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Global Triton Welcome

Pre-Departure Orientation

Welcome to UMSL Global



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Excited? Overwhelmed?

Let's Find out!



What's a Triton?

This is Louie the Triton, UMSL's mascot.

Upon joining the UMSL Community, **YOU** also become a **Triton!**

A **#GlobalTriton**, representing the best of the Triton Community!
#UMSI Proud



Ready for Your Travels?

Let's Find out!





Immigration

- Passport
- I-20 (F-1)
- DS-2019 (J-1)
- F-1 or J-1 Visa
- I-901 SEVIS Fee
- DS-160

Passport

- Must be more than 6 months from expiration prior to stepping on the airplane
- Make a good electronic copy of your passport
- Make 2 good hard copies of your passport
 - One copy to leave with a trusted person in your home country prior to departure
 - One copy to put in your checked baggage
- Always carry your original passport with you when travelling to the USA.
 - Do not put your physical passport in your checked baggage
- **Always keep an electronic copy of your passport!**

I-20 & DS-2019

- I-20 for F-1 Students and DS-2019 for J-1 Students
- **It is a VERY important document**
- The I-20 and the DS-2019 is what allows you to setup an appointment at the embassy/consulate to interview for your respective Visa
- Once you enter the United States, your I-20 or DS-2019 is the document that keeps you legal and in-status.
- Make sure that all information is correct on your I-20 or DS-2019
- Make sure to read PAGE 3 of the I-20 & PAGE 2 of the DS-2019
 - **Most students ignore the fine print but there is a lot of important information that the government expects you to know.**
- Print your document & then sign and date in **BLUE** ink!

F-1 & J-1 Visa

- The Visa is the document that allows you to step on to the airplane and to land at a US Port of Entry (POE)
- It then allows you to ask Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for permission to enter the United States
- Once you enter the United States, the visa allows you to exit and re-enter if the visa is valid and you keep your I-20 or DS-2019 in status and legal!

I-901 SEVIS Fee

- The I-901 SEVIS Fee must be paid by all new F-1 and J-1 international students.
- You should pay the SEVIS Fee online and print the payment confirmation at www.fmjfee.com
- Transfer Students: You do NOT need to pay the SEVIS fee again.
- If you have dependents who are applying for F-2 visas, they do not need to pay the SEVIS fee.

Form DS-160

- The DS-160 is the first step in the visa application process for F-1 and J-1 applicants and is required to schedule your visa interview.
- This form can be completed online as soon as your I-901 Fee is paid at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
- Your US Point of Contact can be PDSO, Dr. Jessica Hylton. Emergency contact details will be shared later in the presentation for your reference.





Preparing for the F-1 (or J-1) Visa Interview

- Overview of Visa Interview
- Other Resources

Visa Interview Preparation

- The interview will only be a few minutes.
- Practice, practice, practice!
- Demonstrate Strong Ties to Your Home Country
- Be prepared to discuss how you will finance your studies.
- Speak For Yourself and Plan To Answer Questions in English
- Know Your Program of Study and Major
- Know UMSL and Saint Louis
- Know Your Career Plans and Intentions After Your Program Completes
- Be Brief and Concise in your Answers
- Maintain a Positive and Respectful Attitude

Other Resources

- While UMSL Global currently does not offer individual Visa Interview Preparation Sessions, if this is a service you are looking for, we can direct you to the company [Argo Visa](#).



Argo Visa YouTube Channel

- Get more information and guidance for your Visa Interview at our LAST optional session:

Date	Start Time CDT	End Time CDT
Tuesday, July 16 th	12:00AM	2:00AM



Money and Communications

- Cashless Society/Traveling with Cash
- International use of Debit/Credit Cards
- Wi-Fi and International Phone Plans

Traveling with Cash

- It is important to travel with some US currency/ cash in hand and it is legal to transport any amount of currency or other monetary instruments into or out of the United States, **BUT...**
- If you transport, attempt to transport, or cause to be transported (including by mail or other means) currency or other monetary instruments in a combined amount exceeding \$10,000 USD (or its foreign equivalent) at one time from the United States to any foreign country or into the United States from any foreign country, you must file a FinCEN Form 105 (“Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments”) with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Source: https://help.cbp.gov/s/article/Article-195?language=en_US

Cashless Society

- The United States is becoming a cashless society.
- It is imperative that you bring a debit or credit card with you that can be used internationally that has funds available on it prior to departure.
- While you most likely will set up a US Bank Account once you are settled, there may be several weeks between arrival and the time the bank account is activated.
- In the meantime, you must have a card to do any type of transactions that they may need.
 - Everything from taxi service, to accessing airport Wi-Fi, to pizza delivery to securing accommodations to getting a US SIM CARD requires a working debit or credit card
- Traveling without a debit or credit card will cause hardships that you want to avoid
- Once you are settled and have your US based bank account, you can discontinue use of the home-country based card

