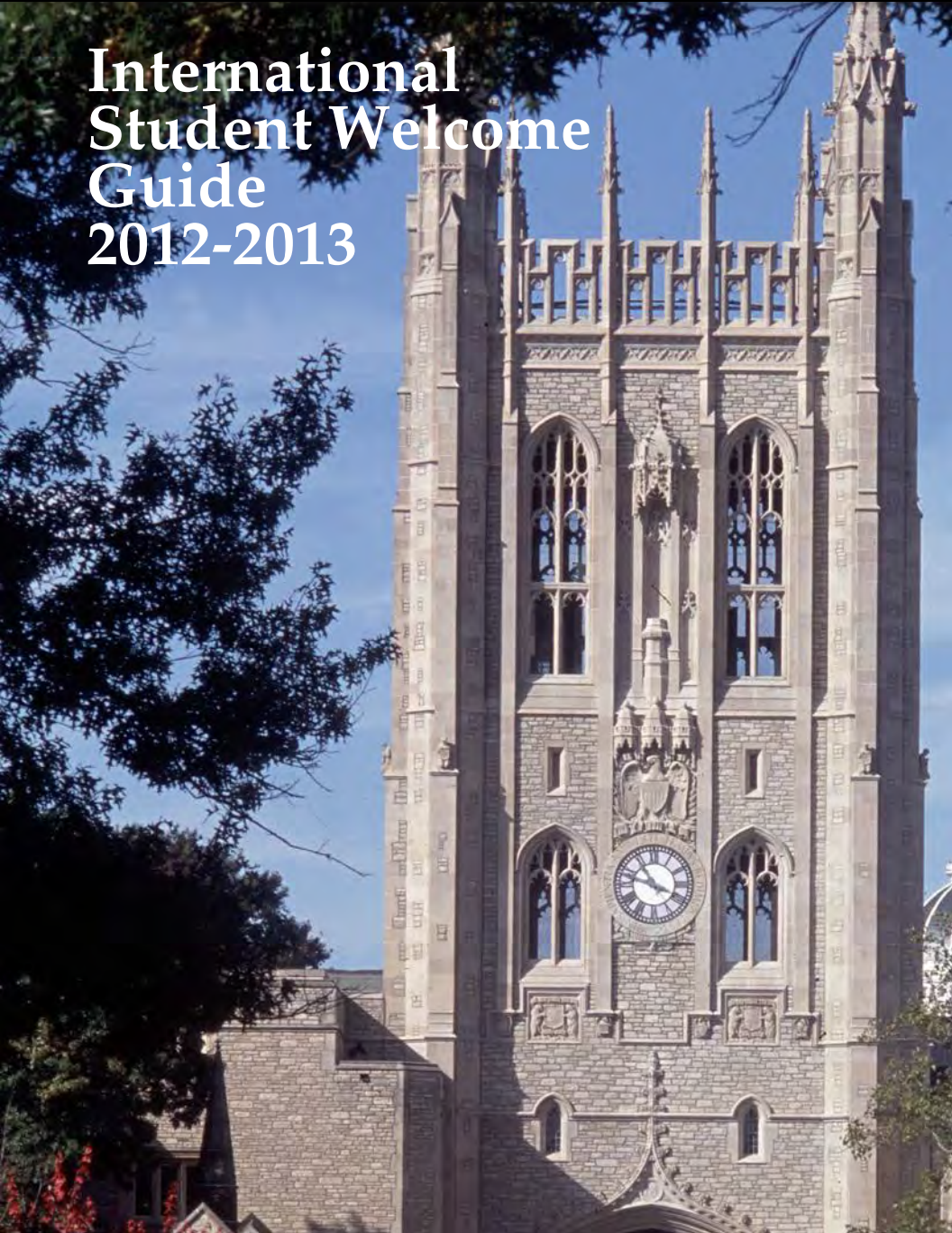


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International Student Welcome Guide 2012-2013



The background of the page is a silhouette of a building with a prominent steeple, likely a university building, set against a warm, golden sunset sky. The building's silhouette is dark, and the sky is a gradient of orange and yellow. The steeple is the central focus of the building's silhouette.

