ISRO 2016
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION
THIS GUIDE IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT STEP TO GETTING STARTED AT MIZZOU.
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Office of Cashiers
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HEY THERE, FUTURE TIGER. This is the moment you’ve been waiting for. In your paws you hold the booklet that will guide you through the International Student Registration and Orientation process (we call it the ISRO, pronounced “iz-row”), which you’ll complete online.

By taking the initiative here, you’ll launch an exciting and fulfilling college career at Mizzou. Be sure to read through each section of this guide and complete the application yourself. Your future begins now!

ISRO HELPS YOU:

- Reserve your spot at International Student Welcome (Mizzou's check-in, orientation and registration program for new international students);
- Indicate preferences for some of your fall classes;
- Express interest in university activities such as Marching Mizzou, the Chancellor’s Leadership Class and Greek Life.

A FEW TIPS FOR USING THIS GUIDE:

Share this information with your parents or guardians, and seek their advice. Then you’ll be ready to complete the online ISRO process at international.missouri.edu/ISRO and make choices that meet your needs and interests as you embark on your college career. Don’t wait; the deadline is July 1.

Complete the ISRO process online at international.missouri.edu/ISRO.

ISRO CHECKLIST

1. **READ THIS GUIDE.**
   It will save you time by providing the information you’ll need when completing the online ISRO process.

2. **PAY YOUR $300 ENROLLMENT FEE.**
   Have a credit card or checking account information (for e-check) ready to pay your enrollment fee. You may pay this anytime at enrollmentfee.missouri.edu. Or, you can pay it as part of step 4. The enrollment fee is refundable until May 1 with a request in writing.

3. **COMPLETE THE ISRO PROCESS ONLINE.**
   Visit international.missouri.edu/ISRO to complete the ISRO process. The information you provide will affect your experiences during your first year at Mizzou. Within ISRO you will:
   - Indicate course preferences for your first semester
   - Sign up for a check-in session
   - Sign up for the English language exam
   - Schedule an appointment with your academic unit

4. **TAKE THE MATH PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT.**
   Visit mathplacement.missouri.edu for information about the online ALEKS Math Placement Assessment (Page 5).
International Student Welcome - Mizzou’s check-in, orientation and registration program. We can’t wait to show you around our place.

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. 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.

International Student Welcome at a Glance

Orientation Session
Orientation for new international students takes place the week before classes start. It gives new students the chance to meet current students and staff, find resources on campus and ask questions. As a new international student, you are required to attend the orientation session as well as an immigration check-in session when you arrive. We look forward to greeting you at these activities upon your arrival!

Reserve Your Spot
International Student Welcome accommodates a limited number of people, so please respond immediately to reserve your spot. If you have not paid the required $300 enrollment fee, you must submit it before completing the ISRO process (see instructions on Page 4). Accommodations and assistance are available for people with disabilities, so please notify the International Center of any needs.

Complete the ISRO process online at international.missouri.edu/ISRO.
DAY 1: MONDAY, AUG. 15, 2016
Orientation begins at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15. You need to arrive in Columbia before orientation begins, so we recommend arriving no later than Sunday, Aug. 14. If you arrive prior to Sunday, ensure that you have a place to stay off-campus until you can move into your residence hall.

SAMPLE OF DAY ONE ACTIVITIES
• Attend orientation sessions on topics including the academic culture of Mizzou, residence hall life, English language exam (ELE), ALEKS math placement assessment and academic advising.
• Participate in small group discussion.
• Attend a resource fair.
• Go on a shopping trip.
• Receive IT help in setting up your email, Internet connection and myZou account.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, AUG. 16
Most students begin Day Two with the required English language exam at 8 a.m. When completing the ISRO process online, be sure to sign up to take the English language exam.

SAMPLE OF DAY TWO ACTIVITIES
• Take the English language exam.
• Tour Mizzou’s campus.
• Attend a social event with other new and continuing students.

DAYS 3 & 4: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AUG. 17–18
Students may pick up the results of their English language exam and then meet with their academic adviser during the scheduled advising hours to complete their spring schedule. Students will complete mandatory health screenings with the MU Student Health Center. Bring your immunization records with you to MU.

BY THE END OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME, YOU WILL:
• Know other international and domestic students who are studying at Mizzou;
• Know what to expect in the classroom from your professors;
• Learn about resources on campus and how to use them;
• Know how to maintain and use the benefits of your immigration status in the United States;
• Know more about health and safety in Columbia;
• Learn how to use public transportation and the basics of living in Columbia;
• Find out how to get your new Mizzou TigerCard (ID card);
• Feel great about your decision to attend Mizzou.

For a more detailed look at what’s in store for you when you attend International Student Welcome, visit international.missouri.edu/welcome.

SCHEDULE

Fall sessions available
AUG. 2–26, 2016

Bring the following items with you to your session:
• Passport
• Visa
• I-20 or DS-2019

IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN SESSIONS
During your first few days at MU, you will attend a 90-minute immigration check-in session. This session, which will cover necessary information about your studies in the U.S., is the first step to maintaining your status in the U.S. Although check-in sessions are offered multiple times before and after the start of the semester, you are only required to attend one.

