ISRO: International Student Registration and Orientation

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE
WHAT IS ISRO?
ISRO is for undergraduate international students in F-1 or J-1 status who plan to attend MU in the fall or spring semester. You may begin the ISRO process once you pay the enrollment fee.

Students who are currently residing outside the U.S., attending a U.S. high school or intensive English program, or who are transferring from another U.S. college or university: F-1 and J-1 undergraduate international students are required to complete ISRO and attend International Student Welcome.

ISRO ALLOWS YOU TO:
• Pre-enroll in classes before you arrive on MU's campus
• Register for International Student Welcome
• Reserve your seat for your immigration check-in session
• Sign up for the English language exam
• Express interest in university activities such as Marching Mizzou, the Chancellor’s Leadership Class and Greek Life.

ISRO CHECKLIST
1. Read this guide. It will save you time by providing the information you’ll need when completing the online ISRO process. Share the information from this guide with your parents or guardians, and seek their advice.

2. Pay your $300 enrollment fee. You may pay this anytime at enrollmentfee.missouri.edu.

3. Complete the ISRO process online. The information you provide will affect your experiences during your first year at Mizzou.

4. Take the Math Placement Assessment. Visit mathplacement.missouri.edu for information about the online ALEKS Math Placement Assessment.

5. Register for the English Language Exam (ELE). All new degree-seeking international undergraduates whose native language is not English are required to take the MU English Language Exam (ELE) in order to complete registration for courses. Although you have satisfied the English language requirements for admission purposes, your English language proficiency will be reassessed to ensure you have the ability to succeed in your academic courses. The ELE is given the week before classes begin.

Please note: The ISRO process provides us with information to start enrolling you in classes that count toward Mizzou’s general education requirements or your degree program. On or after Aug. 1, you will receive your “Early Bird” fall course schedule listing up to three of your first semester classes, including when and where they will meet. At International Student Welcome, you’ll meet with an academic adviser to finish registering for classes and make any necessary changes to your Early Bird schedule.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME EXPERIENCE
International Student Welcome is required as part of maintaining your immigration status when you enter the United States, but the event involves so much more. You’ll meet the International Center staff and other international and American students. It takes place over the course of two days. You’ll also learn more about living in Columbia and student life on campus and complete things on your to-do list through shopping trips, resource fairs and volunteer support. Find more information about International Student Welcome here.
GET INVOLVED

In addition to an outstanding academic experience, Mizzou offers more than 750 fun and rewarding student organizations that address academic, athletic, cultural, professional, community service and religious interests.

Through a variety of ensembles, the Mizzou School of Music also offers many performance opportunities to students. For more information, visit music.missouri.edu.

The Chancellor’s Leadership Class (CLC) offers students the opportunity to develop and practice the skills, values and knowledge of effective leadership.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM

The exam consists of two parts: (1) a multiple-choice test covering grammar, vocabulary and reading comprehension; and (2) an essay exam. The ELE takes approximately three hours to complete.

Based on your exam performance, you might be cleared to take a full-time load of academic courses, or you might be required to enroll in one or two English language courses offered by the English Language Support Program (ELSP) along with a reduced academic course load.

The ELSP courses appear on your official university transcript as three-credit-hour courses; however, the credit hours do not count toward fulfilling requirements for any degree program. Plan to arrive on campus a few days before the exam date so that you will be well rested for the test. Remember that you must take the ELE before you can complete your spring schedule of courses. For additional information about the English Language Support Program or the ELE, contact the ELSP office at 573-882-7523.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Need a computer?** While Mizzou provides a range of computing sites and stations, Mizzou students increasingly come to campus with their own computers. Find out which computer best suits your major here.

**Parking** If you're planning to have a vehicle and park on campus, you must complete an online parking application. Please note that there are no reserved spaces, and students living in residence halls are NOT guaranteed to be assigned to the lot/garage closest to their residence hall. Parking assignments are based on class standing and when the application is received. For more information about parking at Mizzou, visit the parking and transportation website.

**No car? No problem.**

- The [CarShare program](#) offers an economical, convenient and environmentally friendly transportation alternative to owning a car.
- The City of Columbia provides [public bus service](#) for a low fare Monday through Saturday.
- The [Tiger Line](#), Mizzou's free shuttle service, also transports students downtown and to the south side of town. The Tiger Line runs seven days a week while school is in session.

**Campus Dining** You can choose from three Mizzou dining plans. If you need additional meals during the semester, you may purchase them in blocks of 25. Students who are living in residence halls on campus typically purchase a dining plan along with their housing contract. Additionally, [Tiger Cash](#) allows you to use your Mizzou ID card in residential and retail dining locations throughout campus using a prepaid account.