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CHOOSE RED TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS.

CHOOSE RED TO BUILD STRENGTH OF WILL.

CHOOSE RED TO SHARE YOUR PASSIONS.

CHOOSE RED TO EMERGE STRONGER FROM SETBACKS. CHOOSE RED TO BUILD UPON A STRONG FOUNDATION.

CHOOSE RED TO BE TRANSFORMED.

CHOOSE RED
Life is a classroom. Discussions, experiments, tests and opportunities are happening around us every day. At UCM, education takes you beyond the four walls of the classroom. Our philosophy is that education should serve more than ourselves. That’s why every student gets the opportunity to participate in hands-on projects and internships.

UCM values an active education. The kind of learning you gain through experience stays with you long after graduation and makes an impact on your community. We appreciate the personal interaction our students have with their teachers because together they bring the classroom to life. Many of our academic programs incorporate hands-on learning projects that allow you to engage with your education on a deeper level.

In the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies, you can participate in the Integrative Business Experience, where you will formulate a business plan, design and market a product, and get a bank loan to finance your project. All profits from the sale of your product go to a local charity of your choosing. Furthermore, in the IBE program, you’ll volunteer with that charity, giving you valuable community service hours and first-hand experience with nonprofit businesses.

In the Center for Alternative Fuels and Environmental Science, you can participate in clinical rotations that give you experience with different types of injuries associated with physical activity. You’ll gain most of your clinical experiences on campus by working with staff athletic trainers and UCM’s NCAA Division II men’s and women’s sports teams. You also will do off-campus clinical rotations with the Western Missouri Medical Center Physical Therapy Department.

For education to transform you, you must look beyond the textbook. Seeing firsthand how lessons in the classroom relate to the world outside of those four walls is valuable to you long after you’re handed your diploma. The experience you gain by “getting your hands dirty” serves you in exploring the major you have chosen, the career field you are seeking and the person you wish to become.

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ADMISSIONS
What does it take to get admitted? Admission to UCM is moderately selective, which means first-year students are evaluated based on their ACT/SAT score, class rank and GPA. To be admitted, you need to complete the Missouri college preparatory curriculum with a high school grade point average of 2.0 or higher. In addition, you must achieve a 21 or higher on the ACT or 990 on the SAT, or obtain a Combined Percentile Index score equal to or exceeding 100.

FINANCIAL AID
We strive to make the financial aid process easy for you and your family. The Office of Student Financial Services distributes more than $98 million annually in federal, state, university and private aid. More than 85 percent of our students receive some type of financial assistance, including scholarships, grants, loans and work-study.

ORGANIZATION
UCM is home to more than 11,000 students from all over Missouri, the nation and the world. The university is comprised of four colleges:

- The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- The College of Education
- The College of Health, Science, and Technology
- The Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies
Academic Adviser
Your academic adviser will be your biggest helper when it comes to selecting courses, enrolling and keeping you on track to graduate.

Accreditation
Accreditation is certification that a school or institution has met standards set by an outside review organization. UCM is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Many of our academic programs are accredited by professional agencies.

Credit Hour
A credit hour represents one hour of class per week for one term. For example, if you’re taking a three-credit-hour course, that course meets for three hours a week for the entire semester.

Dean
The dean is the head of the college and the fourth signature on your diploma.

Department Chair
Each academic area has a department chair who oversees administrative duties of the programs within his or her department, and serves as the link between the faculty and the administration.

Elective
An elective is a course that is not required for a major or minor. For example, if you’re an English major, you can take a class in forensic science as an elective.

FAFSA
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the key to grants, loans and work-study.

Full-time Student
A full-time student at UCM takes at least 12 credit hours per semester. You need to average 15-16 credit hours per semester to graduate in four years, unless otherwise specified by your department. If you take fewer than 12 credit hours per semester, you are considered part time.

