

Exchange Partner Information Sheet

2026-2027

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
University Mission	We transform lives.
Website for Incoming Exchange Students	https://www.umsl.edu/global/abroad/incoming.html
Areas of Strength	Business, Criminology, Political Science, Biology, Information Systems & Technology, Cybersecurity
Size of Institution	8,023 (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	The St. Louis metropolitan area is a cosmopolitan blend of the American Midwest and ethnic influences from all over the world. • Visit the iconic Gateway Arch! • Catch a St. Louis Cardinal baseball game at the famous Busch Stadium or cheer on the Blues hockey team at the Enterprise Center! • Walk the trails or ride a bike at beautiful Forest Park – at 1,300 acres it's bigger than Central Park in New York City! • Enjoy live entertainment at several venues in the city, including the Muny – America's oldest and largest outdoor musical theatre. • Stroll the Missouri Botanical Gardens, voted #1 in the USA by the USA Today Readers' Choice Awards • Experience some of STL's famous and free attractions, like the award-winning St. Louis Zoo, the Art Museum and the Missouri History Museum. • 17 Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered in STL!
Cities to Visit	St. Louis is close to other travel destinations including Chicago, Kansas City, and Nashville. The St. Louis airport also has flights to most domestic locations (on-campus metro station runs directly to airport).

Academic Calendar

	Fall/Academic Year	Spring
Nomination Deadline	March 15, 2026	September 1, 2026
Application Deadline	April 15, 2026	October 15, 2026
When will students know of acceptance?	Typically 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 weekend before orientation week. Orientation is mandatory.	
Semester Start Dates	August 24, 2026	January 19, 2027

Semester End Dates	December 19, 2026	May 15, 2027
Break Dates	https://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/calendar/index.html	
Can exchange students live in housing during the semester break?	Yes	Yes
Exam Dates	https://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/calendar/index.html	

Admission

Eligibility requirements (GPA, level, etc.)	Approximately a 2.5 GPA for undergraduate student, and at least two semesters at home university. Approximately 3.0 GPA graduate students. Graduate admissions requirements are at the discretion of the graduate department.
What are the language requirements?	Undergraduate We accept the following minimum scores: TOEFL: 61 IELTS Academic: 5.5 Cambridge English C1 Advanced: 160 PTE-A: 44 Duolingo: 90 Graduate Minimum requirements vary by department, but it is recommended that graduate applicants have at least a: TOEFL: 79 IELTS Academic: 6.5 Cambridge English C1 Advanced: 180 PTE-A: 59 Duolingo: 115 Academic year students who do not come from English language universities must also take an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Placement Exam prior to their arrival on campus. The results of this test will be used to recommend supplemental English language courses, if necessary; participation in the exchange is not dependent upon the score of this proficiency exam. While not mandatory for semester students, they may also choose to take the exam for a fee of approximately \$40. All students have the option of enrolling in EAP courses.
Required supporting documents for application	Yes. Application, Info Sheet, Financial Support Form, Transcripts, TOEFL, Passport Copy, and additional materials for graduate applicants. https://www.umsl.edu/global/abroad/incoming.html

Are application instructions and materials available online (website)?	An online application link and instructions will be sent by email to the student once the nomination is accepted.
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Courses

Areas of study open for exchange students	Accounting; Anthropology; Art & Design; Art History; Biochemistry & Biotechnology; Biology; Business Administration; Chemistry and Biochemistry; Child Advocacy Studies; Communication; Computer Science; Computing Technology; Conservation Biology; Creative Writing; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Cybersecurity; Digital Marketing; Economics; Education; English; Environmental Studies; Film Studies; Finance and Legal Studies; French; Gender Studies; Gerontology; Global Leadership & Management; History; Honors; Information Systems and Technology; International Business; International Relations; Japanese; Management; Marketing & Entrepreneurship; Mathematics; Media Studies; Military & Veterans Studies; Museum Studies; Music; Philosophy; Physics & Astronomy; Political Science; Psychology; Public Policy and Administration; Social Work; Sociology, Spanish; Sport Management; Statistics; Studio Art; Supply Chain and Analytics; Technical Writing; Transportation Studies; Trauma Studies; Workplace and Organizational Science
Areas of study available in English	All of the above
Areas of study that are not open to exchange students	Engineering, Optometry, Nursing. Graduate College of Education programs are also not available. Other graduate programs are at the discretion of the department. Graduate students are not eligible to participate in practicum courses in any field.
Minimum required course load	12 US 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://www.umsl.edu/registration/students/schedule-of-classes.html ("View public searchable class schedule" link will take you to the course offerings by semester)
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.

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)
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	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
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	Meadows is campus affiliated housing (independently operated). University Housing is the basis for the Apartment-style housing estimate and Oak Residence Hall is the basis for the dorm-style housing estimate above. University Residence Halls and Apartments: https://www.ums1.edu/services/reslife/index.html Campus Affiliated Apartments (University Meadows): https://www.ums1.edu/services/reslife/apply/university-meadows.html
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. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until housing is full. University Meadow apartments are in high demand and often fill quickly.
Is a deposit required and if yes, when and how can this be paid?	Yes. Deposits and reservations are all done 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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Financial information provided on the corresponding *DS-2019 Estimates* document.

We look forward to welcoming you to UMSL where we transform lives!