Prepaid Cards

Prepaid foreign currency card you can load prior to departure from your home country that works like a debit or credit card

- [YES Bank Multi-currency](#)
- [HDFC Regalia Forexplus](#)
- [FirstBank Visa Debit Multi-Currency Card](#)
- [UBA Prepaid Card](#)
- [HBL UnionPay International Prepaid](#)

Communications

- **Prior to departure** from your home-country, make sure the SIM card in your cell phone works internationally and will work once you land in the United States.
- While Wi-Fi is plentiful in the US, it is not always free. Often Wi-Fi access requires a debit or credit card to access and/or is password protected.
- You cannot depend on the use of Wi-Fi for communication upon arrival. Make sure you can use international data, even in limited capacity, for your initial arrival to the US
- You will obtain a US SIM card but not within the first few days of arrival.

Make sure your phone will work with data in the United States before departing your home country!



Arrival

Destination: Saint Louis (STL)



What is Your Destination?

You have your Admission Letter, Passport, I-20, and F-1 Visa! Time to purchase your plane ticket!

- Make sure you purchase a through ticket to [STL](#) (Saint Louis Lambert International Airport)
- If you only purchase ticket to your Port of Entry city (example Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas) you may have issues at CBP
- While it may seem tempting to take a bus or train from your POE to STL, please **DO NOT**.
 - These methods of travel add several **days** to your journey.

Arriving to St. Louis

- You legally can enter the US up to 30 calendar days prior to your program start date of 12/August/2024. - Your entry date is on your I-20 or DS-2019
- You must enter PRIOR to Monday, August 12th, 2024 to be on the UMSL campus for **Global Triton Welcome** (*new international student orientation*)
- If you are **living on campus**, airport pickup will be provided Friday, August 9th, Saturday, August 10th, and Sunday August 11th only for those with signed housing contracts to Oak Hall or University Meadows
- You **CANNOT** arrive to campus early! Move in for international students starts Friday, August 9th. Until August 9th there will be no staff available to support you.
- If you arrive prior to August 9th, you will need to make accommodations at a **hotel**
 - Please do not book Airbnb's or room shares until you become more familiar with the United States

You must report to the UMSL Campus on 12/ August/ 2024 at 8:00AM for the **Global Triton Welcome**

Airport Pickup

Residential Students ONLY

- Airport pickup will only be provided for the following dates:
 - Friday, August 9th, 2024
 - Saturday, August 10th, 2024
 - Sunday August 11th 2024
 - ONLY for students who live in on-campus accommodations (Oak Hall or University Meadows)
 - Proof of on-campus accommodation booking must be provided to be eligible to for the free airport pickup.
- The RSVP email was sent to confirm plans for August 2024 and contains an option to register for Airport Pickup.

Immigration Check-In: Keeping Legal

- A formal and **REQUIRED** check-in with UMSL Global will be done during Global Triton Welcome week.
- If you visit the UMSL Global office earlier than August 12th, you can stop by to say hello, but we will not do a formal check-in with you. There will be NO staff available to answer questions as we will be preparing for the Global Triton Welcome.
- Bring your I-20, visa, I-94, and passport to Global Triton Welcome Week, so that we can scan your documents
- **You will be given specific directions during orientation about the in-person check-in**



Weather

- Summer Weather
- Winter Weather
- Severe Weather Safety

Weather in St. Louis



High °F	Low °F		High °C	Low °C
41	24	January	5	-5
45	27	February	7	-3
57	38	March	14	3
69	48	April	21	9
79	60	May	26	15
88	69	June	31	21
91	73	July	33	23
89	70	August	32	21
83	63	September	28	17
70	50	October	21	10
56	37	November	13	3
46	30	December	8	-1
68	49	Year	20	9

Summer Weather in St. Louis

Temperatures

- In the Summer, temperatures can range from 70°F-89°F (21°C-31°C), but can be much higher.
- It's important to be aware of any heat advisories and dress appropriately.

Precipitation

- During the summer, there are more chances of severe weather like thunderstorms and tornados.
- Be sure to listen to all weather reports on the news.

Summer Clothing

- Avoid black clothing, as it absorbs heat from the sun more than other colors.
- Wear clothes that cover as much skin as possible to avoid skin damage from the sun.
- Light-weight, loose-fitting fabrics.

Daily Clothing

- Due to the extremes between outside and inside temperatures, it is recommended that you learn to dress in layers that you can remove inside or add when you go outside or vice versa.

