INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs (IA) leads Missouri S&T’s efforts to promote international education and increase global awareness on campus and in the community. Serving as an umbrella for Missouri S&T’s international activities, we provide services in the following areas: International Student & Scholar Services, International Student Health Insurance, Sponsored Student Services, GTA Workshop, Applied Language Institute, International Travel, and Study Abroad/Student Exchange.

IA coordinates international activities, administers all matters involving immigration for international students and exchange visitors, and provides advisement services to the university’s international population.

IA administers Missouri S&T’s Applied Language Institute, which houses the Intensive English Program. IA is responsible for the organization of international protocol activities, promotes and monitors international linkage agreements, and administers a variety of international contracts.

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International Sponsored Student Program
IA provides a full range of services for sponsored international students. International students sponsored by international agencies receive special services and are assessed a sponsored student fee for each semester.

Details on the current sponsored student program can be found on the following website: https://international.mst.edu/sponsored-student-services/.

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Mandatory Health Insurance for International Students
All international students are required to purchase Missouri S&T international student health insurance as a condition of their enrollment. This includes all F-1 and J-1 visa holders. F-2 visa holders who are enrolled in classes at the Intensive English Program (IEP) and/or Missouri S&T are also required to purchase Missouri S&T international student health insurance. Student insurance premiums are typically charged to the student’s Missouri S&T cashier’s account.

In addition, the J-2 dependents of the J-1 visa holders are required by U.S. department of state immigration regulations to purchase health insurance meeting J visa requirements.

For additional information on Mandatory Health Insurance Requirements please visit the following website: https://international.mst.edu/insurance/.

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Study Abroad Programs
IA coordinates study abroad opportunities for Missouri S&T students. Students may choose from a variety of exchange opportunities including semester or year abroad, faculty-led short term exchange and summer abroad. Semester, year, or summer abroad programs offer opportunities to earn credit towards the student’s Missouri S&T degree program.

Semester, year, and summer study abroad programs are available in approximately 40 countries. Missouri S&T offers exchange options ranging from studying courses in English at a foreign university, studying in a foreign language, or participating in a faculty-led program. Additional information, including a list of countries and universities where students may study abroad, is available at http://studyabroad.mst.edu.

Students eligible for financial assistance at Missouri S&T may be able to apply financial aid to study abroad. Students are encouraged to contact the student financial assistance office for details.

For additional information on Study Abroad please visit the following website: https://studyabroad.mst.edu/.

International Travel Approvals and Travel Registrations
All university-sponsored or university-related international travel by students or faculty/staff traveling with students requires two forms of approval:

1. Risk management approval by the Provost or his/her designee
2. Approval by academic or administrative department

Information about the approval process and links to the forms are available online at https://international.mst.edu/travelingonbehalfofmissourist/.

In addition to the required approvals, students traveling internationally are required to register in a university approved travel registry. Missouri S&T travelers can access the travel registry at http://globalminers.mst.edu. Faculty and/or staff members or non-S&T affiliated travelers who are accompanying students are also required to register their travel. Faculty and/or staff members who are not traveling with students may voluntarily register their travel. The purpose of the travel registry is to provide information to travelers of resources available to them while traveling and to assist the university to quickly and easily locate university travelers during an emergency.

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Missouri S&T policies operate in accordance with the CRR 210.070 Guidelines for University of Missouri Related International Programs (Section E: Guidelines for Other University Related Travel).

For additional information regarding International Travel Approvals and Travel Registration please visit the following website: http://international.mst.edu/travelingonbehalfofmissourist/.

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Exchange Visitor Program
IA administers Missouri S&T’s exchange visitor program for all U.S. Department of State (DOS) certified visitor categories in accordance with DOS regulations and processes. Missouri S&T is currently certified to host exchange visitors in the following categories:

- Professor
- Research scholar
- Short-term scholar
- Student intern
- Non-degree seeking student
- Degree-seeking student

IA works closely with faculty members, enrollment management, graduate studies, and other campus entities on eligibility requirements and qualifications of prospective exchange visitors and on completion of applicant documents. IA provides orientation programming to all categories of exchange visitors. IA staff coordinate with the exchange visitor faculty advisory committee and faculty exchange visitor hosts to provide DOS-mandated cultural programming and opportunities.

All exchange visitors must purchase mandatory health insurance: https://international.mst.edu/insurance/.

For additional information regarding the exchange visitor program please visit the following website: https://international.mst.edu/visiting-scholar-services/.

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Intensive English Program (IEP)
The Intensive English Program (IEP) at Missouri S&T provides intensive instruction in the English language for international students whose proficiency in the language is insufficient for full-time academic admission to Missouri S&T.

The mission of the IEP at Missouri S&T is to assist international students in attaining the proficiency level needed to meet language standards and promote a successful transition to academic programs. The program provides courses in English grammar, writing, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, pronunciation, and presentation at four proficiency levels.

All international students who have not satisfied S&T’s language proficiency requirements are required to complete the program’s assessment testing, which is comprised of four parts:

- Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency (MTELP) - A standardized test that evaluates abilities in grammar, reading comprehension, and vocabulary.

- Michigan English Language Institute College English Test - Listening (MELICET-L) - A standardized test that evaluates abilities to understand spoken English.

- Test of Writing Proficiency (TWP) - A locally developed test that evaluates abilities to write clear, well-organized English based on nationally developed guidelines.

- Oral Proficiency Evaluation (OPE) - A locally developed test that evaluates abilities to speak English clearly based on nationally developed guidelines.

Students who perform well on all tests may be approved for full-time academic course work at the university. Students who meet the requirements for the pathway program may be authorized to concurrently enroll in both academic courses at the university and English classes in the IEP. Other students are enrolled in IEP course work and may then complete the series of tests again at the end of the semester. Recommendations for promotion into a higher level of the IEP or for advancement into university coursework are made by the IEP’s program manager based on students’ course grades, and testing results.

For more information on the Intensive English Program please visit the following website: https://ali.mst.edu/.

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Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a pre-completion, off-campus employment authorization available to students in good F-1 status. CPT is defined by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as employment which is to be alternative work/study, internship, cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum that is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school. This work experience must be an "integral part of an established curriculum" and the student must receive credit for the CPT. Students must receive authorization on their I-20 before beginning practical training.

Detailed information about CPT and the form to request CPT is available online at https://international.mst.edu/international-student-services/employment-opportunities/.
GTA Workshop

The GTA Workshop provides basic training for prospective graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) at Missouri S&T. All GTAs must pass the workshop before teaching as a GTA. The workshop is held once per fall and spring semester. All non-native speakers of English must pass the SPEAK Test, a verbal exam that measures proficiency in spoken English, prior to enrolling in the workshop.

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