Dear Student:

On behalf of the International Center, congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Missouri (Mizzou)! We look forward to welcoming you to our international community.

Enclosed is your “Certificate of Eligibility” (I-20 or DS-2019). Following the instructions provided, please review your certificate to ensure the information is correct and complete. Then, use the certificate to apply for your U.S. student visa at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Also, please take time to review this booklet. It contains information to help you prepare for your studies at Mizzou, including information about arriving in the U.S., settling into Columbia, and checking in at the International Center.

Please review this information carefully. If you have any questions or would like more information about a particular topic, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Again, congratulations on your acceptance to Mizzou. We look forward to greeting you on campus next semester.

Best wishes and warm regards,

International Student & Scholar Services team
International Center

This booklet contains information you will need to get your visa to enter the U.S., travel to Columbia, Missouri, and settle into Mizzou. Please review this information carefully and contact our office if you have any questions.

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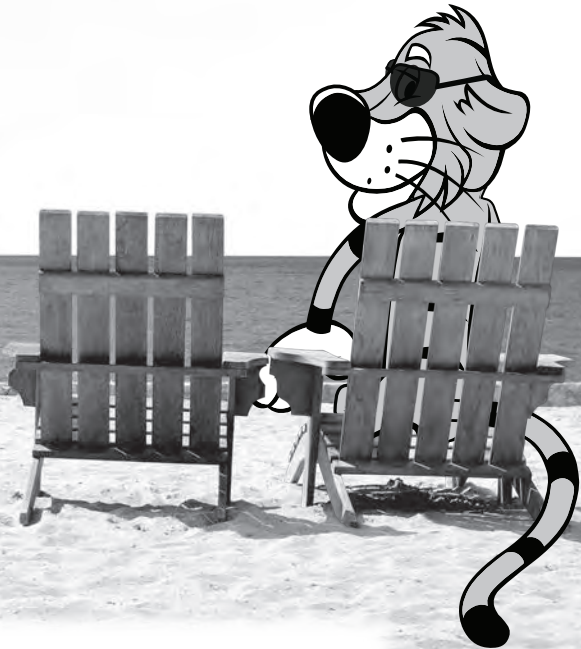
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Pre-Departure Checklist

- Review your Certificate of Eligibility
- Apply for a student visa at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate
- Pay any necessary visa and SEVIS fees
- DEGREE-SEEKING UNDERGRADUATES:
Pay Mizzou enrollment fee
- Make your travel arrangements so that you arrive before orientation:
- Make your housing arrangements
 - Arrange for temporary housing
 - If living on-campus, submit contract online
- Submit pre-arrival information sheet and review the information on the International Center website:
 - international.missouri.edu/come-to-mu
- Obtain your immunization records and bring them with you to Mizzou
- Learn more about Columbia

Certificate of Eligibility

A student's Certificate of Eligibility will be either an I-20 or DS-2019, depending on whether the student is coming to the U.S. on an F student visa or a J student visa. The "F" and "J" simply refer to different types of visas the U.S. government provides to international students.

An I-20 document is used to apply for a student visa in the F category.

A DS-2019 is used to apply for a student visa in the J category. You can find out which document you have by reading the fine print in the bottom left corner of the first page of the document.

Please review your Certificate of Eligibility to ensure that the information is correct and complete using the guidelines below. If information needs to be changed or added, please contact the Mizzou office that issued your document:

- Undergraduate students: ISSS@missouri.edu or +1 573 882 6007
- Graduate students with an I-20: GradAdmissions@missouri.edu or +1 573 882 6311
- Graduate students with a DS-2019: ISSS@missouri.edu or +1 573 882 6007

I-20

Please review the following fields:

#1 – Personal Information

- Name: Family (Last), Given (First), Middle
- Country of Birth
- Country of Citizenship
- Date of Birth

This information should match your passport.

#2 – Level of Education

- This is the degree you plan to earn while at Mizzou (e.g., bachelor's, master's or doctorate)

#3 – Course of Study

- Your field of study
- The date when you should arrive at Mizzou

Note: You may enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to this date.

