



MISSOURI SOUTHERN
STATE UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

SPRING 2023



Welcome to Missouri Southern State University!

I am excited that you have chosen to study with us here at Missouri Southern and hope you are already enjoying your time on campus as a member of the Lion family.

Since 1990, our mission statement has emphasized an international approach to undergraduate education. At MSSU, you'll find a welcoming atmosphere as well as curriculum and events designed to broaden our students' horizons on an international level. Your presence here on campus provides opportunities for personal cultural enrichment not only for yourself, but for your fellow students.

Attending a college or university can be a transformational experience. During your time with us, I hope you'll take advantage of the many opportunities to become involved with our campus organizations, attend our music, theater and art offerings, and cheer on the Lions at athletic events. The friendships and connections you develop during your time here can last a lifetime.

Our faculty and staff are committed to your success as a student, so please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or are in need of academic or personal support.

On behalf of all of us here at Missouri Southern, thank you for choosing to study with us here in Joplin, Mo., and allowing us to be your home away from home. Work hard, make the most of your time with us, and know that we're here for you each step of the way.

Dr. Dean Van Galen

President, Missouri Southern State University

INTERNATIONAL CLUB



The MSSU International Prom is a formal dance party held in April, similar to traditional proms held in U.S. high schools. The prom includes food, popular and multicultural music, as well connects students with other international students from the area.



The Missouri Southern International Club:

- Offers social activities where students can learn from other cultures while sharing their own
- Helps establish an international presence on campus
- Facilitates excursions off campus such as hiking trips, shopping trips, barbecues and bonfires



MEALS

January 5-11th		Where
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Baptist Student Union
Dinner	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	
1124 N Duquesne Rd (next to Lion Village)		

January 12th		Where
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Mayes Dining Hall
Dinner	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	

CHECK-IN INFORMATION

January 9th	Where
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom

HEALTH CENTER TESTING

- You will need to get your student ID card before testing at the Health Center. You will need to have this card with you to enter events and use services on campus.
- Testing for TB and MMR are required before you can enroll in your classes. It could take up to 72 hours to receive your results. 5 students will be sent to the Health Center every hour for testing. You can find the Willcoxon Health Center on the 2nd floor of the Billingsly Student Center. If you need to get a meningitis vaccine, you can do so from 3-5 p.m. January 9th-11th at the Walmart Pharmacy. Transportation is provided.

CHECK-IN DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Passport
- Visa
- I-20 (for F-1 students)
- DS-2019 (for J-1 students)
- Proof of health insurance (SACM and ISEP)
- US address
- US phone number
- US emergency contact name and number

MICHIGAN ENGLISH TEST

- You will find out during orientation which day you will test.
- Please be in the Billingsly Student Center, room 309 at your specified time.
- Your orientation leader will direct you where to go once you have completed the test.
- After you have received your test results, you will meet with Aaron Carmichael in Webster Hall 343 to enroll in courses for the semester. You can contact him at 417.625.9573 or carmichael-a@mssu.edu.

ENROLLMENT

- After being cleared by the Willcoxon Health Center, students will have the opportunity to enroll between 3-5 p.m. on January 11th and 12th.
- Students who take the Michigan English Test must enroll through Aaron Carmichael in Webster Hall 343.
- Students who do not take the Michigan English Test but are exchange students will enroll with Dr. Chad Stebbins in Webster Hall 337. He can be reached at 417-625-9736 or stebbins-c@mssu.edu.
- Degree-seeking students will enroll with their respective academic advisor.

TEXTBOOKS

- After you have enrolled in your courses for the semester, you will be able to pick up your textbooks at the MSSU bookstore located on the 2nd floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

SPRING 2023 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

January 17	Classes Begin
January 23	Class Drop/Add & Late Registration Fees Begin
January 27	Last day for full refund of fees
February 8	Withdrawal after this date = no refunds
March 20-24	Spring Break
May 1	Last day to withdraw from classes with a W
May 1	Last day for complete withdrawal with all W's
May 5	Last day of classes
May 8-11	Final Examinations
May 11	End of Semester
May 13	Commencement

ORIENTATION SPIRIT DAYS

- Monday, January 9th: MSSU Attire
- Tuesday, January 10th: Traditional Attire
- Wednesday, January 11th: Favorite Color Day
- Thursday, January 12th: Photo Attire Day



MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Time	What	Who	Where
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Welcome	Dr. Van Galen Mary Van Galen Dr. Shellie Hewitt Stephanie Goad Jesse Briscoe	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Health Center Information	Julie Stamps Renaë Downs	
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Check-In / Icebreakers	Orientation Leaders Admissions Staff	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		Baptist Student Union
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Residence Life	Samantha Quackenbush	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	IT Overview	Amanda Gish	
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Safety and Security	James Swift	
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	MMR and Meningitis Vaccines	Mike Jernigan	Trip to Walmart
	Michigan English Test	Aaron Carmichael	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
	Campus Tour	Orientation Leaders	Campus
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner		Baptist Student Union



TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Time	What	Who	Where
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Morning Energizer	Orientation Leaders	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Welcome	Dr. Lisa Toms, Provost	
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Academic Records	Faustina Abrahams	
11:00 - 11:30 p.m.	Paying Bill	Briana Smith	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		Baptist Student Union
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Health Insurance	LewerMark	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Immigration Issues and Maintaining Status	Jesse Briscoe	
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	MMR and Meningitis Vaccines	Mike Jernigan	Trip to Walmart
	Michigan English Test	Aaron Carmichael	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
	Campus Tour	Orientation Leaders	Campus
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner		Baptist Student Union



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

Time	What	Who	Where
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Library Services	Amber Carr	Spiva Library Instruction Classroom
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Adjusting to Life in the U.S.	Ryan Orcutt	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		Baptist Student Union
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Team Building	Stephane Schiding Sarah Trout	Young Gym
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Enrollment	Academic Advisors	Academic Departments
	MMR and Meningitis Vaccines	Mike Jernigan	Trip to Walmart
	Michigan English Test	Aaron Carmichael	Billingsly Student Center, Room 309
	Campus Tour	Orientation Leaders	Campus
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner		Baptist Student Union



THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Time	What	Who	Where
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Group Photo	Curtis Almeter	Billingsly Student Center Rec Center
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Academic Integrity and American Classrooms	Dr. Jensen	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Making the Most of Your Time at MSSU	Orientation Leaders	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Fresh Ideas	Mayes Dining Hall
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Resource Fair	Campus and Community Agents	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Enrollment	Academic Advisors	Academic Departments
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Fresh Ideas	Mayes Dining Hall

