

# **University of Missouri**

## **Department of Radiology**

Living in Columbia :

Columbia is a growing city with a population of roughly 90,000 people. It maintains a Midwest small town feel, however it still offers an exciting “big city” mix of unique restaurants, specialty stores, art galleries, music and coffee shops. Columbia is located in central Missouri, about 120 miles from both Kansas City and St. Louis and within a short drive of the Lake of the Ozarks. Columbia has consistently ranked among the top 20 U.S. cities to live in several national rankings, based on a low cost of living, a stable economy, and low crime rate.

Entertainment opportunities abound with events such as the Twilight Festival, Blind Boone Ragtime and Early Jazz Festival, Heritage Festival, Art in the Park, Fall Festival of the Arts, and First Night New Year Celebration. These festivals bring thousands of visitors to the city to share in the entertainment or view the work of local, regional and national artists. Art lovers can also visit galleries on the MU and Stephens College campuses and at the Columbia Art League. Museums include the Archaeology and Anthropology museums at the University, the State Historical Society of Missouri, and the Boone County Historical Museum.

The sports fan will find many fun activities and events since Columbia is home to the Big XII Conference Mizzou Tigers athletic teams. Whether you prefer swimming, golf, bowling, roller-skating, tennis, baseball, soccer, football, or any other sport, Columbia has a recreation area for you. For biking, hiking, running, or walking, Columbia features the beautiful MKT trail, which connects to the state’s 225-mile long Katy Trail State Park. The Rock Bridge State Park also serves to provide a picturesque getaway opportunity for those seeking to bask in the lush fall foliage or explore any of the endless caves that are scattered throughout the area. There is also an additional 1,400 acres of parks, nature areas, and recreational facilities within the Columbia vicinity for residents to enjoy.

For leisure activities, Columbia has it all. Columbia has a great appreciation for the arts ranging from opera and ballet to modern music and movies. Indie films can be found at the Ragtag Cinema Café, classic movies at the Missouri Theater. Popular performers can be found playing at the Mizzou Arena. Mizzou Amphitheater on campus also hosts summer concerts. The Blue Note, Mojo’s brings many popular and underground musicians to Columbia’s downtown area. Mizzou campus also offers a wide range of clubs and organizations available faculty and staff members. See what Mizzou Campus have to offer this week.

In terms of education, there are few places that can compare to Columbia. The U.S. Department of Education reported that Columbia has “more exemplary public schools per capita than any other city in the nation” and our school district has been selected as a model district by a National Governors Conference panel, an honor bestowed on only sixteen districts in the nation. Our public schools continue to have national reputations for excellence. They have earned the highest possible rating in Missouri and continue to receive national honors from both students and teachers alike. The school district graduates one of the highest percentages of National Merit Scholars in the country. Columbia also prides itself on having two private colleges and one university to provide extended educational opportunities.

For more info about the City of Columbia:

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<http://radiology.muhealth.org/radWeb/residency/liveColumbia.html>