#4 – Source of funding

- This should be the same source of funding as indicated in your Mizzou admissions materials

DS-2019

Please review the following fields:

#1 – Personal Information

- Name: Family (Last), Given (First), Middle
- Country of Birth
- Country of Citizenship
- Date of Birth

This information should match your passport.

#2 – Time period

- Review the start date of your program.
- You may enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the start of your program

#3 – Exchange Visa Category

- This should say “student” followed by the degree you plan to earn while at Mizzou (e.g., bachelor’s, master’s or doctorate)
- Under “Subject,” your field of study should be listed

#4 – Source of funding

- This should be the same source of funding as indicated in your Mizzou admissions materials

Dependents

Dependents are family members, such as a spouse or child, who will accompany you to the U.S. If you have dependents who will come with you to the U.S., each of those dependents should have his/her own Certificate of Eligibility.

Please contact our office immediately if you need a certificate for a dependent who will accompany you to the U.S. You will be required to show that you have an additional U.S.\$3,600 to financially support each dependent.

After you arrive at Mizzou, if you decide that you want your dependents to join you, the International Center will give you documents for them at that time.

For more information about dependents, please go to the International Center website at: international.missouri.edu/dependents.

United States Student Visa*

Information source: <http://travel.state.gov/>

If your Certificate of Eligibility is correct, immediately make an appointment with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to apply for your student visa.

In some countries, it may take several months to receive a decision on your student visa application. Therefore, we encourage you to start this application process as soon as possible. Know that you may apply for your visa at any time, but in some countries, you will not receive the visa in your passport until four months before your program start date.

Applicants for student visas should generally apply at the U.S. embassy or consulate with jurisdiction over their place of permanent residence. Although visa applicants may apply at any U.S. consular office abroad, it may be more difficult to qualify for the visa outside the country of permanent residence.

For a list of the locations of U.S. embassies and consulates, go to: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>

Required Documentation

Each applicant for a student visa must pay a nonrefundable application fee and submit:

1. An on-line application Form DS-160 (some applicants will also be required to complete and sign a Form DS-157). All forms must be completed and signed, and are available here:

- www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms

A separate form is needed for children, even if they are included in a parent's passport. Blank forms are available without charge at all U.S. consular offices and on the Visa Services website under Visa Application Forms.

2. A passport valid for travel to the United States and with a validity date at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the United States. If more than one person is included in the passport, each person desiring a visa must complete an application.
3. One photograph 2x2 inches (50mm square) for each applicant, showing full face, against a light background.
4. For the "F" applicant, a Form I-20. For the "J" applicant, a Form DS-2019.
5. Receipts showing payment of visa application and SEVIS fee.
6. Evidence of sufficient funding to cover your period of intended study

Other Documentation

Student visa applicants must establish to the satisfaction of the consular officer that they have binding ties to a residence in a foreign country, which they have no intention of abandoning, and that they will depart the U.S. when they have completed their studies. It is impossible to specify the exact form the evidence should take since applicants' circumstances vary greatly.

Students are also advised to think about and articulate how their chosen program of study in the U.S. fits into their academic and career plans in their home countries.

SEVIS Fee

In addition to a visa processing fee, you may be charged a SEVIS fee. Ask the embassy or consulate to explain this procedure to you when you make your visa appointment. SEVIS fee procedures vary from country to country. For more information about the SEVIS fee, you may wish to read through this website: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901>

** The visa application process may vary from country to country. Contact your local U.S. embassy or consulate for specific instructions on applying for a visa in your country. For a list of the locations of U.S. embassies and consulates, visit: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>*

The U.S. Department of State has a new website with a lot of useful information for international students. Visit <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> to find out more about:

Applying for the student visa

Financial Aid Resources

Definitions of helpful terms

Living in the U.S. (social customs and more)

United States Entry Procedures

F and J student visa holders may enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the program start date listed on their Certificate of Eligibility.

All students must arrive prior to the mandatory international orientation session. Please notify the International Center via e-mail at ISSS@missouri.edu as soon as possible if you will not be able to enter the U.S. in time to attend orientation due to visa processing delays.

