

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Hello from MSSU, a great university in Joplin, Missouri, USA!



Missouri Southern State University is a public university located in the heart of the U.S. Joplin is a city of 50,000, but as a hub for the surrounding area, the metro area has a daytime population of over 250,000. Therefore, we enjoy the safe and welcoming environment of a smaller community but also have the conveniences and advantages of a much bigger city.

Our university has the same qualities. With 5,600 students, we are able to give personal attention to each student. This is because our student-to-faculty ratio is 19:1. And with an average class size of 25, MSSU is just the right size for getting to know professors, advisors, and fellow students, while being able to pursue the opportunities offered by a large university.

Affordable Cost

Taking classes at MSSU is a great value. In fact, *US News & World Report* ranks MSSU as one of the 10 least-expensive public colleges for out-of-state students.

Here is a breakdown of our current costs for one year:

- **Tuition: \$10,590**
International students pay \$353 per credit hour. The tuition total is based on an average class schedule of 30 credit hours per year.
- **Room and Board: \$5,738**
This is the yearly cost for a basic room with 23 meals per week. Other room options are available, with costs going up to \$7,660.
- **Incidentals: \$2,000**
Students should also budget this amount for incidental costs (for such things as activity fees, insurance, and book rental).
- **Total: \$18,328**

Living in the residence halls is not only economical, it's also very convenient. The residence-hall complex includes a dining hall and student activity center, and classes are just a short walk away. Residence halls also include laundry facilities, where students have free use of washers and dryers. If students choose to live off campus, that's also an inexpensive option. Joplin, with its many parks, safe environment, and peaceful neighborhoods, provides a high standard of living, while the cost of living is well below the national average.

Quality Education

Providing a quality education is another hallmark of Missouri Southern State University. MSSU offers over 140 programs of study, representing a diversity of fields, including

- Business Administration
- Nursing
- Computer Information Science
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Education, and
- Criminal Justice



The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration is a popular degree among our international students, with several possible areas of emphasis, including Accounting, Management, Economics, Finance, and International Business.

International English Program

For admission into regular coursework, MSSU requires a score of 68 on the TOEFL (iBT), with a writing score of 25. For students lacking those scores, we offer conditional enrollment into our International English Program (IEP).

The IEP aims to promote student success by offering a comprehensive program of language skills from beginning to advanced levels. Our professors are knowledgeable in current curriculum development, instructional techniques, and assessment methods in an effort to continually improve our courses and better prepare our students for academic success. The IEP strives to maintain a program of the highest integrity and academic standards in support of the values of MSSU. Our students understand the significance of study with dedication, accountability, and close examination. Our instructors aim to serve the academic needs of our students by operating with professionalism, knowledge, and an unwavering enthusiasm for education.



Vibrant Campus Life

Our beautiful 363-acre campus includes state-of-the-art facilities as well as lots of open grassy spaces where students can enjoy a relaxing walk. Our library, health center, exercise center, and recreation facilities are available to all students. There are also over 80 organizations for students to participate in, including an active International Club, with year-round activities, such as camping trips, holiday parties, trips to Kansas City and the Missouri capital, dances, and ice skating.

At Missouri Southern State University, we currently have almost 200 international students, representing over 30 countries, and we take seriously our responsibility to take care of each of them. Our International Admissions Office works year round to guide students through the application process, orient them to life in the U.S., and help them throughout their time at MSSU.

We'd love to have you join us at MSSU. To apply, just go to www.mssu.edu/international-admissions and click on "Application Guidelines." On the next page you will see a link to our online application. When we receive your application, we will send you a list of documents that we will need from you in order to process your admission.

If you have any questions, please contact International Admissions at international@mssu.edu .



We look forward to hearing from you, and we look forward to welcoming you to Missouri Southern State University!