

CHECKLIST

Welcome to UMSL! Follow this checklist as you make your plans. For more information about each step, read the other documents in this package.

If you have questions, contact us – the Office of International Student & Scholar Services (ISS) – by email or phone. We look forward to meeting you soon!

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Confirm acceptance of your admission offer

Now that you are admitted, we would like to know if you will attend! Send the *Admission Acceptance* form to the address at the bottom of the page or submit online at www.ums.edu/international (Admitted Students section). This form is required.

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Apply for a student visa / change your status

If you are outside of the U.S., you need to apply for a student visa after you receive your I-20. Read the document titled *Visa Procedures*.

If you are currently in the U.S. and need to change your visa status to F-1 or J-1, contact us for more information.

If you are transferring to UMSL from a college/university in the U.S., send in the *Transfer Student Form*. Read the document *Transfer in SEVIS* for more information.

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Make housing arrangements

You can live on campus or off campus. If you plan to live on campus, make your reservations early because space is limited. You must register for on-campus housing **before** you arrive in St. Louis. Read the enclosed housing brochures or contact umsreslife@ums.edu for more information.

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Plan your arrival

You must arrive before Monday, August 12, 2013 (the first day of orientation).

If you will live on campus, we recommend you arrive in St. Louis on Friday, August 9, 2013 or Saturday, August 10, 2013. If you will live off-campus, we recommend you arrive earlier to set up your apartment.

Remember you cannot enter the country more than 30 days before the program start date on your I-20 or DS-2019.

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Complete the immunization requirements & learn about health insurance

Follow the instructions on the *UMSL Immunization & TB Screening Requirements* document. This form is mandatory. For questions, contact the University Health Center at health_services@ums.edu.

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Make a temporary housing reservation

If you will arrive before your room or apartment is available, reserve a room in temporary housing. Space is limited, so reserve a room several weeks **before** you arrive on campus. Make your request online at www.umsi.edu/~umsiconf/form_guest.html.

For questions, email umsiconf@msx.umsi.edu or call Allyson Bowes at +1.314.516.4399.

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Request an airport pick-up – by July 25, 2013

If you will live on campus, a staff person or student can drive you from the airport to your on-campus housing. To use this service, you must arrive in St. Louis between Wednesday, August 7, 2013 and Sunday, August 11, 2013.

To request this service, submit your arrival information on www.umsi.edu/international (Admitted Students section) or send us the *Airport Pick-up Request* form.

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Get on the plane and arrive in St. Louis!

Carry your original documents with you as you travel: passport, I-20 or DS-2019, SEVIS fee payment receipt, and proof of financial support. Do not put them in your checked baggage. It is also a good idea to make at least two copies of these documents: one copy to leave with your family or friends before you depart and one copy for you.

For more information about what to expect at the U.S. port of entry, read Step 5 on <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm>.

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Attend Orientation – August 12–15, 2013

Orientation starts on Monday, August 12, 2013, where you will officially check-in. You will have the opportunity to meet other students, register for classes, learn about UMSL and your visa status, tour St. Louis, go shopping, and much more.

Orientation is required for all new F-1 and J-1 students. You need to bring your passport, I-94 card, I-20 or DS-2019 and local St. Louis address with you on the first day.

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First Day of Classes – August 19, 2013

You will register for classes during orientation. Have a wonderful first day!

To see available courses, go to:
https://apps.umsi.edu/webapps/courseschedules/search_basic.cfm