When you arrive in the U.S., officers from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will review your documents at the Port of Entry before they admit you into the country.

Please have the following documents ready for the CBP officer to review:

Passport

A passport is a biographical booklet issued by a national government to its citizens to allow for travel to other countries and return to their home country. It is important that you make sure your passport is valid and will not expire soon.

- The CBP officer in the U.S. will review your passport and student visa. He/she will then stamp your passport to indicate the date and place that you arrived in the U.S.

Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019)

- The CBP officer will stamp and make a notation on this document also.
- You must show the CBP the Certificate of Eligibility for the school you plan to attend. That is to say, if you applied to multiple schools in the U.S., you must show the I-20 or DS-2019 that lists the school you actually plan to attend.

Please know that the CBP has the authority to deny admission into the U.S. If you have difficulties crossing the U.S. border, please call our office and ask to speak with an adviser. You may reach an International Center adviser at the following numbers:

Monday–Friday:

8 a.m.–noon and 1–5 p.m.
+1 573 882 6007

All other times:

+1 573 882 7201 (Mizzou Police)
They will direct you to an adviser.

I-94

- Form I-94 is a card that will be distributed to you on your flight to the U.S. Please complete this form and give it to the CBP officer when you enter the U.S.
- The CBP officer will stamp the I-94. He/she also will note on the I-94 your student visa type (e.g., F-1, J-1, F-2, J-2) and “D/S.” D/S stands for “Duration of Status.” This means that you are allowed to stay in the U.S. as long as you are legally “in status” with the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services). We will discuss how to stay in status at the mandatory orientation session. The CBP officer may attach the I-94 to your passport.
- Please verify that the CBP officer wrote the correct visa status and “D/S” on your I-94 before leaving his/her work station.
- The following website will provide information about what a student can expect at the border: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/> (look for “Tips for Student and Exchange Visitors”)

Note: You might have your fingerprints taken at the U.S. border.

Note: Entry procedures are different for citizens of Canada.

Transferring to Mizzou

This information applies only to students currently attending another school in the U.S.

You must notify your current school that you have decided to attend Mizzou. Your immigration record will then be transferred electronically via SEVIS to Mizzou. When you check in at the International Center during orientation, please inform the international student and scholar services staff that you are a transfer student.

Please know that you must check-in at the International Center within 15 days of orientation to complete the transfer process. After you check-in, the International Center will print a new “continued attendance” I-20 or DS-2019 for you noting that your transfer has been completed.

Note: We will not issue transfer-pending I-20's unless you are traveling.

Your documents at the Port of Entry

At the Port of Entry, the CBP officer will review your documents and stamp your I-94 and your Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019).

The next three pages will show you these documents and how they will be stamped.

Form I-94

I-94 or “Admission” Number

The image shows a sample I-94 form with a circular stamp. The stamp is from the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, Atlanta (ATL), dated JUN 25 2006, with status F-1 and D/S. The I-94 form fields are as follows:

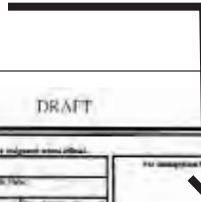
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12 First (Given) Name JANE	13 Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr) 23 03 68
17 Country of Citizenship NEW ZEALAND	

Be sure the CBP officer has stamped your I-94 with your status (F-1 or J-1) and D/S (Duration of Status) before you leave the Port of Entry.

I-20 for F Students

Make sure the CBP officer has stamped your I-20 before you leave the Port of Entry.

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DRAFT Form I-20

Department of Homeland Security - Form I-20
 This form is used to issue and report to the U.S. Consulate abroad a student's status.

