Fostering an Inclusive Campus Environment: Engage Empower Educate
Why Fostering an Inclusive Campus Matters!

- To ensure our campus environment celebrates diversity (and being yourself as you discover more and more about yourself).
- To reflect the dynamic St. Louis community and provide an anchor and inspiring partnership to that community.
- To ensure our students are connected, successful, and fully involved in their own personal and professional goals.
OUR MISSION

To create a strong inclusive community amongst students, faculty, and staff that personifies respect, accountability and acceptance, while supporting and empowering students to achieve degree completion.

Strong partnerships and collaborations across the campus and the St. Louis community are established to promote student learning and development, engagement, persistence and success to aid in closing the achievement gap.
Office of Multicultural Student Services (MSS)

Purpose & Goals

Provide comprehensive support services to meet the unique needs of our diverse student population to:

1. Foster a sense of belonging and academic achievement.
2. Promote self-development and goal setting.
3. Assist in leadership and professional development.
4. Serve as a liaison and provide resources to UMSL’s student body.
5. Facilitate cultural awareness and diversity activities for students and the campus community.
UMSL
Serious education. Serious value.

Services Offered

- Academic Coaching
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Peer
- Men’s Empowerment Network
- Women’s Empowerment Network
- Faculty/Staff
- Alumni

Leadership Development

- Giving Thanks Through Cultures
- Heritage Months
- Social and Cultural Activities
- Multicultural Spring Festival
- Career and Professional Development
- Commit to Success Workshops

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What is Academic Coaching?

Academic Coaching is a working partnership that focuses on the 'process of learning.' Together with a professional coach, students examine their learning styles, habits of working, and current difficulties or barriers to success.

Success: Currently, over 1,000 students are utilizing one or more services provided. MSS has assisted with achieving an 82% retention rate for 2015-2016 academic year.
Tutoring Facilitates the academic success of students

- UMSL provides tutoring in various subject areas through MSS.
- Tutoring session options are specific to meeting your needs - both individual and group sessions offered.
- Meeting times established between tutor and tutee.
- All MSS tutors maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA (3.4 average)
- EASY TO APPLY--Complete a request form.

Success: 400 students utilized tutoring services through MSS for the 2015-2016 academic year.

** For the 2015-16 academic year 87% of the students that took advantage of tutoring services through MSS achieved a C and above in their tutored courses.**
MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

- Peer-to-Peer
- Faculty/Staff mentoring for students
- Women’s Empowerment Network (W.E.N.)
- Men’s Empowerment Network (M.E.N.)
Cultural Programming

Promotes cultural awareness and celebrates diversity among our students, faculty and staff.

- Heritage Month Celebrations
- Cultural Enrichment Activities and Events
- Student Organization Events
- Community Engagement and Service Opportunities
Tips for Being a Successful Student

- Attend and participate in MSS workshops, programs, and activities.
- Participate in tutor program as needed.
- Participate in Mentoring Opportunities (peer, group and/or faculty/staff).
- Meet with your assigned MSS Academic Coach.
- Meet with your assigned major Academic Advisor every semester.
- Talk to your professors and let them know if you are struggling or need help. They are not as scary as they seem!
MSS Scholarship Opportunities

- Emerson
- North County Match
- Durand
- AT&T STEM
- Monsanto
- Express Scripts

- Margaret Bush Wilson (MBW)
- Multicultural Student Scholars Program
- Multicultural Diversity
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