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Do you like blues legend B.B. King? Mississippi Valley State University is home to the B.B. King Recording Studio and the Delta Research and Cultural Institute where students can train for an exciting career in the recording industry.

Concerned about large classrooms? Well, Valley State has a low student-to-teacher ratio, and most of its instructors hold a doctoral degree.

Also unique about Mississippi Valley State University — it is the only state institution of higher learning that requires its students to fulfill community service tours before graduation. For its role in community service, the university earned its way into the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its achievements in service and engagement in 2007.

Mississippi Valley State University, the newest of the state's four-year public universities, serves as an educational oasis in the Mississippi Delta. Located in the small City of Itta Bena, Valley States provides a wealth of educational and cultural opportunities for surrounding communities. These cities and counties, in return, offer cultural experiences in blues music, scientific research in the catfish and agricultural industries and internship opportunities in rural public administration, social work and teacher education.

Each year, "the Valley" hosts the Aaron Henry Lecture Series where some of the nation's most outstanding leaders visit to discuss current issues, in race, politics and gender.

While Mississippi Valley State University has a lot of students commute, many more come from out of state (as far away as California) as well as foreign countries such as Canada and Russia.

New programs recently added include master's programs in bioinformatics, rural public policy and business administration. Undergraduate degrees added include recording industry and automated identification technology.

The most popular majors are business administration, social work, elementary education, early childhood education and health, physical education and recreation. The most



The entrance to Mississippi Valley State University shows some of the new architecture the campus boasts.

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Financial Aid: Federal and state grants and loans, work study, scholarships

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Current President: Dr. Donna H. Oliver

popular graduate majors are criminal justice and social work.

The bioinformatics program began in 2003, and is a two-year, multi-disciplinary program in molecular biology, computer science and mathematics.

The landscape at Valley State has changed much lately. The university has invested millions of dollars in construction recently, including new men's and women's residence halls.

The \$13.2-million Science and Technology Building will house the Department of Natural Science and Environmental Health, including the graduate program in bioinformatics. The two-story, brick building offers a lot. Features include 14 laboratories, four classrooms, a

large auditorium and 18 faculty and graduate student offices.

Other recent construction and improvement projects are in the works, including phase one of the Health and Wellness Pavilion.

Mississippi Valley State University is a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The university is perhaps best known for its football program — alumnus and NFL standout Jerry Rice holds most of the schools pass reception records. However, Valley State also competes in men's baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, tennis and track and field while the women's sports include basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field and volleyball.