<p>1. Student Information</p> <p>Student Name: <u>MOON, JINWON</u></p> <p>Country of Origin: _____ Date of Issuance (mm/yy): _____</p> <p>Country of Issuance: _____ Issuance Number: _____</p> <p>2. School Information</p> <p>School/Office to be notified of student's arrival at U.S. Port of Entry: _____</p> <p>School address (include city and state): _____</p> <p>School phone (include country code): _____</p> <p>Signature of Issuance Officer: _____ Approved on: <u>11/21/11</u></p>	<p>3. SEVIS</p> <p>For Departmental Use Only</p> <p>SEVIS ID: _____</p> <p>For the issuing post For the school</p> <p>Electronic Issuance Granted By: _____</p>
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4. This certificate is issued to the student named above for:
 Enrollment at institution at: 11/21/11

5. Length of residence in the United States at present or will remain in the United States:

6. The student named above has been accepted by a Full (F) or Part (P) or Full-time (F) or Part-time (P) program at:
 The student is expected to report to the school on or before: 11/21/11
 The program will end on: 11/21/11 The student's original entry is on: 11/21/11

7. Signature of Issuance Officer:
 The issuance officer must sign and date this form.

<p>8. Financial Information</p> <p>a. Tuition and fees: \$ <u>22,440.00</u></p> <p>b. Living expenses: \$ <u>4,170.00</u></p> <p>c. Signature of Issuance Officer: _____</p> <p>d. Issuance Officer's name and title: _____</p> <p>Total: \$ <u>26,610.00</u></p>	<p>9. Financial Information</p> <p>a. Student's personal funds: \$ _____</p> <p>b. Funds from school: \$ <u>22,440.00</u></p> <p>Specify how: <u>AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP/STIPEND</u></p> <p>Funds from another source: \$ _____</p> <p>Specify how: _____</p> <p>c. Consensus agreement: \$ _____</p> <p>Total: \$ <u>22,440.00</u></p>
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10. Signature of Issuance Officer: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above is true and correct and that I am a duly authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. I certify that all information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I will comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and policies for the issuance of Form I-20, and that I will comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and policies for the issuance of Form I-20, and that I will comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and policies for the issuance of Form I-20.

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Adjusting to Life in Columbia

Getting to Columbia

The three airports closest to Mizzou are located in:

- Columbia, Missouri
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Kansas City, Missouri

When making your flight arrangements, remember that students on an F and J visa can arrive in the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start date on their Certificate of Eligibility. You must arrive at Mizzou before orientation.

You will need to find transportation from the airport to Mizzou. Many students use the van shuttle services offered by MoX (www.moexpress.com). Information on these services and other transportation options is listed on the International Center website at: international.missouri.edu/arrive.

Please keep in mind when making your travel arrangements that most offices at Mizzou (and some off-campus apartment offices as well) are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Living in Columbia

The International Center website provides a variety of information on living in Columbia to help you learn about Columbia as well as the services and opportunities available here. This information is available on the International Center website at: international.missouri.edu/come-to-mu.

Start Up Costs

We recommend that you carry a limited amount of cash (U.S. dollars) with you when you arrive in the U.S. Most students find that carrying a combination of cash (approximately \$300) and traveler's checks is most helpful. A representative from a local bank will be at orientation to help you set up a bank account in Columbia, if necessary. Please remember that if you are planning on funding from a Graduate Assistantship, your first check may not be available for a month or so. For an estimate of expenses you may expect to pay, visit our website at international.missouri.edu/money.

Housing

On-Campus Residence Halls (undergraduate students)

- Information about living on-campus may be found on the Residential Life website at reslife.missouri.edu. Here are the first steps to reserving on-campus housing:
 1. Activate your pawprint and password
 2. Pay your Enrollment Fee on-line at enrollmentfee.missouri.edu.
 3. Submit housing contract, pre-payment (\$300), and processing fees (\$25) on-line through the Residential Life website
 4. Choose your room at roar.missouri.edu.
Please check with Residential Life to see when your room will be available to move into. You may need to secure temporary housing until that time.

On-Campus Apartments (Married, Graduate, or students 21+ years old)

- Mizzou has several choices for students wanting to live in an apartment on-campus. For more information, as well as an application, check out the following website: reslife.missouri.edu/apartments.

Off-Campus

- Mizzou's Off-Campus Housing Committee coordinates a database of off-campus housing options. Visit the site at offcampus.missouri.edu/guide.html.
- Other information sources are listed on the International Center website: international.missouri.edu/housing.

