unless the student fails to have the minimum 12 credit hours in the Spring).
2. If a student completes 12 credit hours in the Fall, even if there are "Fs", that scholarship will not be removed for that semester as the student completed the required minimum. However, if the minimum GPA for that scholarship is not met, then the student would be in danger of losing the scholarship renewal for the following year.

*There is no appeal process: please ensure you are enrolled in, and complete, at least 12 credit hours each semester.

Whether you are a future freshman, a transfer student or a current UCM student, you are at the right place to explore your scholarship and award options. At UCM, our objective is to help make your educational and career goals a reality.

UCM has many financial assistance programs that can help you bring your total educational and living expenses well within reach. Each year, nearly \$7 million in merit-based scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, special talents or potential in a specific field of study.

If you have questions or need clarification about any aspect of the UCM scholarship program, please contact the Scholarship Assistant via email at scholarships@ucmo.edu, in person at Ward Edwards 1100, by phone (660) 543-8266, fax (660) 543-8080, or by mail (University of Central Missouri, Attn: Scholarships, Student Financial Services, PO Box 800, Ward Edwards 1100, Warrensburg, MO 64093).

UCM Scholarship Finder

Apply for multiple scholarships with a single online application! UCM Scholarship Finder makes it easy and convenient to find **685+ UCM Alumni Foundation scholarships** established by generous friends of the university. **The application for the 2024-2025 academic year will be available on September 15, 2023.** Complete your application for scholarships before the priority deadline of Feb. 1, 2024 for your greatest chance of being selected. The scholarship application closes on March 15, 2024.

International Scholarships

Apply for Multiple Scholarships with a Single Online Application

Please visit the [International Student Services](#) page for additional information about admission applications and deadlines. International students are eligible to receive [Transfer Scholarships](#). Most scholarship deadlines are February 1 for the upcoming academic year.

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Note: International Students are eligible to apply for the Duane R. Sterling Scholarship - Rotary Program scholarship.

Criteria: International Student with a GPA of 3.0 (undergraduate) or 3.5 (graduate).

If awarded, the student receives tuition, housing, meals, etc included for the year.

The scholar is expected to do presentations to the 3 local Rotary clubs, attend the district conference (usually in the spring in central or south Missouri), visit the Capitol in Jeff City, visit Rotary Headquarters in Chicago, and attend a variety of UCM or Rotary events during the 2 semesters.

Office of the Registrar and Student Records

The Office of the Registrar & Student Records is where you will find information about academic standing, transcripts, graduation, and more!

The links on the left offer for more information about the Office of the Registrar and Student Records' services, academic policies and procedures, dates and deadlines, and much more. They also provide fast access to transcript and graduation/commencement information.

What Does the Registrar's Office Do?

- The processing of out-going, official UCM [transcripts](#)
- Graduation application processing
- Production of the [Undergraduate and Graduate catalogs](#) and the undergraduate academic Four Year Guides
- Verification of student enrollment status and degree completion
- Maintenance of the course schedule, the [degree audit](#) system (DegreeWorks), and the student information system (Banner/Ellucian)
- Grade collection and disbursement
- Transfer [course articulation](#) and [articulation agreements](#).
- Preserving the integrity and privacy of student academic records by abiding by the provisions of the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#).

Mission Statement

The Office of the Registrar and Student Records, also known as the Registrar's Office, supports the University of Central Missouri's mission to "disseminate knowledge that transforms students into leaders who possess the aptitudes, skills and confidence to succeed."

The mission of the Registrar's Office is to support the academic goals of the university and promote student success by providing timely, accurate, quality services to students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and other university constituents.

In order to fulfill this mission, the Office of the Registrar & Student Records:

- Provides secure and confidential maintenance of student academic records in perpetuity.
- Complies with the mandates of the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#).
- Interprets, implements, ensures compliance, and communicates changes regarding academic policies and procedures.
- Assesses student progression toward timely completion of educational goals.
- Supports a positive work environment based on integrity, service, and inclusion.

Values Statement

The Office of the Registrar and Student Records supports and abides by the UCM [Ethics Policy](#) and [Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity Statement](#) as set forth by the Board of Governors.

We also adhere to the best practices and ethical standards adopted by the [American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers \(AACRAO\)](#) and to the Professional Standards for Higher Education as outlined by the [Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education \(CAS\)](#).

Class Details for Python Programming I CS-Computer Science 1030 0close

Term
: 202430 |

CRN
: 30653

Class Details

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Instructor/Meeting Times

Faculty Credentials

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Linked Sections

Fees

Associated Term:Summer 2024

CRN:30653

Campus:Online

Schedule Type: Online

Instructional Method: NT

Section Number: 0

Subject: CS-Computer Science

Course Number: 1030

Title: Python Programming I

Credit Hours: 3

Grade Mode: No Section specified grade mode, please see Catalog link below for more information

Instructor: **Minzey, Michael** (Primary)

None

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Type: Class

Class Details for Internship CS-Computer Science 4020 0[close](#)

Term

: 202430 |

CRN

: 30260

Class Details

Class Notes

Attributes

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Faculty Credentials

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Linked Sections

Fees

Associated Term:Summer 2024

CRN:30260

Campus:Facilitated

Schedule Type: Internship

Instructional Method: NT

Section Number: 0

Subject: CS-Computer Science

Course Number: 4020

Title: Internship

Credit Hours: 3

Grade Mode: No Section specified grade mode, please see Catalog link below for more information.