Winter Weather in St. Louis

Temperatures

- In the Winter, temperature ranges average between 20°F (-6°C) and 40°F (4°C) but can fall much lower to at or below 0°F (-17°C) in extreme winters.
- It is important to dress appropriately for these temperatures.

Precipitation

- Saint Louis has winters where no snow nor ice fall.
- However, there are also winters where every few weeks a good snowfall or icy precipitation occurs. Be prepared for anything by planning ahead and always paying attention to the local weather forecast.

Winter Clothing

- Make sure you pack OR are prepared to purchase the following winter clothing items:
 - Coat
 - Hat
 - Gloves
 - Scarf
 - Warm close toed shoes or boots with tread
 - Socks

Daily Clothing

- Due to the extremes between outside and inside temperatures, it is recommended that you learn to dress in layers that you can remove inside or add when you go outside.



Packing

- Carry On Bag
- Checked Bag
- Advice on What To Pack

Carry On Bag: Documents

Carry in a secure, waterproof folder, that is easily accessible

1. Valid Passport
 - Make sure this passport is more than 6 month from expiration
2. Valid F-1 or J-1 Visa in your passport
 - DO NOT ENTER THE USA on a B1/B2 Visa, you will not be permitted to register for courses if you enter on a B1/B2 Visa
3. Valid and signed I-20 or DS-2019
 - Do not forget to sign your I-20 on Page 1 on the bottom of the document in BLUE INK
4. I-901 SEVIS Fee Receipt
5. Proof of Financial Support
 - Bring the documents you presented to the US Embassy or Consulate when you applied for your F-1 Visa
6. Other immigration documents such as your payment receipts for the various fees you paid
7. Emergency Contact Information
8. Admission Letter from UMSL
9. Scholarship Letter from UMSL (if applicable)
- 10. Official Copies of all your transcripts and diplomas/degrees**
11. Official Copies of your English Language Test Scores (TOEFL / IELTS)
12. Copies of your immunization / vaccination records in English especially your proof of COVID Vaccinations

Carry On Bag: Emergency Contact Information

UMSL Emergency Contact

Dr. Jessica Lynn Hylton, EdD

E: JessicaHylton@umsl.edu

M: +1- 314-435-2474 (*Text, Voice, WhatsApp, Telegram, and Other Social Media*)

O: +1- 314-516-5798

<https://global.umsl.edu>

1 University Boulevard | 359-C SSB |

Saint Louis, Missouri, USA 63121

Emergency Contact of Trusted Person in Home Country

Full Legal Name

Relationship to you

Spoken Languages

Email

Phone Number with country code

Carry On Bag: The Rest

Details on what is allowed on US Bound flights: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all>

1. Face masks (recommended, but not required)
 - Bring a few for your long journey so you can change them out as you sweat, eat, and breathe in them.
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Cash
4. Debit or Credit card that works internationally
5. Smart phone with SIM Card that works internationally
6. Charger of phone with adaptor that works in the US
7. Laptop and charger (not required but if you have one, please carry-on)
8. Pen to fill immigration forms
9. Jacket or blanket (it gets cold on the plane)
10. Travel-size skin care and personal care (under 100ml) in a zip bag
 - Make sure to bring lotion and Chapstick, the airplane makes your skin very dry.
11. Socks or slippers
12. Refillable water bottle
13. International Driver's Permit (if you have one, not required)
14. Bring an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses (if applicable)
15. Prescription Medication (if needed) – Make sure it is labeled appropriately

Carry On Bag: DO NOT PACK

Details on what is allowed on US Bound flights: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all>

- NO liquid more than 100ml
- NO Alcohol
- NO Lighters
- NO Knives or sharp utensils
- Make sure your medication is labeled.
- Perishable food should be finished before you enter the US
- Drink your liquid before security check point

Checked Bag

Check with your airline for checked bag rules (size, weight, pieces, costs)

1. Clothes
2. Closed Toed Shoes (Tennis shoes are recommended)
3. Socks
4. Winter Clothing items or make sure to have money set aside to purchase them after a few months.
5. Personal care items not available in the US that you cannot live without.
 - Make sure anything liquid is packed in a zipped plastic bag in case it explodes
6. Enough toiletries and personal hygiene items for a week or two (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, feminine hygiene etc).
 - You will be able to buy new items in the United States once you arrive.
 - Do not bring large amounts. They tend to explode under the flight pressure and ruin other packed items.
7. Extra Prescribed medication with your prescription – make sure it is labeled
8. Travel universal adaptor
9. Extra Copies of Paperwork
 - Extra copies of all important paperwork listed for carry-on in waterproof envelope/folder
 - Carry these copies separately in your checked baggage
 - Make sure to also leave a copy of all these items at home with a trusted person