Temporary

- You may need to stay in a hotel, with friends, or in an apartment with a month-to-month lease until you find permanent housing or your on-campus housing becomes available. For the latest information on temporary housing, go to our website at international.missouri.edu/housing.

International Check-In and Orientation

The International Center provides an orientation to give new international students essential information regarding their stay at Mizzou. You are required to check-in and attend orientation.

Check-In

If you arrive in Columbia before orientation, you may check in at the International Center early. Please visit our website for a schedule of check-in dates and times specific to your semester: **international.missouri.edu**

If you will not arrive in Columbia early, plan to check in during orientation. When you check in, you will need your:

- Passport (*and a photocopy of the biographic page*)
- I-20 or DS-2019
- I-94 (given to you when you arrive in the U.S.)
- Offer letter for a graduate assistantship (if you have one)
- MU student identification (ID) number

In addition, you will complete a check-in form. On that form you will be asked to provide the name, address, and telephone number of someone in your home country and in the U.S. whom we may notify in case of emergency.

New International Student Orientation

Orientation for new international students is scheduled as follows:

Fall semester 2012
August 13
Memorial Union

Spring semester 2013
January 14
Memorial Union

A detailed orientation schedule will be posted on the International Center website when it is available. You can anticipate the events lasting the entire day. If you are unable to attend orientation due to visa delays, please contact our office for the date, time and location of a late arrival orientation. ***Please know that you must attend an orientation session.***

Orientation continued on next page...

English Language Exam (ELE) For Undergraduate Students

All new degree-seeking international undergraduate students are required to take the Mizzou English Language Exam before registering for classes. This is a placement test only and has no affect on your admission or grades. You must sign up for the exam at international orientation or you may go to the ELSP Office in Room 208 McReynolds Hall. For further information please contact ELSP at +1 573 882 7523 or by email at demians@missouri.edu

ALEKS Math Placement Exam For Undergraduates

All new degree-seeking international undergraduate students who plan to take a math department course at the level of Math 1500 or below are required to take the ALEKS Exam before registering for classes. (*Note that Statistics courses are not offered by the Math department.*) The test is not given for a grade but will help determine which math class students should register for first. Before you arrive to the University of Missouri, take the ALEKS Exam online (mathplacement.missouri.edu/takeALEKSexam.html). Once you arrive to the University of Missouri, you can also take the Proctored ALEKS Exam if you would like to test out of College Algebra. (*Students should not register for the Proctored ALEKS Exam until they have spoken with their academic adviser.*) General information about the exam and who needs to take it can be found on the Math Placement website: mathplacement.missouri.edu

International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP)

New international graduate students who have a teaching assistantship (TA) in their first semester at Mizzou are required to attend the Orientation for New International Teaching Assistants (ONITA). For more information about that program, visit their website at: gradschool.missouri.edu/student-development/college-teaching/international-teaching-assistants

English Language Support Program (ELSP)

The English Language Support Program offers courses to help international students improve their English language skills in reading, writing, and speaking. Students are required to take an exam in order to determine placement in these courses. For additional information, please stop by the ELSP Office at 208 McReynolds Hall, or call +1 573 882 7523.

Graduate School Orientation

The Graduate School may offer orientation events in the week before the semester begins. Many departments also offer departmental orientations. Students are encouraged to attend both departmental and graduate school orientations. Please contact the Graduate School for dates and times of orientations at +1 573 882 6311 or online at gradschool.missouri.edu

Student Organizations

Sometimes, international student organizations help to coordinate rides for new students. Additionally, if you need help getting settled in Columbia, consider contacting one of Mizzou's many student organizations. Please contact the organizations directly for more information. A list of some of the cultural organizations may be found here: international.missouri.edu/organizations.



Missouri International Student Council

misc.students.missouri.edu

MISC@missouri.edu

B10, Center for Student Involvement,
MU Student Center

Missouri International Student Council (MISC) is an umbrella student organization that works with other cultural student organizations at MU. MISC aims to support increased internationalization of our campus through the volunteerism of international students. MISC organizes various events to enrich the cultural experiences of MU students, faculty, staff and the local community. The events include International Welcome Party each semester and International Day on the fourth Tuesday of September every year.

