FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
for new international students

How do I get from the St. Louis or Kansas City airports to Columbia? The MO-X shuttle service runs from both of these airports to Columbia. You can make a reservation online at moexpress.com or call +1-877-669-4826.

How do I get from the Columbia airport to campus or my apartment? You can take a taxi from the Columbia airport into town, or check to see if an international student organization on campus (international.missouri.edu/organizations) is willing to help with pick-ups from the airport.

When and how do I register for classes?
- Graduate students: Meet with your academic adviser as soon as you arrive in Columbia to pick courses and register through myZou (myzou.missouri.edu).
- Degree-seeking undergraduate students: Take the English language exam, wait for the results of the exam and meet with your academic advising unit to pick courses and register through myZou (myzou.missouri.edu).
- Non degree-seeking undergraduate students: Meet with your adviser once you arrive in Columbia to pick courses and register through myZou (myzou.missouri.edu).

When do I pay tuition? You will pay tuition once you have enrolled in courses, after your arrival in Columbia. You will pay at the Office of the Cashiers or through myZou (myzou.missouri.edu), and you can contact the Office of Cashiers (cashiers.missouri.edu) with any questions about payment.

What is the weather like in Columbia? It has been a hot and humid summer! Temperatures have been between 85 and 105 degree Fahrenheit (30–41 degree Celsius). The weather may continue to be hot in August, but it should cool down in September and October, with temperatures dropping to freezing and below during the winter months (November–February).

When do I meet with my academic adviser? If you have not been assigned an academic adviser, you can contact your department for more information about advising. Some departments have group advising once students arrive, and others allow you to set up an individual advising session once you arrive.

I couldn’t get on-campus housing. How do I find an off-campus apartment? You can search before you arrive or look at apartments once you are in Columbia. The International Center does not offer homestays. Apartments can be found by searching online and calling the landlords of the places that interest you. Some suggestions for places to look include: offcampus.missouri.edu, apartmentfinder.com, myapartmentmap.com, apartmentlist.com.

How do I get connected with students from my home county? You can find a list of campus international student organizations (international.missouri.edu/organizations) on the International Center website. You can view their websites and make contact with people involved in any groups that interest you.

What if I need temporary housing before I can move into my residence hall or apartment? If you are assigned to a room in a residence hall on campus, you can contact Residential Life (reslife.missouri.edu/international-steps) about any available temporary housing options before your scheduled move-in date. If you are living in an off-campus apartment and need to search for an apartment after you arrive, you can stay at a hotel in Columbia. The Hampton Inn and Suites is the closest hotel to campus, and there are many other hotels around Columbia you can find by searching online.