Advice From Past International Students

- DO NOT over pack.
 - Avoid baggage overage fees by planning to ship clothing later as needed or buying it in the United States after you arrive and acclimate.
 - Check the US TSA Site for what NOT to pack in your carry-on or checked baggage – [What Can I Bring?](#)
 - Check your airline for more information
- Do not bring meat or fresh produce in your checked or carry-on baggage
 - In general, avoid bringing any food items into the USA
- Medical Condition
 - If you have a specific medical condition, bring this information in English from your doctor in your home country so you can easily share this information with your new doctor in the United States
- English translation device or book in case you struggle to communicate



Health Immunizations & Vaccines

- COVID-19 Travel Requirements
- UMSL Requirements
- Recommendations

COVID-19: Requirements for Air Travelers to USA

- Please keep up to date with the everchanging COVID restrictions and requirements <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/diseases/covid19>
- As of 12:01 am EDT May 12, 2023, noncitizen nonimmigrant air passengers no longer need to show proof of being fully vaccinated with an accepted COVID-19 vaccine to board a flight to the United States.
- There are some exceptions to this rule, please check with your home country travel restrictions and with rules from your home country to the United States.

Other Immunizations at UMS



Immunization
Form



Health Services
Portal

Vaccine/Immunization	Required Upon Arrival	Recommended but Not Required	Estimated Pricing
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	X (May obtain prior to departure from home country)		\$90.00 USD
Meningococcal Vaccine	X (May obtain prior to departure from home country)		\$150.00 USD
Tuberculosis (TB) Screening	X		\$20.00 USD
Tetanus/ Diphtheria/ Pertussis		X	\$20.00 USD
Hepatitis B series (3 doses)		X	\$55.00 USD
Influenza vaccine		X (Not Offered at UMSL Clinic)	N/A
Varicella (chicken pox)		X (Not Offered at UMSL Clinic)	N/A
Covid-19 Vaccine		X (Not Offered at UMSL Clinic)	N/A

DRINK WATER!

Make sure to drink as much water as possible while you travel and avoid caffeine and alcohol.

It helps prevent dehydration (which will make you VERY sick) and to help lessen the jetlag effects.





Accommodations

- Where will you live?
- On-Campus Housing
- Benefits to On-Campus Living
- What to consider for Off-Campus Living

On-Campus Accommodations

- Living on campus is **required** for all first-time college students. You can visit the umsl.edu/services/reslife website for information on exceptions
- UMSL Global recommends on-campus living for all students
- Oak Hall
 - Traditional Dorm Style Living
 - South Campus
- University Meadows
 - Apartment Style Living
 - South Campus

Oak Hall

- Traditional Dorm Style Living on South Campus
- **Typically** for Students under the age of 25 years.
- Suite Style Dorms (4 bedrooms to 1 bathroom)



University Meadows

- 3rd Party Service Partner with UMSL.
- Apartment Style Living.
- Full furnished apartments available.



Housing Update: August 2024

As of, June 5th, 2024, University Meadows is at 89% capacity and Oak Hall is at 77%
APPLY TODAY!

10 Reasons Why You Should Live on Campus

- Better Grades-students Who Live On Campus Have Better Grades!
- Build Leadership Skills And Opportunities.
- Live Safely And Securely!
- No Hidden Costs- It Is All Included.
- Make Your Transition To Independent Life And Living Simpler In The USA.
- Convenience- Spend Less Time Commuting And More Time Engaging In Campus Life And Studies!
- Close To Everything-UMSL Is Connected To St. Louis Public Transportation
- Extra Support- The Triton Community At Its Best!
- Community and Friends- Meet New People, Make New Friends, and Open Your Network!
- Connection- Feel Like You Are Part of Something Bigger

Off-Campus Housing

- UMSL Global **cannot** endorse any specific off-campus housing location.
- Here are locations that some students have chosen to live in but note, they are not endorsed by the university and are only being provided as a courtesy:
 - Suburban Heights Apartments
 - Bermuda Heights Apartments
 - University Villa Apartments

Off-Campus Housing: Things to Consider

Some students will find off campus living is a better fit for them. Before YOU make that decision, please consider the following questions.

1. How much can you afford to pay for monthly rent and utilities such as gas, electricity, water, Internet, cable/streaming services, trash, sewer? Most places in the United States are not all inclusive, each bill is the renter's individual responsibility.
2. Do you have enough money for first month rent, last month rent, and a deposit to pay upfront?
3. Do you have enough money for fees associated with establishing utilities?
4. How much is renter's insurance?
5. How far will you commute to campus and what form of transportation are you willing to use?
6. If it is a far commute, how much is public transportation daily? Do the lines run regularly or only sporadically during the times you need to come and go from campus?
7. How much will purchasing, licensing, paying sales tax (once) and personal property tax (yearly), and insuring a car be? How much will you spend on gas for the commute?

