

Exchange Partner Information Sheet

University of Missouri—St. Louis

In order to better promote our exchange relationship and to provide your students with the most accurate and up-to-date information about our university, please refer to the information provided below. Please direct any questions to studyabroad@umsl.edu . Thank you.

General University Information

University Name	University of Missouri-St. Louis
City, State, Country	St. Louis, Missouri, USA
University Website	www.umsl.edu
Website for Incoming Exchange Students	http://studyabroad.umsl.edu/incoming.html
Areas of Strength (Business, Health Science, etc.)	Business, Criminology, Political Science, Biology
Size of Institution (Undergraduates, Graduates)	10,461 students (on-campus)

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General Area Information

Population of city and/or surrounding area	2.8 million
Interesting facts about the city and/or surrounding area	<p>The St. Louis metropolitan area is a cosmopolitan blend of the American Midwest and ethnic influences from all over the world. The city features a number of history, art, and cultural museums, an award-winning symphony, botanical gardens, a world-class zoo, and one of the largest urban parks in the country.</p> <p>Located on the Mississippi River, St. Louis is home to three professional sports teams and 18 Fortune 1000 companies. A variety of excellent restaurants and shopping venues are also found throughout the area, as is a large amusement park.</p>

Academic Calendar

	Fall/Academic Year	Spring (~Jan-June)
Nomination Deadline	March 15	March 15 (Priority deadline); September 1 (absolute deadline)
Application Deadline	April 15	October 1
When will the student know of acceptance?	Within two weeks of application deadline (may be longer for graduate applicants)	
Orientation /Arrival dates	Orientation is one week prior to start of the semester. Arrival dates are the Thursday and Friday before orientation week. Orientation is mandatory.	
Semester dates	http://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/publications/academic_calendar.html	
Break dates	http://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/publications/academic_calendar.html	
Can exchange students live in housing during the semester break?	Yes	Yes
Exam dates	http://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/publications/academic_calendar.html	
Additional Notes	http://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/publications/academic_calendar.html	

Admission

Eligibility requirements (GPA, level, etc.)	Approximately 2.75, and at least two semesters at home university. Graduate admissions requirements are at the discretion of the graduate department.
What are the language requirements?	<p>Undergraduate TOEFL minimum iBT score: 61 (PBT: 500, CB: 173) IELTS minimum score: 5.5 ITP score is acceptable for an undergraduate student</p> <p>Graduate TOEFL minimum iBT score: 79 (PBT: 550) IELTS minimum score: 6.0 ITP score is not acceptable for an graduate student</p> <p>Students who do not come from English language universities must also take an English proficiency exam when they arrive on campus. The results of this test will only be used to recommend supplemental English language courses, if necessary; participation in the exchange is not dependent upon the score of this proficiency exam.</p>
Required supporting documents for application	Yes. Application, Info Sheet, Financial Support Form, Transcripts, TOEFL, Passport Copy, and additional materials for graduate applicants. http://studyabroad.umsl.edu/incoming.html
Are application instructions and materials available online (website)?	Much of the application can be completed online. Forms sent directly by the student will not be accepted. https://umsl-sa.terradotta.com/?go=incoming

