

Board of Governors Mission: Southeast Missouri State University provides student-centered education and experiential learning with a foundation of liberal arts and sciences, embracing a tradition of access, exceptional teaching, and commitment to student success that significantly contributes to the development of the region and beyond.

CBHE-Approved Mission Description (December 2023): Southeast Missouri State University is a public, master's level, comprehensive regional university located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri with a statewide mission in visual and performing arts, computer science, and cybersecurity. Southeast Missouri State University is designated a moderately-selective institution.

Southeast Missouri State University fulfills its mission by offering baccalaureate degree and master's degree programs in five colleges – the Holland College of Arts and Media; the Harrison College of Business and Computing; the College of Education, Health, and Human Studies; the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; and the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Southeast Missouri State University also offers select certificates and associate degrees for use as standalone credentials, or as stackable credentials and certifications toward degree completion. Southeast Missouri State University's undergraduate programs have particular strengths in the visual and performing arts, computer science, cybersecurity, education, business, industrial engineering and technology, and nursing. At the master's level, it has strengths in education, engineering technology, health professions, business, computer science, and cybersecurity.

Southeast Missouri State University also fulfills its mission through its division of economic and workforce development by offering services to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, and non-credit workforce training (via industry-recognized credentials), in addition to a broad range of academic, athletic, and cultural activities and events.

Every five years, Southeast Missouri State University will provide to the Coordinating Board, in a manner determined by the Coordinating Board, evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.