Off-Campus Housing: Things to Consider

Some students will find off campus living is a better fit for them. Before YOU make that decision, please consider the following questions.

8. Will you be dependent on someone else with a car? Do they have a similar school schedule to you? Are they involved and interested in the same things you are On Campus?
9. How suitable is your housing for daily life – grocery shopping, public transportation, entertainment, distance from university, et cetera?
10. Can you afford to buy furniture and household goods? How will you transport them to your apartment if you do not have a car or truck? Most off-campus housing is not furnished.
11. Where will you launder your clothes? Some apartments provide a washer and dryer but most do not.
12. Are you willing to maintain the property? For example, if you rent a house, you may be expected to shovel the snow or mow the lawn.
13. Do you (or any of your potential roommates) have a social security number? Most landlords will want to do a credit check prior to approving your application to rent an apartment.
14. Do you feel safe in the neighborhood you are thinking about living in?
15. What is the maximum occupancy of the dwelling you and potential roommates are thinking about living in? Many students think it is okay to have many people living in a cheaper place, however, if occupancy rules are violated, the students could end up with very large fines and can be evicted from the dwelling.

Early Arrivals and Off-Campus Students

- UMSL is a short distance from the airport.
- There are many hotels near to the airport
- **DO NOT STAY WITH STRANGERS!** Even if they are from your home country.
- Please do not book Airbnb's or room shares until you become more familiar with the United States
- Uber and Lyft rideshare apps require the use of a credit or debit card to use the app, please download & setup the app BEFORE leaving your country
- County Cab: <https://countycab.com/> or Laclede Cab: <https://lacledecab.com/> are the local taxi companies that may accept cash



UMSL Technology

- Confirmations
- Post Admission Checklist
- SSOID
- MFA
- MyGateway
- Email, Canvas, & MyView
- Triton Tech Tutorials

Confirmations

Please complete all 4 forms.

You will need the email and password you use to access the **Triton Portal**.

1. **I will attend the Global Triton Welcome for Fall 2024**
2. **I will be an international student at UMSL in Fall 2024**
3. **I will attend UMSL in Fall 2024**
4. **I will attend all orientation programming for Fall 2024**



Post-Admission Checklist

- Your post-admission checklist can be found on the triton portal, where you completed your application and downloaded your I-20.
- This checklist will walk you through everything you should do before the start of school. This includes placement exams, Student ID cards, Title IX courses, and more.

These items are required to complete your application and to make an admission decision. If you have questions about any items listed, please contact your admissions specialist. They are listed under Your Student Success Team:

Status	Detail	Date
✓ Received	Complete UMSL Account Setup/Configuration	06/06/2023
✓ Received	Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor	06/06/2023
✓ Received	Enroll in Classes	06/06/2023
✓ Received	Part 1: Complete Your Online Orientation	06/13/2023
✓ Received	Register for Triton Take Off - Orientation - Welcome (Part 2 of Orientation)	06/11/2023
✗ Pending	Attend Instructional Orientation	
✗ Pending	Complete the Math Placement Exam	
✗ Pending	Submit Your Triton Card ID Picture - contact	
✗ Pending	Complete I Got This! - Title IX Course	
Optional	Parking Permit PMA	
Optional	Sign Up for Emergency Text Message Alerts	
✓ Received	Activate your UMSL Recreation & Wellness Membership	06/13/2023
✓ Received	Global English Proficiency	06/13/2023
✓ Received	Official Transcript for Wirtschaftsgymnasium Bensheim/Tag Sülsteden, Köln	05/13/2023
✓ Received	Copy of Passport	06/03/2023
✓ Received	Proof of Financial Support	05/10/2023
Optional	Learn More About Disability Access Services	
Optional	Scholarship Information	
Optional	Understand your Triton and Fesa (Tools and Resources)	
✓ Received	TOEFL Score Report Test Date: 1/2022	06/03/2023
✓ Received	Financial Statement	01/03/2023
✓ Received	Financial Statement	05/10/2023
✓ Received	Financial Statement	01/03/2023

Immigration Checklist

Status	Detail	Date
✓ Received	Copy of Passport	06/03/2023
✓ Received	Proof of Financial Support	05/10/2023

UMSL Account Information

Make sure you have activated your SSO username and password which serves as your official UMSL login for many of the tools below. If you have not set up your password, click [set password](#) to do so.

Student SSO Username:

Student Number:

Student UMSL Email:

Go to [UMSL Global](#) to complete your application.

