

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES **Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO's)**

Vision

Missouri Western will be the premier open access regional university, known for transforming the lives of our students and the communities we serve.

Mission

Missouri Western State University is a student-centered learning community preparing individuals for lives of excellence through applied learning.

Values

In fulfilling our mission and pursuing our vision, we the people of Missouri Western State University hold in common these values:

Service

We share the common purpose of serving students, one another and the people of the region.

Quality

We are committed to the quality of our programs, our students, and our partnership with the people of the region.

Enthusiasm

We are enthusiastic about learning and confident that we can make a difference in the lives of students through their learning.

Freedom

We promote the free exchange of ideas that makes education liberating and democracy unique.

Respect

We act as individuals and as a campus community with respect for diversity and for the best in human potential.

Courage

We seek the challenge and adventure of shaping the future with an increasingly global perspective.

Applied Learning

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In August of 2005, Missouri Western achieved university status and was designated as having a statewide mission in applied learning. At Missouri Western State University, applied learning refers to any activity in which students use course content, models, theories and/or skills in real-world and/or hands-on settings to support career readiness. These activities can take place separately from a credit-bearing experience and/or be embedded as a part of a course.

Over 98% of Missouri Western students experience a credit-bearing applied learning course during their time at Missouri Western, and some programs require that all students complete such an experience.

Noncredit bearing applied learning occurs through portions of the co-curriculum, and includes a wide variety of cultural events.

Institutional Learning Outcomes (<https://www.missouriwestern.edu/sites/ilo/>) are measurable knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes that students are expected to acquire and demonstrate as a result of their overall experiences at Missouri Western State University. The ILO's are designed to guide academic and non-academic programs, shaping student learning and assuring quality across all units.