Student organizations that are affiliated with MISC:

African Student Association
Cultural Association of India
Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars (FACSS)
Iranian Student Association
Japanese Student Association
Korean Student Association
Malaysian Student Association

MU Dance and Recreation Association (MUDRA)
Saudi Student Association
Taiwanese Student Association
Thai Student Association
Vedic Society
Vietnamese Student Association

Health Information

Immunizations

Mizzou requires that all newly enrolled or readmitted students comply with the Immunization/Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Policy.

- Your TB test must be done at Mizzou.
- If you are going to renew your Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, please have it done at least six weeks prior to your arrival at Mizzou. If you have it done less than six weeks before you arrive on campus., the Student Health Center will not be able to give you the other immunization tests. Please note that it may be cheaper to have the immunization done in your home country rather than in the U.S.
- Please obtain copies of your immunization records demonstrating proof of vaccination for Measles (rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella. Please bring these records with you to the U.S. The Student Health Center will copy the documents for your file.

For more information on the Mizzou immunization policy, please visit the Student Health Center website at: studenthealth.missouri.edu/immunizations

Insurance

Health care in the U.S. is a private system. To make sure that you are able to cover any medical expenses and to satisfy legal requirements, Mizzou requires all international students to purchase the insurance plan provided through the university. All international students will be charged for insurance on their Mizzou student account when they enroll for any number of credit hours.

For more information about health insurance in general, as well as information about insurance for your dependents and health insurance waivers, please visit the International Center website at: international.missouri.edu/health.

Health Care

The International Center website provides general information about health care in the U.S. at: international.missouri.edu/health

2012–13 Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2012	Day	Date
Class work begins at 8 a.m.	Monday	Aug. 20
Labor Day Holiday (no classes)	Monday	Sept. 3
Thanksgiving Recess begins at close of day	Saturday	Nov. 17
Class work resumes at 8 a.m.	Monday	Nov. 26
Class work ends at close of day	Wednesday	Dec. 6
Reading Day	Thursday	Dec. 7
Final examinations begin	Friday	Dec. 10
Fall semester closes at 5:30 p.m.	Friday	Dec. 14
Commencement	Friday and Saturday	Dec. 14 and 15

Spring Semester 2013	Day	Date
Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)	Monday	Jan. 21
Class work begins at 8 a.m.	Tuesday	Jan. 22
Spring Recess begins at close of day	Saturday	March 23
Class work resumes at 8 a.m.	Monday	April 1
Class work ends at close of day	Wednesday	May 9
Reading Day	Thursday	May 10
Final examinations begin	Friday	May 13
Spring semester closes at 5:30 p.m.	Friday	May 17
Commencement	Friday, Saturday and Sunday	May 17, 18 and 19

Registration and Billing

Tuition Payments

The expenses noted on your I-20 or DS-2019 are an estimate only. Your true tuition and housing charges will vary according to how many credits you enroll in and which housing option you choose. Bills are divided into monthly payments, beginning the month after you arrive in Columbia. Mizzou's Office of Cashiers accepts a variety of payment forms, including:

- Cashiers checks, money orders, travelers checks, or personal checks
- Wire transfers (Contact the Office of Cashiers for account info)
- MasterCard and Discover credit cards (service charge applied)

More information about billing, payments, and refunds may be found on the following website: cashiers.missouri.edu

Class Enrollment

Once you arrive in Columbia, you will have the chance to meet one-on-one with an academic adviser from your department. Undergraduates will take both English and math placement tests to help determine which classes to enroll in for their first semester.

After meeting with your academic adviser, you can register for classes through MyZou. MyZou is the online student information system. You should have received a PawPrint (ID consisting of your initials and 3 random characters) and temporary password in an e-mail from the Office of Admissions. To access your MyZou for the first time, this website will guide you through the process: registrar.missouri.edu/registration-adddrop/myzou-first-time.php. Using your PawPrint and password, you can access the MyZou system at myzou.missouri.edu/

If you have problems with your PawPrint or password, contact Mizzou's Division of IT at +1 573 882 5000. If you would like more detailed information about the registration process, visit the Registrar's website at: registrar.missouri.edu.