[Call My Form](#)



Single Sign-On (SSO)

- Your SSO or SSOID is your official UMSL login for all applications, including your email, Canvas, and MyView.
- To access your SSOID, you will need your student number (On Your Admissions Letter).
- Your SSOID will be your UMSL email address (example: Jki89@umsystem.edu)

Make sure to know your SSOID BEFORE leaving your home country.



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA), also known as two-step or two-factor authentication, adds a second layer of protection to your University account in addition to your username and password.
- This extra layer prevents anyone but you from logging in to your account, even if they know your password.
 - A common example would be a verification code sent via text to your cell phone when you try to log on, which you then must enter before access is granted.
- **It is recommended to download the Microsoft Authenticator App to your phone for easier access to codes.**

Make sure to setup your MFA BEFORE leaving your home country.



MyGateway

- MyGateway is the central portal for all UMSL student applications including student email access, Canvas course management, MyView enrollment and payment services, MyDegree academic progress, MyConnect advising services, MyDrive Google services, and much more.
- SSO required for signing into the portal.

The screenshot shows the UMSL MyGateway portal interface. At the top, there is a dark red header with the UMSL logo and the text "My Gateway" on the left, and a user profile icon on the right. Below the header, the text "Hello, Sarah Jimenez" is displayed. The main content area is divided into two sections: "UMSL SERVICES" and "ADDITIONAL SERVICES".

UMSL SERVICES

- Canvas**: My coursework, syllabus, instruction, assignments, etc.
- MyView**: Enroll/Pay for courses, Financial Aid, Grades, etc.
- MyDegree**: Check my degree progress
- UMSL Web Mail**: Official school communications
- MyConnect**: Connect with my advisor and my success network
- MyDrive**: Google Drive
- Missouri Online Teaching**: Resources and actions to take when shifting from face-to-face to remote and online instruction

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- SMS Permission Settings**: View/Change your SMS permission settings.

A large QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the screenshot.

UMSL Student Email

- Your UMSL email address is your SSOID@umsystem.edu
- To activate your Microsoft 365 account:
 1. Activate your UMSL SSO ID.
 2. Log in using your ssoid@umsystem.edu username and password.
- All official University communications will be sent to your campus email address.
- Make sure to download the Microsoft Authenticator App before accessing your SSO



Make sure to setup your UMSL Email BEFORE leaving your home country.

Canvas Course Management

- Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) for faculty and students. Through Canvas, you can find your courses, class grades, and other resources from your instructor.
- If you are taking an online class, this is the platform you will use.
- All International Students are added to a course called: “ORG-INTERNATIONAL-STUDENT” where important announcements will be made about immigration and events throughout the year.



MyView

- MyView is the system that stores all important student record information including grades, course schedule, personal demographics, and other records.
- You will use MyView for
 - course registration
 - to view your university charges and bills
 - To view your grades each semester



MyConnect

- MyConnect, also referred to as Starfish, is the system that connects with your UMSL success network like your academic advisor, counselors, and instructors.
- You can use MyConnect to schedule appointments with your academic advisor or other support staff.



Triton Tech Tutorials

- The Triton Tech Tutorials, which can be found online, will guide you through using any of these applications and more.
- Make sure you visit this website to see how your questions about triton tech can be answered!



Still Need Help?

Technology Support Center

314-516-6034

helpdesk@umsl.edu



Registering For Classes

- Read Your Admissions Letter!
- Academic Advisor
- Course Registration
- English for Academic Purposes



Who is my Academic Advisor?

- Each student is assigned an academic advisor to help them create a course schedule each semester and guide them through their academic career.
- You will find your assigned advisor in the following places:
 - MyView in your student center under “Advisor”.
 - The Triton Portal listed under your student success team.
 - MyConnect under your “Success Network”.
- Students should go to the College or School Academic Advising Office that houses their major. Some colleges may refer you to a faculty advisor in your department.
 - Search for your academic department on the UMSL.edu website. There will be department contact information on the bottom left if you scroll to the end of the website page.