Major and Minor
Your major is your education concentration; your minor is often an alternative interest outside of your major that complements your course of study. Choosing both a major and a minor is ideal if you have primary and secondary academic interests.
EXPLORE PROGRAMS
The key to finding the major that fits you best is to allow yourself time to explore our academic programs. If you have not yet decided on a major, UCM offers you the opportunity to explore different areas of study with its open options program. The Office of Career Services will work with you one-on-one to assess your major options, identify your focus and develop a career plan. Career Services has numerous resources available to support your major and career decision-making processes, including a list of UCM’s academic programs, knowledge and skills acquired in that program, and related career fields. Browsing the list, along with program and career counseling with a professional, will help you learn more about yourself and your interests.

THE HONORS COLLEGE
Are you looking for a challenge? The Honors College is calling you. Designed for high-achieving students who want more in-depth study than the average classroom, The Honors College presents unique opportunities to those who are willing to put in the extra work. As an Honors student, you will benefit from early enrollment, personal advisement from the dean, one-on-one research collaboration with faculty members and capstone projects that will make an impact on your field of study.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE
When you’re in high school, college can seem intimidating, confusing and overwhelming. That’s why we created the first-year experience program to help you make a smooth transition from high school to college. FYE has three essential components: orientation and enrollment, Week of Welcome and freshman seminar. During these events, current students, staff members and advisers will be available to get you connected to college life through social events, study groups and campus activities.

HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM
UCM’s dual credit program includes more than 50 high schools in Missouri. It’s an educational experience that allows juniors and seniors to participate in college-level coursework while maintaining the familiarity of a high school environment. There are approximately 40 different courses available each semester, which are offered in a variety of outlets, including online, interactive television or face-to-face classes.
Some colleges are so sprawling and crowded with students that you may not know anyone in your classes or even see the same person on campus twice. We believe you shouldn’t have to bring binoculars to see the professor at the front of a classroom. At UCM, you are a person, not just another face in the crowd.

UCM has approximately 11,000 students with a student-faculty ratio of 17:1, making it an ideal place to learn. Far from being anonymous, you will learn and grow in an environment where you will be noticed and respected by your peers. Smaller class sizes also mean you will receive the personal attention from faculty members you need to succeed.

Located in Warrensburg, UCM is the optimal place for students who want to be close to home, but not too close. It’s close enough to go home for a home-cooked meal once in a while, but it’s far enough away that Mom and Dad won’t show up unannounced to cramp your style. We are located just an hour east of the heart of Kansas City and all the art, culture, sports and entertainment it offers. UCM also is an easy three-hour drive west on I-70 from St. Louis, so it’s perfect for allowing you to be independent from the “’rents” without being stranded in no-man’s land.

Location and size are essential ingredients for having the true college experience. College is what you make of it, so we encourage you to get involved on campus and stick around on weekends. Going home to visit the family is nice, but then you’re missing out on the college life of football tailgates and midnight movies with your new friends. Besides, your parents might be enjoying their newfound freedom.

First-time visitors and longtime alumni often remark on the beautiful, serene campus. Landscaped with tall oak trees and classic limestone buildings, the park-like campus feels like home away from home. Plus, everything you need is within walking distance—classrooms, residence halls, dining centers, laboratories, the library, the union, the bookstore, the rec center and athletic fields.

The right college campus is like a good pair of jeans; it fits in all the right places and is always comfortable. At UCM, you are more than a number, you are a valued member of the family. Your teachers know you by name and you pass friends as you walk to class across the vibrant campus. Home is never too far away for a relaxing weekend of letting Mom and Dad do your laundry and make your favorite meal. But, then again, you may be having too much fun to leave.

Choose Red to be more than just a number.
With UCM in town, it’s not hard to find ways to fill leisure hours. The university’s Performing Arts Series brings nationally known musicians, lecturers, comedians and actors to campus each year. Theatre, dance and music students produce numerous plays and concerts year-round, and the Gallery of Art and Design always has artwork and traveling exhibits on display.

The university enjoys the support of the community. Whether you’re taking in a Mules or Jennies game or shopping for locally grown produce at the Farmer’s Market, Warrensburg has something for everyone. The community is safe with the UCM Department of Public Safety working closely with the Warrensburg Police Department. It’s easy to navigate, too, but public transportation is limited, so you will want to bring a car, a bike or a good pair of sneakers.