Courses

Areas of study open for exchange students	Accounting; Actuarial Science; African/African-American Studies; Anthropology; Art & Design; Art History; Athletic Coaching; Biochemistry & Biotechnology; Biology; Business Administration; Chemistry; Child Advocacy Studies; Communication; Computer Science; Computing Technology; Conservation Biology; Creative Writing; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Cybersecurity; Digital Marketing; Economic; Education; English; Environmental Studies; Film Studies; Finance; French; Gender Studies; German; Gerontology; History; Honors; Information Systems; International Business; International Relations; Japanese; Management; Marketing; Mathematics; Media Studies; Military & Veterans Studies; Museum Studies; Music; Philosophy; Physics & Astronomy; Political Science; Psychology; Public Policy and Administration; Social Work; Sociology, Spanish; Statistics; Supply Chain Management; Technical Writing; Transportation Studies; Trauma Studies; Workplace and Organizational Science
Areas of study available in English	All above
Areas of study that are not open to exchange students	Engineering, Optometry, Nursing. Graduate programs are at the discretion of the department. Graduate students are not eligible to participate in practicum courses in any field.
What is the minimum required course load	12 Credit hours for undergraduate, 9 for graduate
Do students register for courses in advance or upon arrival?	Both: Undergraduates are registered in 9 credits before arrival and the rest upon arrival. Graduates are pre-registered for 6 credits.
Course Registration Deadline(s)	Registration begins approximately one to two months prior to the start of the semester. Students may add/drop courses within the first week only otherwise, they may be penalized and must pay fees associated with that drop.
Academic Advising	Students will be given contact information for an academic advisor who will enroll students in their selected courses. Students should work with their home university to determine the course selection.
Website for course offerings	Course Bulletin (all courses): http://bulletin.umsl.edu/ Course Search (by semester): https://myview.umsl.edu/psp/prdpa/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/COMMUNITY_ACCESS.CLASS_SEARCH.GBL?&AITS_HDR_CODE=2
English as a Second Language	Courses in "English for Academic Purposes" (EAP) are available but not mandatory. They are taken for credit and will appear on the student's transcript. There are no preparatory ESL courses available prior to the start of the semester.

Finances (based on one semester)

What are the average accommodation costs?	Monthly: \$650
What are the average meal expenses?	Monthly: \$350
Books/Course supplies	Semester: \$400

What sort of additional expenses should a student expect (security deposit, fees, local transportation, etc.)?	All students will receive a transportation pass at no cost. Personal expenses vary by students spending habits, budget at least \$200/mo.
Is additional insurance required or can a student use private insurance? What are the costs?	YES. Annual: \$2,101 Fall: \$878 Spring/Summer: \$1,223
Total estimated cost of attendance (not including tuition)	Students must show proof of funding for at least \$6,050 per semester.

Student Activities

Are student activities/clubs open to international exchange students?	Yes
Examples of activities/clubs available to international exchange students (if applicable)	UMSL is home to over 100 student clubs and organizations, has an active greek life presence, and incredible leadership and community service opportunities for all students. Over 1,000 events are hosted on campus each year, packing UMSL's social calendar with concerts, athletic events and social events like homecoming and Mirthday. UMSL's campus ensures each student will have a safe an engaging, fun and memorable college experience. https://www.umsl.edu/studentinvolvement/
Are there additional costs associated with student activities?	Not often. Some excursions may require fees.
Are exchange students allowed to work?	Yes (on campus with limited hours and with permission of the international office)
Buddy Program	Yes. Global Ambassadors are UMSL students who have returned from a study abroad program and serve as mentors for assigned incoming international students, providing them with firsthand knowledge of the university life, coursework, social networking and student life in Missouri/USA. As Ambassadors, UMSL students help exchange students become more acclimated and involved on-campus.
Are internships available? If so, are they for-credit?	It is possible, but students must work independently to make these arrangements.

Accommodations

Types of housing	<p>There are many housing options available to you and prices for all housing options will vary. Housing may be limited so apply as early as possible. Assignments are made on a first-come basis. You can take virtual tour of Oak Hall and other UMSL housing options on the Res Life website. Res Life is campus owned and operated housing and University Meadows is campus affiliated housing (independently operated).</p> <p>University Residence Halls and Apartments: http://www.umsl.edu/services/reslife/ Campus Affiliated Apartments (University Meadows): www.campushousing.com/umsl</p>
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Is there an option to stay with a host family?	No
Do students have to apply for housing?	Yes
Housing Application Deadline	At time of acceptance
Is a deposit required and if yes, when and how can this be paid?	Yes. Online.
Are international exchange students required to live on campus?	No. You can find apartments off-campus, but you should be willing to take public transportation. Staff members are unable to assist in the search for off-campus accommodation.
Are international exchange students guaranteed housing upon arrival?	No. They must complete the application process.

Other Information

What additional information should our students consider?	Please visit the "Admitted Students" section of the International Student and Scholar Services website for details about arrival, orientation, health insurance, and St. Louis. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.
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Thank You