Sign up for your check-in session online when you complete the ISRO process at international.missouri.edu/ISRO.

international.missouri.edu/ISRO
COMPLETING THE ISRO PROCESS

WE KNOW YOUR MIND IS FILLED with thoughts of the friends you’ll be making and the classes you’ll be taking. Well, completing the ISRO process is an essential first step toward registering for the courses you want.

HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

• Pay the $300 enrollment fee online by credit card or e-check.
• Complete the International Student Registration and Orientation (ISRO) form online at international.missouri.edu/ISRO.
• Contact isro@missouri.edu if you have questions as you complete the ISRO process.

Please note: You must pay the enrollment fee and complete the ISRO process even if you do not participate in the International Student Welcome program. 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. Your fall course schedule will be based on preferences you indicate in ISRO, your degree program requirements, the availability of your selected Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) and course availability.

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.

DON’T WAIT! THE DEADLINE IS JULY 1.

The main menu of ISRO shows the status of your reservation.

Email ISRO@missouri.edu if you need assistance.

Remember: You have not completed the ISRO process until you click “SUBMIT.”
ALEKS MATH PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

The math department uses the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment (ALEKS) as a tool to evaluate math ability. ALEKS, an online assessment that covers a variety of precalculus topics, zeros in on the strengths and weaknesses of your current mathematical knowledge. Understanding your current ability level is critical to placing you in an appropriate math course at Mizzou.

Where do I take the ALEKS assessment, and how much does it cost?
Take the assessment online at mathplacement.missouri.edu. There is no fee or registration required — simply log on to take the assessment using your MU pawprint and password. You can take ALEKS up to five times if you are not satisfied with your initial score.

How long does the ALEKS assessment take?
The untimed assessment takes approximately one to two hours, but you are required to complete it within 48 hours after beginning.

How can I study for the ALEKS assessment?
You don’t need to put in long hours studying for the ALEKS assessment. It is simply a placement tool used to determine your math-knowledge base. If you aren’t happy with your score after your first assessment, you will have access to a free online study package that can be used to help you improve your ALEKS score and better prepare you for math at Mizzou.

Does everyone need to take ALEKS?
Most students are required to take ALEKS to qualify for a math course. However, some students with prior math credit might not need to take the assessment. To find out if the ALEKS assessment is required for you, visit mathplacement.missouri.edu and take a short survey.

When do I need to take the assessment?
The ALEKS assessment is currently available for new students.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM

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. 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. We want to be sure you carry a manageable course load in your first semester at MU. Therefore, if you place into one ELSP course, you will generally take three additional courses. If you place into two ELSP courses, you are advised to enroll in two additional academic courses. 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. The combination of ELSP courses and other academic courses constitutes full-time enrollment.

For the fall 2016 semester, the ELE will be given Tuesday, Aug. 16. You can register to take the exam as part of the ISRO process. 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.
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.

Here’s a sample of the involvement opportunities awaiting when you arrive this fall:

- Student government
- Undergraduate research
- Community service
- Peer-education teams
- Greek organizations
- Student media
- Club Sports and Rec Sports (intramurals)
- Cultural organizations
- Religious organizations

Additional information about involvement opportunities at Mizzou will be available at International Student Welcome. The following are exciting opportunities for involvement that you must consider now because application deadlines are quickly approaching.

CHANCELLOR’S LEADERSHIP CLASS (CLC)

CLC offers students the opportunity to develop and practice the skills, values and knowledge of effective leadership. Students selected for the class typically have a variety of leadership and life experiences, though previous leadership experience is not required.

CLC is a yearlong commitment, and students who are selected will be enrolled in a one-credit class during the fall and spring semesters. Students work on projects, write reflective journals, hear presenters from a variety of backgrounds and often go on to serve in various leadership roles on campus and after graduation.

To apply for the Chancellor’s Leadership Class, complete an application at leadership.missouri.edu. All application materials should be submitted by late April. For more information, contact the Center for Leadership and Service at 573-882-8585 or leadership@missouri.edu.

LEARNING STRATEGIES COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As a new international student in the United States, you face unique challenges and opportunities. During your first semester, you can enroll in a two-credit-hour course specifically for international students to address some of those challenges and opportunities in more detail. The course includes one-on-one meetings with American students on campus. It also provides resources from across campus and covers topics including note/test taking, cultural adjustment, faculty expectations, employment, writing an academic paper, time management and more. This course is only offered during the fall semester.

Chancellor’s Leadership Class
leadership.missouri.edu

Student Affairs
studentaffairs.missouri.edu

Club Sports and Rec Sports (intramurals)
mizzourec.com

School of Music
music.missouri.edu
MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES
Be part of a great tradition at Mizzou. Through a variety of ensembles, the Mizzou School of Music offers many performance opportunities to students. For more information, visit music.missouri.edu.

