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FACT SHEET

MacMurray College

At A Glance
MacMurray College is an independent, four-year college with a strong liberal arts tradition. Known for its nursing, deaf education, homeland security, criminal justice, and social work degrees, MacMurray offers bachelor’s degrees in 17 majors, 10 pre-professional tracks and 12 minors.

Location
The 60-acre campus is located in west central Illinois in the city of Jacksonville, approximately 30 miles west of Springfield.

Total Full-time Students: 527
Total Full-time Faculty and Staff: 101
Tuition and Fees: $28,540 (2019-2020)
Endowment: $10.2 million
Founded: 1846
President: Beverly Rodgers, PhD
Religious Affiliation/Tradition: United Methodist

Recent Chronology Leading to Closure

2015: Former President Colleen Hester and the Board implement new market-aligned majors, retiring select traditional liberal arts majors, including English and history. Dr. Hester resigns after eight years. Dr. Mark Tierno is named the college’s 16th president.

2016: The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) places MacMurray on academic probation.

2018: The HLC removes all academic sanctions in July, noting MacMurray’s success in building enrollments and significantly increasing fundraising.

2019: President Tierno retires; the Board appoints MacMurray’s provost, Dr. Beverly Rodgers, as the college’s 17th president.

2020: The Board of Trustees determines MacMurray had no viable financial path forward amid declining enrollments, rising competitive costs, and a small endowment; it votes unanimously to close MacMurray at the end of the spring semester.

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