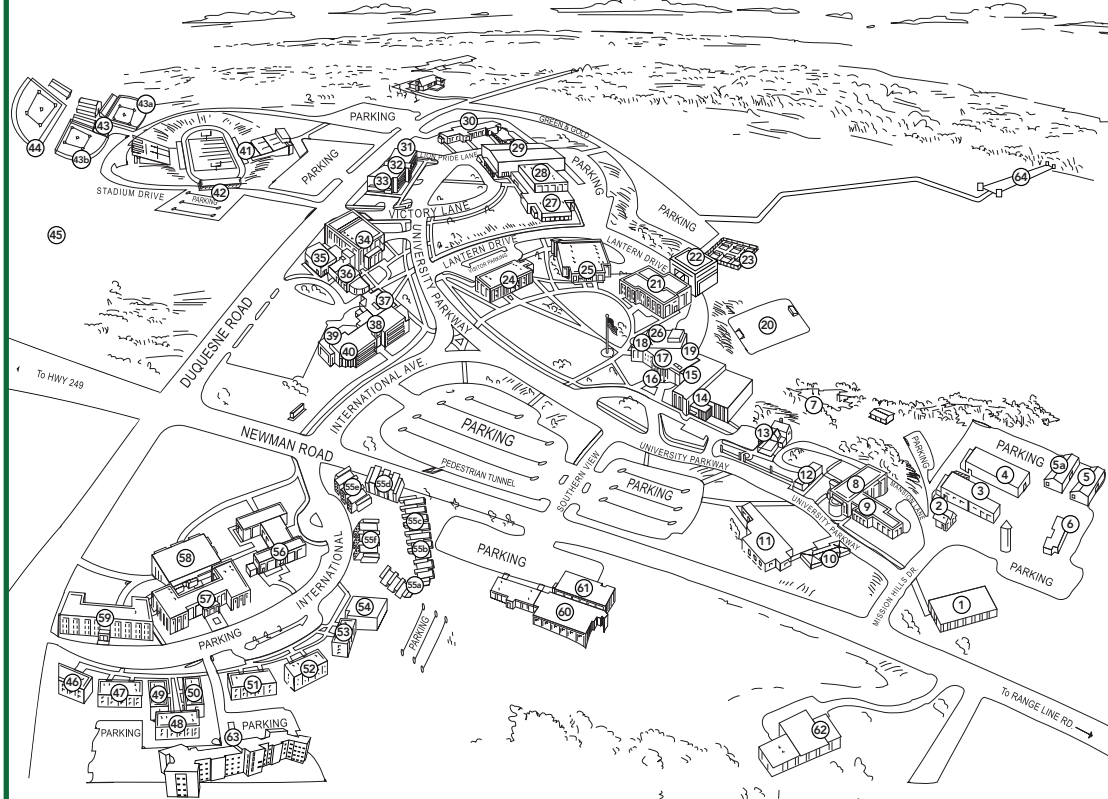




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CAMPUS MAP

LAYOUT AS OF JULY 2021



ACADEMICS
1. Umenl Technology Building 7. Biology Pond 8. Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center 9. Cornell Auditorium 10. Kuhn Annex 11. Kuhn Hall 16. Billingsly Student Center 17. Bookstore 19. Phelps Theatre 21. Reynolds Hall 22. Jeremiah Jay Nixon Hall 25. Spiva Library 30. Taylor Hall 31. Nursing Simulation Center 32. Julio S. Leon Health Science Center 33. Corley Dental Hygiene Clinic 40. KGCS TV / KOMS Radio 62. Lion Cub Academy
Fine Arts Complex
34. Taylor Performing Arts Center 35. Bud Walton Theatre 36. Phinney Hall 37. Spiva Art Gallery 38. Webster Hall 39. W. Robert Corley Auditorium 60. Mills Anderson Public Safety Center 61. Criminal Justice Auditorium
ADMINISTRATION
2. University Police 3. Physical Plant 4. Annex 5. Custodial Warehouse/Fire Safety & Environmental Health Office 5a. Physical Plant Warehouse 6. Mechanical Maintenance Shop 12. Univ. Relations & Marketing (Mansion Annex) 13. Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center 24. Hearnes Hall
ATHLETICS
20. Hal Biden Soccer Field 28. Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium 29. Leggett & Platt Athletic Center
Robert W. Plaster Sports Complex
41. Fred G. Hughes Stadium 42. North End Zone Facility 43a. Pat Lipira Softball Complex 43a. Gene Wild Softball Field 43b. Les Kungie Softball Field 44. Baseball Stadium 45. MSSU Cross Country Course
DINING
18. The Lion's Den 26. Coffee Shop
HEALTH
14. Willcoxon Health Center
RECREATION
15. Student Recreation Center 23. Tennis Courts 27. Olympic Pool and Racquetball Courts 64. MSSU Trail
RESIDENTIAL AREA
46. Mitchell Hall 47. Maupin Hall 48. Stone Hall 49. Headlee Hall 50. Dryer Hall 51. Dishman Hall 52. Stegge Hall 53. Gockell Hall 54. FEMA Shelter 55. Quad Buildings (A-F) 56. McCormick Hall 57. Blaine Hall 58. Dianne Mayes Student Life Center 59. East Hall 63. Lion Village

Pictured above is a map of our campus. Each building is numbered to help you navigate across campus without any confusion. Please feel free to reference this map anytime during orientation and the following weeks. If you'd like to download the map to your mobile device, you can do so by scanning the yellow QR code.



If you'd like to view our interactive mobile map, you can scan the green QR code. This map is more realistic and may be easier for you to understand. If you've tried using the map and still can't find your way around, please contact Jesse Briscoe at 417.625.3513.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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International Student Services Coordinator

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Stephanie Goad

Sr. Coordinator of International Admissions and Recruitment

Hearnes Hall 106K | 417.625.9372 | goad-s@mssu.edu

Residence Life

Mayes Student Life Center | 417.659.4261 | residencelife@mssu.edu

University Police

PPANEX | 417.626.2222 | upd@mssu.edu

Willcoxon Health Center

2nd floor of BSC | 417.625.9323 | willcoxonhealthcenter@mssu.edu

IT Help Desk

Plaster Hall 224 | 417.659.4444 | helpdesk@mssu.edu

Financial Aid

Hearnes Hall 109 | 417-625-9325 | finaid@mssu.edu

Bursar (Paying Bill)

Hearnes Hall 105 | 417.625.9381 | bursar@mssu.edu

Registrar (Academic Records)

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Admissions

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