Academic Level	College	Office	Contact Name	Phone Number	Email	Website
Undergraduate	Arts and Sciences	Lucas Hall 303	N/A	314-516-5501	artscience@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/TuR
Graduate	Arts and Sciences	Lucas Hall 303	Lauren Bledsoe	314-516-6260	bledsoel@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/TuR
Undergraduate	Honors	Provincial House	Audri Adams	314-516-4890	askaudri@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/Tu6
Undergraduate	Business	Anheuser-Busch Hall 107	N/A	314-516-5888	business@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/TuK
Graduate	Business	Anheuser-Busch Hall 104	N/A	314-516-5885	mba@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/TuD
Graduate	Education	South Campus Classroom Building	N/A	314-516-5937	coeadvising@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/TuY
Undergraduate & Graduate	Nursing	Nursing Admin Building	N/A	314-516-6066	nursing@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/Tvd
Undergraduate	Social Work	Social Sciences Building 469	N/A	314-516-6384	socialwork@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/Tvr
Graduate	Social Work	Social Sciences Building 491	Diane O'Brien	314-516-5284	obriendia@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/TwV
Undergraduate & Graduate	Optometry	Optometry Building	N/A	314-516-5606	optometry@umsl.edu	http://umsl.edu/go/Tvk

Registering for Classes

- Once you get your advisor's name from the Triton Portal you can reach out to your academic advisor via email
 - You can look up your advisor's email via the directory: <https://www.umsl.edu/directory/>
 - To learn more about academic advising, please visit here: <http://www.umsl.edu/~academicadvising/>
- You CAN register for classes while you are still in your home country.
 - The sooner you register the better.
 - If you are unable to come to the US after you register, you will be dropped from all courses and incur no charges.
- We will offer time to meet with your advisor on Tuesday, August 13th or on Thursday, August 15th for in-person to register for classes during Global Triton Welcome Week.
- We recommend registering prior to arrival.

BILLING, PAYMENT PLANS, AND PAYMENT METHODS

Once you are registered for your full course load, you can pay your tuition and fees.

In order to learn about billing, payment plans, and payment methods please visit this link:

<https://www.umsl.edu/sfs/billing-payment/index.html>



You can learn more here about billing, billing schedules, and billing transactions at this link

<https://www.umsl.edu/sfs/billing-payment/billing.html>



Please make sure to **scroll down and read everything** on the pages above about billing, payment plans, and payment methods.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

- Students who are required to take the EAP exam will be emailed with more detailed information
- If you receive the EAP exam email, you are **REQUIRED** to take the placement exam.
- The EAP placement exam is required based on English Proficiency scores and Academic Department requirements.
- Students must take the placement test **BEFORE** they arrive to the United States.
- Depending on the results of the exam, you may be required to enroll in EAP Classes during your first semester.
 - These classes are counted as electives in most undergraduate degree programs.
 - These classes will be an additional cost for graduate students
- Students can register for classes prior to taking the test with the understanding that if EAP is required, they will need to change their schedules.
- The placement test is called the Avant STAMP 4S English Placement Exam.

J-1 Students Registering for Classes & EAP

- An email with your advisor information was sent to your UMSL and your personal email.
- If you have not received this information, you may be missing a form and will have to email Sejla Omeragic at scericomeragic@umsl.edu to make sure all your required materials are processed.
- If you are a J-1 Student for a semester, you are not required but encouraged to take the EAP test or any EAP classes.
- If you are a J-1 Student for the Academic Year, you are required to take the EAP test (if you are from a non-English speaking country), and highly encouraged to take any recommended courses.
- Contact your advisor if you plan to enroll in any EAP classes.



Admissions Reminders (F-1 Students ONLY)

- Review Admissions Letter
- Official Transcripts
- Official English Proficiency Test Scores

Read Your Admissions Letter

- Carefully read your admission letter
- There is a lot of **VERY** important information in the letter that you need to know.
- Make sure to read about the EAP Testing
- **Make sure to read about the official transcripts and language test scores**

Official Academic Transcripts

- Individual Semester Marksheets & Degree Certificate
- In a Sealed and Stamped Envelope
 - Transcripts should be sealed by the accrediting University- we will not accept any transcripts not sealed.

International Admissions will **not** accept transcripts electronically over email. They must be physical copies.



Official English Proficiency Test Scores

- Official English test scores are to be sent directly to UMSL from the testing center.
- If International Admissions does not receive your test scores, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the testing center to figure out a solution.

Contact International Admission

- For any questions you have regarding your transcripts or test scores, please contact international admissions.

International Admissions

intadmission@umsl.edu

You have one semester of grace period to turn in your official documents.

DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to turn this in. Come to the USA prepared with your admission documents!



Miscellaneous Matters

- Health Insurance
- On-Campus Employment
- Important Dates
- What to Expect Next

Health Insurance

- All international students will be signed up for mandatory university health insurance.
- We will go over details of the insurance during the Global Triton Welcome
- Waivers for health insurance are **not** permitted.
- Health insurance and medical care are **very** different in the United States and the mandatory university health insurance is in place to protect our Global Tritons!

Food & Water

- Tap water is safe to drink in the United States
- Food is different in the USA
 - Different does not necessarily mean bad, just different
 - It is often a difficult adjustment to change food.
 - During orientation UMSL Global will do its best to make sure you have food but be prepared that it will not be your mother's cooking
 - After you are settled into your accommodations, you will be able to cook your own food.