CHORAL ENSEMBLES
University Singers, Concert Chorale, Choral Union, Hitt Street Harmony, Women’s Chorale

CONCERT BANDS AND ORCHESTRA
Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, University Band, University Philharmonic

SPORTS BANDS
Marching Mizzou, Mini Mizzou (men’s basketball), Point Mizzou (volleyball), 3-Point Play (women’s basketball)

JAZZ BANDS
Concert Jazz Band, Lab Jazz Band, Studio Jazz Band, Jazz combos

OTHER ENSEMBLES
New Music Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, World Percussion Ensemble, MU Steel, Show-Me Opera, chamber ensembles, studio ensembles

STUDENT AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS
Get more information at international.missouri.edu/organizations.

- African Students Association
- Amnesty International
- Asian American Association
- Association for Chinese Language and Culture
- Bangladesh Student Association
- Chinese Students and Scholars Organization
- Club de Español
- Cultural Association of India
- Filipino American Student Association
- French Club
- German Club
- Hispanic American Leadership Organization
- Hispanic/Latin American Faculty & Staff Association
- Hong Kong Student Association
- International Student Council, Missouri
- Japanese Conversation Club
- Korean Student & Scholars Association
- Latin Dance Club
- Latino Graduate and Professional Network
- Malaysian Student Association
- Mid-Missouri Chapter of the United Nations Association
- Missouri International Student Council
- Mizzou Model United Nations
- MU Dance and Recreation Association
- MU International Club
- Muslim Student Organization
- Nepalese Student Association
- Persian Club
- Russian Club
- Saudi Students Association
- South Asian Students Association
- Students Interested in Global Health for Tomorrow (SIGHT)
- Taiwanese Students Association
- Thai Student Association
- Vietnamese Student Association
NEED A COMPUTER?

While Mizzou provides a range of computing sites and stations, Mizzou students increasingly come to campus with their own computers. Visit mutigertech.com to find out which computer best suits your major.

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. Graduate students are given first priority, followed by seniors, juniors, sophomores, transfer students and then freshmen. Every student who submits an application for parking will be issued a permit. For more information and to apply, visit parking.missouri.edu/newstudentpermit2016.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

“International Student Welcome was a helpful way to learn about campus resources. It was also a very good chance to make friends with other international students. I also learned a bit about American customs, which is useful for socializing with Americans either on campus or off campus.”

Rifki Akbar, Indonesia
mechanical engineering ‘18

NO CAR? NO PROBLEM.

The CarShare program offers an economical, convenient and environmentally friendly transportation alternative to owning a car. Four sedans are available and conveniently located at the MU Student Center and Memorial Student Union. Membership is $35 annually, and reservations can be made online. The hourly weekday rate for sedans is $8 per hour. Customers 18–20 years of age are eligible to use this service but must have their own insurance. Fuel is included in your hourly rate, and mileage is free up to 200 miles, then $0.35 a mile. You can sign up for CarShare through unions.missouri.edu by clicking on CarShare.

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.
YOU PROBABLY HAVE PLENTY OF THINGS ON YOUR TO-DO LIST. Why not leave the grocery shopping, cooking and dishwashing to us?

You can choose from three Mizzou Dining Plans. If you need additional meals during the semester, you may purchase them in blocks of 25.

MIZZOU DINING PLAN SERVICES INCLUDE:

• Multiple dining centers, including all-you-care-to-eat, carryout and takeout services;
• Fresh salad bars and multiple delicious entrees;
• Beverages with unlimited refills and a variety of desserts;
• Service seven days a week — Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m.; weekend hours vary by location;
• Entertaining special events and theme dinners;
• Vegetarian menu options;
• A deli menu with choices of meats, cheeses and breads;
• Hot fast foods.

Locations operated by Campus Dining Services are popular gathering places where students eat before, between and after classes as well as following study-group sessions, FIG meetings and club activities.

E.Z. CHARGE

E.Z. Charge allows you to use your Mizzou TigerCard (ID card) in residential and retail dining locations across campus. Your TigerCard accesses a prepaid E.Z. Charge account, and each purchase made with your TigerCard reduces the account balance. Funds may be added at tigercard.missouri.edu or any Campus Dining Services location.

E.Z. Charge also offers a pay-as-you-go option. Purchases made with this account are billed the following month to your university account. A safeguard built into the system prevents weekly charges from exceeding $100.

You can use E.Z. Charge at any Campus Dining Services location, including Wheatstone Bistro in Memorial Union, Mizzou Market–Hitt Street in Pershing Commons and the six restaurants in the MU Student Center.

Visit us online at dining.missouri.edu.

PROPOSED MIZZOU DINING PLANS

Mizzou Block 275 (550 meals per academic year)
Mizzou Block 225 (450 meals per academic year)
Mizzou Block 175 (350 meals per academic year)

You may change your dining plan until the last day to drop a course for that semester/summer. An optional E.Z. Charge account may be chosen at any time.
Complete the ISRO process online! international.missouri.edu/ISRO
DON'T WAIT! THE DEADLINE IS JULY 1.
HAPPY FLIGHTS

Direct flights to Columbia (COU) from Chicago and Dallas.
Learn more at flymidmo.com.

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