UCM has about 11,000 students, so it is the ideal size for developing a diverse student body without losing your individuality. Our student-faculty ratio is 17:1, making it perfect for engaging with your classmates and receiving individual attention from your instructors.

Situated along Highway 50, Warrensburg is home to UCM. The university is far enough away from Kansas City (one hour) to have a true college experience, but still close enough to take advantage of all the amenities a large metropolitan city offers. From St. Louis, UCM is an easy three-hour drive west on I-70. You can practically see the Gateway Arch from here.
Having a healthy mind is achieved through rigorous intellectual exercise, and having a healthy body needs equal attention. That's why the student body voted to increase student fees to build the new Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Opened in spring 2011, the rec center is equipped with a running track, a rock-climbing wall, basketball courts, free weights, treadmills, stair machines, rowing machines, exercise bikes, weight machines, stretching areas and locker rooms.

Making an impact at UCM isn't always achieved on such a sweeping scale. In fact, the most important acts of leadership happen everyday and go largely unnoticed. Some students choose to lead home-building teams in disaster zones over their spring breaks, others choose to lead kids in a game of hide-and-seek. The common thread is that they care about more than books and tests; they want to make a difference, big or small.

UCM values our environment. So when two undergraduate students decided to organize a campus-wide recycling project, the university responded by providing money for recycling bins, office space to organize their efforts and a platform to reach the community. Since the beginning of the program, UCM students, faculty and staff members have saved literally tons of recyclables from making their way into Missouri landfills.

UCM’s “Education for Service” motto is applicable both during your tenure as a student and long after you graduate. Your experiences at UCM will enable you to continue giving back to your community and making a positive difference in the lives of those around you for the rest of your life. You may not always have the freedom that you had in college, but you will always have the opportunity to be a leader and to inspire future generations.
ATHLETICS
Whether you’re an athlete or a fan, athletics at UCM is an important part of student life. UCM has 18 men’s and women’s teams and competes in NCAA Division II as a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Known as the Mules and Jennies, our teams have one of the strongest winning traditions at the conference, regional and national levels.

BOOKSTORE
The University Store offers a wide variety of products including textbooks, miscellaneous books and magazines, UCM apparel and gifts, school supplies, art materials, and gift cards. You will also buy, rent and return your textbooks from the bookstore each semester.

CAMPUS LIVING
One of the best ways to adjust to college life is to live on campus. Group living offers you the opportunity to meet people who share similar interests, get involved in social activities and form study groups with other students in your major. UCM’s residence halls are a short walk from classroom buildings (so you’ll always be on time to your 8 a.m. class) and recreational facilities (so you’ll always have something to do). Possibly the best part of living on campus is that you don’t have to cook or do dishes. Meal plans through UCM’s dining services offer full-course meals to fit every appetite. If you want to mix it up, you could eat breakfast in one of our two dining halls and grab lunch in the union food court.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
From rugby teams to the Modern Languages Club, UCM has a club or organization that will appeal to everyone. If there’s one missing from the more than 220 organizations available, you can start your own. By joining a club, you will develop a new social network and will be able to take leadership positions in academia, special interests, culture, art, science or public service.

GREEK LIFE
Members of UCM’s Greek community are active on campus and in the classroom. Greeks represent about 11 percent of the student body, but their impact on campus and the community is widespread. You can choose to join one of our 12 sororities or 11 fraternities and become actively involved in community service programs, social events and academic excellence.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES
A great way to pursue a special interest or theme, learning communities consist of small groups of 20-25 students. In a learning community, you will take two to four courses that are proven to enhance your academic success.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS
Thousands of students participate in intramural sports each year, with levels of competition ranging from competitive to pure recreation. Intramural facilities include:

- Lighted fields for softball and flag football
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Elliott Union recreation center with game rooms and bowling
- Keth Memorial Golf Course at Pertle Springs
- Multipurpose Building for racquetball, basketball, jogging, swimming and weight lifting
- Student Recreation and Wellness Center with a running track, basketball courts, rock-climbing wall, free weights, treadmills, stair machines, rowing machines, exercise bikes, weight machines, stretching areas and locker rooms

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER
UCM’s Student Success Center provides a comprehensive array of programs, resources and services to guide you through academic challenges that may arise from time to time. The center, located on the third floor of the James C. Kirkpatrick Library, houses tutoring and assistance offered by The Writing Center and The Learning Center, as well as some academic departments. The center is free and open to any UCM student. In collaboration with academic departments across campus, SSC is the central location for tutoring in multiple disciplines and subjects.
Wherever life takes you, the foundation you build at UCM will sustain you through times of growth and inevitable setbacks. The friends you make will be the friends you keep for the rest of your life. The experiences you have will transform you and unveil hidden potential. The lessons you learn will exercise your imagination beyond what you thought possible. UCM will change your life in more ways than one. That’s why UCM is so much more than just a place to earn your degree.

Our faculty members prepare you for serving your communities and beyond by instilling in you critical-thinking skills and practical knowledge in your field. The individual attention you receive from your instructors at UCM is a testament to the university’s emphasis on student success.

Student success is paramount to UCM’s mission. From the day you arrive on campus until the day you are handed your diploma, UCM has pledged a partnership to do everything possible to meet your needs. Whether it’s special tutoring, financial assistance or career counseling, we are committed to helping you reach your goals.

“Education for Service” has been the university’s motto since its founding in 1871 and is still ingrained in what we do today. We value education and innovation because we know you will carry those values into your communities long after you graduate.

We are continually inspired by the role we see our alumni playing in the state of Missouri, the nation and the world. For more than 140 years, UCM alumni have made their communities a great place to live and work, and their impact is felt both economically and socially. With a focus on the future, UCM continues its mission to educate and prepare students to be future leaders in business, government, health and education.
True Stories

As the manager and women’s services coordinator at Survival Adult Abuse Center in Warrensburg, Q. Olivia Shields ’08 knows the importance of getting involved with your major. “Despite all the extracurricular activities I did, the best were through my department because they opened up so many opportunities for me to attend regional and national conferences where I established professional connections that I continue to use today.”

Q. Olivia Shields

Madie Ryun ’08 enjoys a busy life after graduating from UCM. These days she’s part of a team at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, MO that facilitates the relocation of its employees within the U.S. and India. “I really enjoy having the opportunity to meet people from around the world and help them during a very stressful time in their lives.”

Madie Ryun

You would think a former student of actuarial science would be all work and no play. Eric Deis ’07, however, offers some different advice for college students. “Keep a good GPA and find internships if you can, but make sure to also lead a balanced life. Don’t miss out on the college experience.”

Eric Deis

The Office of Career Services is an on-campus career center serving the entire UCM community, including students and alumni from all academic disciplines and degree programs. You can get personalized assistance in:

- Major and career counseling
- Student employment
- Résumé writing
- Interview techniques
- Job search strategies
- Career fairs
- Job referrals

UCM is most successful when you are successful. Educated employees are a vital asset if companies are to grow in the future, and employers know it. Our students are highly sought after by employers. Our employment rate for students six months after graduation has exceeded the national average for 17 consecutive years. This means your future job prospects look better when UCM is on your résumé.

Career Services organizes two big career fairs each year: one in the fall and one in the spring. More than 100 employers attend the Fall and Spring Career Expos, as well as representatives from graduate and professional schools. These events provide you with the ability to network with prospective employers recruiting for full-time and internship positions in all areas of business, industry and government.

The more relevant, hands-on experience you have as a student, the easier it will be to pick a career path once you graduate. Internships allow you to gain real professional experience during a semester or throughout the summer months. The purpose of an internship is to gain experience that integrates your classroom theory with a practical application in a supervised work setting. Completing an internship in your field will help you enhance your skills and expand your professional network.
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