



MISSOURI SOUTHERN
STATE UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Spring 2026



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

A handwritten signature in yellow ink that reads "Dean Van Galen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the left side.

HEALTH CENTER TESTING

All students are required to visit the Willcoxon Health Center before enrolling in classes at MSSU. You will be tested for TB and MMR, along with other tests as necessary. Once results are verified, you will be notified when you are able to enroll and attend classes.

PLACEMENT TESTING

All first-time freshmen who have not provided MSSU with an ACT or SAT score must take the ACT Residual test during Orientation. This is a requirement to determine math and English placement. The ACT Residual test is \$78, and you must pay for the test prior to the testing date you are given.

MICHIGAN ENGLISH TESTING

During Orientation, those students requiring this test will be given a test time, and you will be assigned an orientation leader to get you to the testing area. Once you receive your test results, you will meet with Aaron Carmichael to enroll in courses for the semester.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR ORIENTATION CHECK-IN

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

ENROLLMENT

Once cleared by the Willcoxon Health Center, you will be permitted to enroll. You will be assigned to an ambassador who will take you to an advisor to help you enroll in classes.

Please note: All incoming freshmen are required to enroll in UE 100, and your math and English course enrollment is based on your ACT, SAT, or ACT Residual scores.

TEXTBOOKS

Most textbooks are offered online. You can visit the MSSU Bookstore website or the course syllabus to determine the textbooks needed for your classes. For textbooks that are still hard copy, visit the MSSU Bookstore located in the Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor.

DAILY SCHEDULES

Monday, January 5

Time	Topic	Where
7:30 a.m.	Check-in/Snack Break	
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome	
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Health Center Screening, Document Check, ID Card, IT Support Desk, Campus Tour	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Health Center Screening, Document Check, ID Card, IT Support Desk, Campus Tour	
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Lion Village - 2nd Floor Study Room
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Shopping	Walmart



Tuesday, January 6 MSSU Attire Day			
	Time	Topic	Where
Late Arrivals	8:00 a.m.	Check-in/Snack Break	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Health Center Screening	Willcoxon Health Center
	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	ID Cards	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
English Proficiency	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Michigan Testing	Billingsly Student Center Room 356
Information Sessions	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Campus Safety	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
		IT Overview Cultural Awareness Residence Life	
All Students	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Lion Village - 2nd Floor Study Room
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Shopping	Walmart

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Wednesday, January 7		
Time	Topic	Where
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Welcome/Snack Break	
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Academic Records Paying Your Bill Student Employment Health Insurance Visa Immigration	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	ACT Testing	Webster Hall Testing Center
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Academic Integrity	
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Library Services	Spiva Library
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Group Photo	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Lion Village - 2nd Floor Study Room

Thursday, January 8 Traditional Attire Day		
Time	Topic	Where
8:00 a.m.	Snack Break	Billingsly Student Center Room 309
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Enrollment	Academic Departments
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Lion Village - 2nd Floor Study Room

Friday, January 9		
Time	Topic	Where
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Enrollment/Free Time/ Southern Welcome	Various campus locations

The logo for Missouri Southern State University is a vertical banner. It features a green and yellow stylized lion head at the bottom. Above the lion, the words "MISSOURI SOUTHERN" are written in large, bold, green capital letters. To the right of "MISSOURI SOUTHERN", the words "STATE UNIVERSITY" are written in smaller, green capital letters. The entire logo is set against a white background.

CAMPUS MAP

LAYOUT AS OF OCTOBER 2024

Blocked for Construction



ACADEMICS	1. Urnwell Technology Building
	2. Library Pond
	3. Robert W. Hasteer Free Enterprise Center
	4. Conrad Auditorium
	5. Kuhn Annex
	6. Kuhn Hall
	7. Billingsley Student Center
	8. Bookstore
	9. Phelps Theatre
	10. Reynolds Hall
	11. Nixon Hall
	12. Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon Hall
	13. Spiva Library
	14. Nelson Simulation Center
	15. Julie S. Stich Health Science Center
	16. Cogley Dental Hygiene Clinic
	17. KMS-TV/KMS Radio
	18. Lion Club Academy
	19. Fine Arts Complex
	20. Taylor Performing Arts Center
	21. Bill Walton Theatre
	22. Phinney Softball Field
	23. Cragin Art Gallery
	24. Webster Hall
	25. Mechanical Maintenance Shop
	26. Univ. Records & Marketing (Mansisc)
	27. Robert C.of. C. Auditorium
	28. Mills Anderson Public Safety Center
	29. Criminal Justice Auditorium
	30. Taylor Hall
	31. Nelson Simulation Center
	32. Julie S. Stich Health Science Center
	33. Cogley Dental Hygiene Clinic
	34. Bill Walton Theatre
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	36. Cragin Art Gallery
	37. Webster Hall
	38. Mechanical Maintenance Shop
	39. Robert C. of C. Auditorium
	40. Mills Anderson Public Safety Center
	41. Criminal Justice Auditorium
	42. Hearnes Hall
	43. Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center
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	49. Hearnes Hall
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	51. Dismann Hall
	52. Siegels Hall
	53. Gaskell Hall
	54. EMMA Shelter
	55. Quad Buildings (A-E)
	56. McCormick Hall
	57. Blane Hall
	58. Diana Mays Student Life Center
	59. East Hall
	60. Main Hall
	61. Milne Hall
	62. Milne Hall
	63. Milne Hall
	64. Milne Hall



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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Registrar (Academic Records)

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