



## 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](mailto:studyabroad@umsl.edu). Thank you!

#### General University Information

University Name	University of Missouri-St. Louis
City, State, Country	St. Louis, Missouri, USA
University Website	<a href="http://www.umsl.edu">www.umsl.edu</a>
Website for Incoming Exchange Students	<a href="https://www.umsl.edu/global/abroad/incoming.html">https://www.umsl.edu/global/abroad/incoming.html</a>
Areas of Strength (Business, Health Science, etc.)	Business, Criminology, Political Science, Biology
Size of Institution (Undergraduates, Graduates)	9,942 students (on-campus)

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Enjoy the many free attractions in STL like the St. Louis Art Museum (bottom left). Explore Forest Park (bottom right), try Fitz's famous root beer floats on the Delmar Loop (top right), or check out a Cardinals game (top left). It is all a Metro ride away!

### General Area Information

<b>Population of city and/or surrounding area</b>	2.8 million
<b>Interesting facts about the city and/or surrounding area</b>	<p>The St. Louis metropolitan area is a cosmopolitan blend of the American Midwest and ethnic influences from all over the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the iconic Gateway Arch!</li> <li>• Catch a St. Louis Cardinal baseball game at the famous Busch Stadium or cheer on the Blues hockey team at the Enterprise Center!</li> <li>• 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!</li> <li>• Enjoy live entertainment at several venues in the city, including the Muny – America's oldest and largest outdoor musical theatre.</li> <li>• Stroll the Missouri Botanical Gardens, voted #1 in the USA by the USA Today Readers' Choice Awards</li> <li>• Experience some of STL's famous and free attractions, like the award winning St. Louis Zoo, the Art Museum and the Missouri History Museum.</li> <li>• 14 Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered in STL!</li> </ul>
<b>Cities to visit</b>	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 (metro station runs directly to airport).



## Academic Calendar

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



Students strike a pose during the annual UMSL Global pumpkin carving event (left)! Many students also take advantage of the free state-of-the-art Recreation & Wellness Center, or RWC (top and bottom right). The RWC offers 14,000 square feet of open fitness space, two hardwood gym courts, an indoor track, a 2-story climbing wall, an aquatics facility, and more!



Many events on campus occur in the Millennium Student Center, or MSC for short. Here you will also find some on-campus dining options in the Nosh.

## 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><b>Undergraduate</b>            TOEFL minimum iBT score: 61 (PBT: 500, CB: 173)            IELTS minimum score: 5.5            ITP score is acceptable for an undergraduate student            85-90 Duolingo</p> <p><b>Graduate</b>            TOEFL minimum iBT score: 79 (PBT: 550)            IELTS minimum score: 6.5 (recommended)            ITP score is NOT acceptable for a graduate student            105-110 Duolingo</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. <a href="https://www.umsi.edu/global/abroad/incoming.html">https://www.umsi.edu/global/abroad/incoming.html</a>
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. <a href="https://umsi-sa.terradotta.com/?go=incoming">https://umsi-sa.terradotta.com/?go=incoming</a>



## Courses

<b>Areas of study open for exchange students</b>	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
<b>Areas of study available in English</b>	All of the above
<b>Areas of study that are not open to exchange students</b>	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.
<b>What is the minimum required course load</b>	12 US credit hours for undergraduate, 9 for graduate
<b>Do students register for courses in advance or upon arrival?</b>	Both: Undergraduates are registered in 9 credits before arrival and the rest upon arrival. Graduates are pre-registered for 6 credits.
<b>Course Registration Deadline(s)</b>	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.
<b>Academic Advising</b>	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.
<b>Website for course offerings</b>	Course Bulletin (all courses): <a href="http://bulletin.umsl.edu/">http://bulletin.umsl.edu/</a> Course Search (by semester): <a href="https://myview.umsl.edu/psp/csprds/?cmd=login">https://myview.umsl.edu/psp/csprds/?cmd=login</a> <b>("Schedule of Classes" link on the login page takes you to the Course offerings)</b>
<b>English as a Second Language</b>	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)

	Apartment-style housing (4 bedroom)	Dorm-style housing (single room)
<b>Room (+ meal plan)</b>	\$2,235 (no meal plan required)	\$ 5,146 (meal plan required, billed by UMSL)
<b>Food</b>	\$1,829	\$150 (meal plan required see above estimate)
<b>Books/Course supplies</b>	\$500	\$500
<b>Personal/Miscellaneous</b>	\$2,119	\$2,119
<b>Transportation</b> (Students may purchase a \$25 metro transportation billed to their student account, this is a savings of over \$200)	\$250	\$250
<b>Health Insurance</b> (Exchange students may use private insurance that meets the minimum requirements of the J-1 program. Students are welcome to purchase their own health insurance but are encouraged to discuss insurance requirements with UMSL Global prior to doing so. Prices listed are for AETNA insurance through UMSL)	Fall: \$967 Spring/summer: \$1,340 Academic year: \$2,307	Fall: \$967 Spring/summer: \$1,340 Academic year: \$2,307
<b>Total estimate</b> (Students must show this proof of funding to receive a DS-2019)	Fall: \$7,900 Spring: \$8,273 Academic Year: \$13,848	Fall: \$9,132 Spring: 9,505 Academic Year: \$16,330



Many students choose to live in the University Meadows, which are university affiliated apartment style housing with 2-4 bedrooms (left and top right). A metro stop is conveniently located on the south campus.



## 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. <a href="https://www.umsel.edu/studentinvolvement/">https://www.umsel.edu/studentinvolvement/</a>
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	Not currently, but we are looking to bring back this program. UMSL Global International Student and Scholar Services hosts events each semester for all international students to attend.
Are internships available? If so, are they for-credit?	It is possible, but students must work independently to make these arrangements.



Student groups like JASA (the UMSL Japan-America Student Association) are a great way to connect with other international and local students. JASA holds events like a Japanese calligraphy (right) or virtual origami (bottom left) and they also enjoy off-campus activities such as the Missouri Botanical Garden's Japanese Festival (top left).

## Accommodations

<b>Types of housing</b>	<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 Housing is the basis for the Apartment-style housing estimate and Oak Residence hall is the basis for the dorm-style housing estimate above.</p> <p><b>University Residence Halls and Apartments:</b> <a href="https://www.umsl.edu/services/reslife/LivingOptions/index.html">https://www.umsl.edu/services/reslife/LivingOptions/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Campus Affiliated Apartments (University Meadows):</b> <a href="https://www.umsl.edu/services/reslife/LivingOptions/UniversityMeadows.html">https://www.umsl.edu/services/reslife/LivingOptions/UniversityMeadows.html</a></p>
<b>Is there an option to stay with a host family?</b>	No
<b>Do students have to apply for housing?</b>	Yes
<b>Housing Application Deadline</b>	At time of acceptance
<b>Is a deposit required and if yes, when and how can this be paid?</b>	Yes. Online.
<b>Are international exchange students required to live on campus?</b>	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.
<b>Are international exchange students guaranteed housing upon arrival?</b>	No. They must complete the application process.

## Other Information

<b>What additional information should our students consider?</b>	Please visit the "Admitted Students" section of the <a href="#">International Student and Scholar Services website</a> for details about arrival, orientation, health insurance, and St. Louis. Please don't hesitate to <a href="#">contact us</a> if you have any questions.
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**We look forward to welcoming you to UMSL**  
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