On-Campus Employment

- Opportunities for on-campus employment are very limited. You should not expect to be able to find an on-campus job unless it is part of your admissions offer (e.g. research assistantship)
- To stay in compliance with your immigration status, you are NOT allowed to work off-campus (unless through CPT or OPT) and you are NOT allowed to work for more than 20 hours a week during the semester on-campus.

Global Triton Welcome

New International Student Orientation

MANDATORY / REQUIRED / COMPULSORY

- Takes place **Monday, August 12th through Sunday, August 18th**
- **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND EVERY DAY FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!**
Classes start on **Monday, August 19th, 2024**

Late arrivals will not be permitted

You must arrive in STL by Sunday, August 11th at the latest or you will need to defer your admission to Spring 2025

Addresses to Note

UMSL Global

One University Blvd
362 Social Sciences &
Business Building
St. Louis, MO 63121
#B-6 on the [Campus
Map](#)

Oak Hall

2911 Laclede Ln
St. Louis, MO 63121
314-507-0277
#E-13 on the [Campus
Map](#)

University Meadows

2901 University
Meadows Dr. #4632
St. Louis, MO 63121
314-805-2801
#D-11 on the [Campus
Map](#)

Emails to Watch For



**Airport Pickup
Sign-Up**



**Global Triton
Welcome Details**



**EAP Test
Information**



**Course
Registration**

Join the Fall 2024 WhatsApp Group!

- Join our WhatsApp Group for our #GlobalTritons who plan to join us in Fall 2024! <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lbqmY2IP6NMIJCU4aPXk3e>





Mark Your Calendars!

- Visa Interview Preparation Sessions
- Pre-Departure Orientations
- Airport Pick-Up
- Global Triton Welcome

Global Triton Welcome: Visa Preparation Session

- Get more information and guidance for your Visa Interview at our LAST optional sessions.

Tuesday, July 16th

12:00AM (00:00) - 02:00AM (02:00) Central Daylight Time <UTC - 5>

NEW SESSION ADDED –

Saturday, July 20th

09:00AM (09:00) - 11:00AM (11:00) Central Daylight Time <UTC - 5>

- **All times are in Central Daylight Time. Central Daylight Time - CDT - <UTC - 5>. Please adjust for YOUR time zone accordingly.**

Global Triton Welcome: Pre-Departure Orientation

- If you want to attend this session again, here are additional dates, you can sign up at the link you signed up for this session!

Wednesday, June 12:	12:00AM (00:00) - 2:00AM (02:00) CDT <UTC - 5>
Saturday, June 15:	9:00AM (09:00) - 11:00AM (11:00) CDT <UTC - 5>
Tuesday, June 25:	12:00AM (00:00) - 2:00AM (02:00) CDT <UTC - 5>
Thursday, June 27:	9:00AM (09:00) - 11:00AM (11:00) CDT <UTC - 5>
Tuesday, July 9:	12:00AM (00:00) - 2:00AM (02:00) CST <UTC - 6>
Thursday, July 11:	9:00AM (09:00) - 11:00AM (11:00) CST <UTC - 6>

- **All times are in Central Daylight Time.** Central Daylight Time - CDT - <UTC - 5>. Please adjust for YOUR time zone accordingly.

Global Triton Welcome: Airport Pickup

- Airport pickup from Saint Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) will be offered on the following dates to Global Tritons who have **signed a contract and will be living on the UMSL campus** in Oak Hall or University Meadows

Friday **August 9th, 2024**

Saturday **August 10th, 2024**

Sunday **August 11th, 2024**

- Future emails will be sent with more detailed information

Global Triton Welcome: Global Triton Welcome and Triton Take Off

This is a mandatory/compulsory event for all new Global Tritons. You will learn everything you need to know about UMSL to start your educational journey successfully. You will also take applicable placement tests, register for classes, meet fellow classmates, and have some fun as you acclimate to life in the United States, Saint Louis, and UMSL!

Monday, August 12th- Sunday, August 18th, 2024

ALL days are mandatory/compulsory

You must arrive in STL by Sunday, August 11th at the latest or you will need to defer your admission to Spring 2025

First Day of CLASSES for the Fall 2024 Semester is Monday, August 19th 2024!



Read Your Email!

**Keep an eye on your email
in the coming weeks for
more information and
details about these
events and more!**

Global Triton Admitted Student Checklist



Excited? Overwhelmed?

How Are You Feeling Now?



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MORE
IS WHAT MOVES US

PICTURE TIME!

Thank You!



We Look Forward to Seeing You in August 2024!

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