



MISSOURI SOUTHERN
— STATE UNIVERSITY —

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
SPRING 2024



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 as 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



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 8th, 9th, and 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 356, 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 2024 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE	
January 16	Classes Begin
January 26	Last day for full refund of fees
February 7	Withdrawal after this date = no refunds
March 18-22	Spring Break
April 29	Last day to withdraw from classes with a W
May 3	Last day of classes
May 6-9	Final Examinations
May 9	End of Semester
May 11	Commencement

ORIENTATION SPIRIT DAYS

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



MONDAY, JANUARY 8 TH			
Time	What	Who	Where
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome	Dr. Van Galen Mary Van Galen Dr. Shellie Hewitt Stephanie Goad Heather Ali	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
8:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Health Center	Julie Stamps Karli Fort	
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Check-In / Icebreakers	Orientation Leaders Admissions Staff	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Campus Tour	Orientation Leaders	Campus
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	MMR and Meningitis Vaccines	Mike Jernigan	Trip to Walmart
	Michigan English Test	Aaron Carmichael	Billingsly Student Center, Room 356
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Admissions Staff	Baptist Student Center
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Shopping	Ed James Admissions Staff	Walmart



TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 TH			
Time	What	Who	Where
8:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Health Center		Health Center
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Residence Life	Madyson Smith	
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	IT Overview	Amanda Gish	
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Safety and Security	Police Staff	
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	MMR and Meningitis Vaccines	Mike Jernigan	Trip to Walmart
	Michigan English Test	Aaron Carmichael	Billingsly Student Center, Room 356
	Campus Tour	Orientation Leaders	Campus
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Admissions Staff	Baptist Student Center
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Shopping	Ed James	Walmart

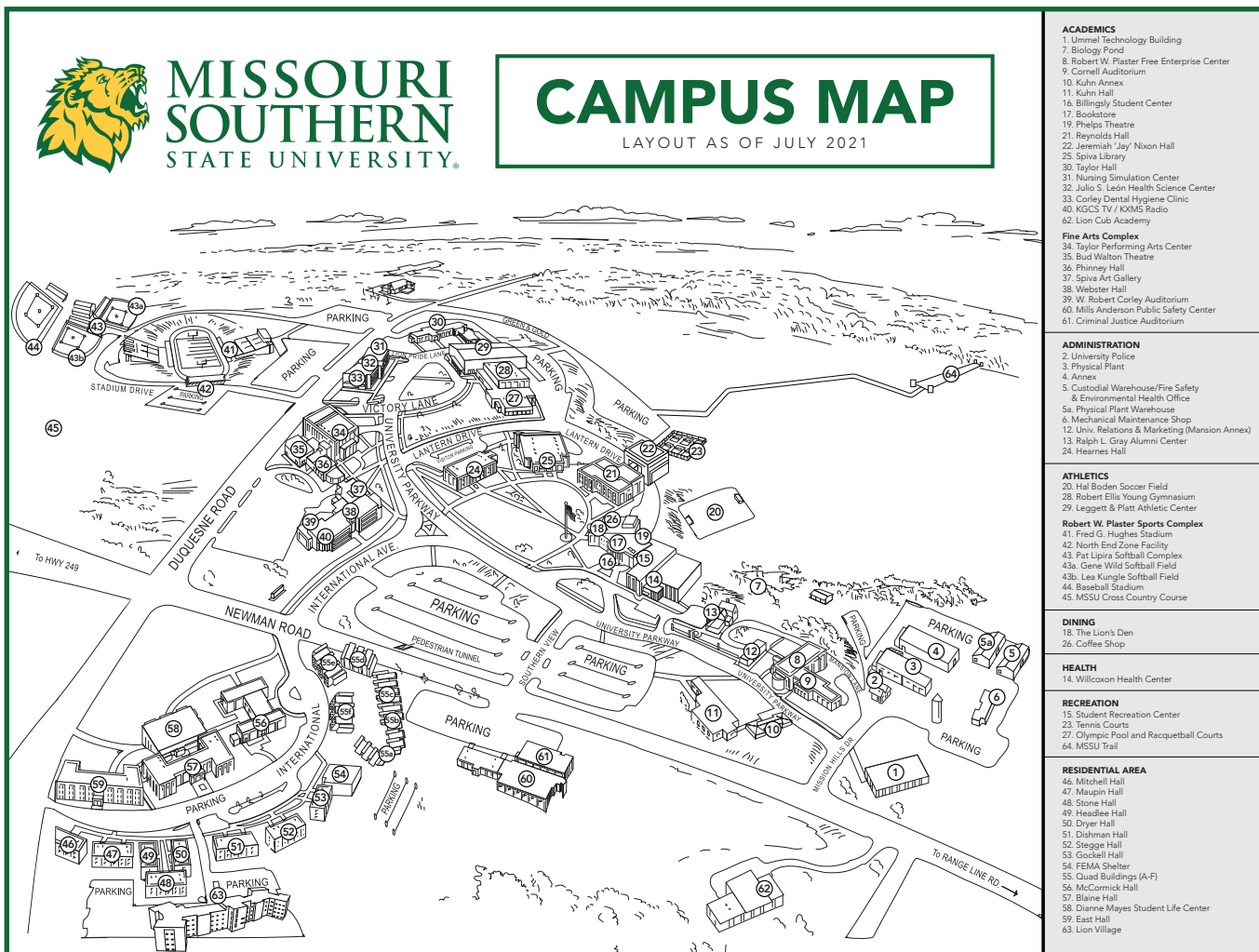


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 TH			
Time	What	Who	Where
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Morning Energizer	Orientation Leaders	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Welcome	Provost Dr. Lisa Toms	
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Paying Bill	Briana Smith	
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Health Insurance	Ben Gillespie Diane Pritschet	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Registrar/Cultural Awareness	Faustina Abrahams	
	Immigration Issues and Maintaining Status/Cultural Awareness	Stephanie Goad Heather Ali	
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Library Services	Amber Carr	Spiva Library Instruction Classroom
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Admissions Staff	Baptist Student Center



THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 TH			
Time	What	Who	Where
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Group Photo	Reid Williams	Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Academic Integrity and American Classrooms	Dr. Jody Jensen	
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		Mayes Dining Hall
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Group Enrollment/ Resource Fair		Billingsly Student Center Ballroom, 3rd floor
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	MMR and Meningitis Vaccines	Mike Jernigan	Trip to Walmart
	Campus Tour	Orientation Leaders	Campus
5:00 p.m.	Dinner		Mayes Dining Hall
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 TH			
Time	What	Who	Where
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast		Mayes Dining Hall





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 Heather Ali at 417.625.3513.





CONTACT INFORMATION

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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)

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Registrar (Academic Records)

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Admissions

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