



2007-2008 Racer Quick Facts



All data for Fall Semester 2007, unless otherwise noted

National Rankings

- Among the nation's "Top Tier" universities in academic quality 17 consecutive years. ~ *U.S. News & World Report 1992 – 2008*
- Murray ranked 9th in the nation three consecutive years among all public master's universities. ~ *U.S. News & World Report 2006 – 2008*
- Ranked for five consecutive years in category of "Great Schools at Great Prices." ~ *U.S. News & World Report 2004 – 2008*
- Ranked 6th among all public universities in the southern region. ~ *U.S. News & World Report 2008*
- Among the nation's top 22 "best buys" for online business and management bachelor's degrees. ~ *GetEducated.com 2006*
- Ranked as Kentucky's best value in higher education and one of the best values in America. ~ *Kiplinger's Personal Finance 2007*
- Recognized as having one of the highest 6-year graduation rates among public institutions. ~ *New York Times Sept. 2006*
- Among the nation's top 10 colleges for outdoor recreation. ~ *Outdoor Life 2007*

Student Body

- Total: 10,156 (Full-time 7,575; Part-time 2,581) (59% female; 41% male)
- Undergraduate: 8,361 (82%)
- Graduate: 1,795 (18%)
- African-American: 586 (6%)
- International: 310 (3%)
- 41 states, 52 foreign countries, 100 Kentucky Counties
- Out-of-state: 28%
- MSU 18-county service region, all enrollments: 5,623 (55% of 10,156)
- Students older than 24: 3,166 (31% of 10,156)

Graduation and Retention

- One-year retention rate of first-time freshmen, 2006: 74%
- Graduation rate, six-year, bachelor's students, 2006: 56%
- Degrees conferred, bachelor's and master's students, 2006/2007: 2,116
- Degrees conferred, bachelor's and master's minority students, 2006/2007: 160

Freshman Admission Requirements

- Completion of pre-college curriculum
- Rank in top half of graduating class or cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above
- ACT composite of 18 or above

Deadlines

- Admission: Rolling, before semester classes begin
- Housing: No deadline; recommended to submit as soon as possible (requires separate application)
- Scholarship: February 1 (requires separate application)
- Financial Aid: April 1 (FAFSA and MSU)

Academic Options Offered:

- Associate programs: 11
- Bachelor's programs: 64
- Master's and Specialist programs: 43

Faculty/Class Size

- Undergraduate student/faculty ratio: 16 to 1
- Full-time: 86% (*U.S. News*)
- Minority Faculty: 9% of full-time instructional faculty
- Average class size: 19
- Classes that have less than 20 students: 57%
- Classes that have more than 50 students: 4%

Instructional Faculty Numbers: Fall 2007

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Instructional Faculty	395	190	585
Minority	47	7	54
Women	155	106	261
Men	240	84	324
Terminal Degree	304	45	349

Most Popular Undergraduate Fields:

- Elementary Education, 6%
- Business Administration, 5%
- Nursing, 5%
- Animal Health Technology, 4%
- Biology, 4%
- Non-degree and undeclared, 14%

Federal Aid (2006 – 2007)

- Undergraduates applying for financial aid: 81%
- Undergraduates determined to have financial need: 47%
- Average aid packaging: \$4,690
- Average grant: \$1,925
- Average student indebtedness at graduation: \$20,245
- 55% graduate with debt

University Scholarships (2006 – 2007)

Average new freshmen award	\$1,697
Average upperclass award	\$2,887

Campus Life

- All residential and commuter students assigned to one of eight Residential Colleges
- Student Organizations: 190
- Student Services: African-American Student Services, Career Services, Counseling and Testing, Health Services, First-Year Experience, Racer Patrol Security/Escort Service, Remediation, Free Tutoring, Services for Students with Learning Disabilities, Women's Center, Veteran Services
- Residential Colleges : One all female and eight co-ed residence halls; College Courts (married housing)
- Undergraduates who live on campus: 2,838 (freshmen and sophomores must live on campus if residence is greater than 50 miles away)
- Cars: All students are permitted to have a car and must use designated parking.

Athletics

- Member of the Ohio Valley Conference and NCAA Division I (FCS in Football)
- NCAA Men's sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Golf, Rifle, Tennis
- NCAA Women's sports: Basketball, Cross-Country, Golf, Rifle, Rowing, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball
- Spirit Groups: Cheerleading, Dance Team, Pep Band
- Student athletes: 335

Sports and Recreational Clubs

- Chess
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Fishing
- Frisbee
- Lacrosse
- Men's Crew
- Men's Soccer
- Men's Rugby
- Raquetball
- Rodeo
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Water Skiing
- Women's Field Hockey
- Women's Volleyball

Greek Life

- Fraternities: 14
- Sororities: 8
- Total membership: 873 (10.4% of 8,361 undergraduates) (428 men and 445 women)

Facilities

- Acreage of main campus: 258.43
- Major buildings: 70
- Extended campus sites: Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Paducah. Space at Fort Campbell
- Residence Halls: Capacity: 3,029
- University farms: 3 totaling 406 acres

New Facilities

- Chemistry Building
 - 57,000 square feet
 - scheduled to open 2009
- New Clark Residential College
 - 87,040 square feet
 - opened August 2007

Career Placement

- Cooperative education and internships: 494
- Position advertisements posted: 1,300
- Registered Career Day companies: 397

Commonwealth Honors Academy

- Three weeks on campus, educational and co-curricular
- For rising seniors with 3.5 GPA and 25 ACT
- Six hours of tuition-free university credit during senior year
- College scholarship opportunity
- CHA Class 7: Summer 2007 (110 students)

Other

- University founded: 1922
- Living alumni: 57,949
- Population of Murray, Ky.: 14,950 (2000 Census)
- Population of Calloway County, Ky.: 34,177 (2000 Census)

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