Maintaining Your Visa Status

Registration and Attendance

You must initially attend the school whose I-20 or DS-2019 you used in applying for your student visa. Once at school, students must register full-time for the fall and spring semesters. Undergraduate students must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours; graduate students must register for a minimum of nine credit hours unless the student has an assistantship. Enrollment guidelines will be reviewed in more detail at orientation.

Employment

On-Campus

International students are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week on campus while school is in session. During official school breaks, students are allowed to work more than 20 hours per week on campus. J-1 students must have written permission from International Center to accept on-campus employment.

Off-Campus

Under certain circumstances, off-campus employment may be authorized, but you must talk with an adviser to find out if you qualify.

Completion of Study

Upon completion of studies, you may choose one of the following options:

1. Continue studies at Mizzou or a different school for another degree or program. You will need to have your I-20 or DS-2019 updated to reflect these changes.
2. Apply for employment authorization through Optional Practical Training (F students) or Academic Training (J students)
3. Take up to 60 days to leave the U.S. (F visa) or 30 days (J visa).

Travel Within the U.S.

You may travel within the U.S. as long as you maintain lawful F- or J-status and have a valid passport, I-20/DS 2019 and I-94 in your possession.

Travel Outside the U.S. and Returning to Mizzou

You may re-enter the U.S. as long as you have a valid passport, F-1 or J-1 visa, financial documents and Form I-20 or DS 2019 that is endorsed for re-entry by an International Center adviser.

Key Mizzou Contacts

Cashiers Office

+1 573 882 3097

cashiers.missouri.edu

Contact the cashiers office for answers to billing questions and for information about making payments to the university.

Directory Assistance

+1 573 882 2121

missouri.edu/directories

Contact Directory Assistance to find addresses and phone numbers for departments, faculty, staff and students.

Graduate School

+1 573 882 6311

gradschool.missouri.edu

Contact the Graduate School for information about graduate studies programs, graduate admissions and graduate student I-20s.

Residential Life

+1 573 882 7275

reslife.missouri.edu/

Contact Residential Life for questions about on-campus housing.

International Center

+1 573 882 6007

international.missouri.edu

Contact the International Center for questions concerning immigration, undergraduate I-20s, any DS-2019s, maintaining your status and employment.

International Undergraduate Admissions

+1 573 882 3754

admissions.missouri.edu/international

Contact International Undergraduate Admissions for questions and information concerning your admissions status and transfer credit.

Registrars Office

+1 573 882 7881

registrar.missouri.edu/

Contact the Registrars Office for information about registering for classes.

Student Health Center

+1 573 882 7481

studenthealth.missouri.edu

Contact the Student Health Center for medical, health insurance, and immunization policy information.

About the International Center

The International Center coordinates, supports and promotes the internationalization of the University of Missouri campus.

International Student & Scholar Services

International Student & Scholar Services is the administrative unit within the International Center that provides comprehensive support services to over 1,800 international students and more than 1,000 visiting international faculty and staff annually.

The service delivery of ISSS is divided into five primary service areas:

- SEVP/SEVIS Compliance
- Advising and Information Services
- Records & Document Processing Services
- Campus Life Programs
- Sponsored Student Services

Each staff member is responsible for delivering these services to individuals in a particular visa classification.

Contact Information

Address

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Email

ISSS@missouri.edu

Website

international.missouri.edu

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8 a.m.–noon.
1–5 p.m.

After-hours Emergency Contact Information

In the event that you have difficulty entering the U.S. at the Port of Entry and it is outside of normal business hours, call the Mizzou International Center at: +1 573 882 6007 to be connected to the Mizzou Police Department. You also may call the Mizzou Police Department directly at: +1 573 882 7201.

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- On-campus shuttles are free with valid student ID when classes are in session.
- No charge for transfers or bike racks. *Be sure to let driver know you will be transferring to another bus.*
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