

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)
Exchange Program Fact Sheet
Fall 2020, Full Year 2020-21, Spring 2021



CONTACTS	
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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION	
University website	www.mtsu.edu
Academic Programs	https://mtsu.edu/programs/index.php
Course Load	Undergraduate: 12 U.S. credit hours per semester (academic courses) Graduate: 9 credit hours per semester Students must enroll in the minimum hours listed in order to maintain student visa status
Restricted courses/programs	Enrollment is limited in Education, Recording Industry, and Aerospace. Nursing and graduate-level English courses are closed to exchange students. History courses are limited for graduate students.
Graduate programs	Students have successfully enrolled in graduate-level Computer Science, Information Systems, Health & Human Performance, Political Science, Psychology, Business, Leisure & Sports Management, and Foreign Language courses. We can inquire about other subject areas for graduate students except graduate-level English courses that are closed to exchange students. Audio Production students may have difficulty getting courses in the spring term.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Fall 2020	August 24, 2020 – December 10, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated date of arrival for mandatory orientation = Monday, August 17, 2020
Full Year 2020-21	August 24, 2020 – December 10, 2020 (fall); January 19, 2021 – May 6, 2021 (spring) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated date of arrival for mandatory orientation = Monday, August 17, 2020
Spring 2021	January 19, 2021 – May 6, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated date of arrival for mandatory orientation = Monday, January 11, 2021

REQUIREMENTS	
TOEFL	500 (paper), 173 (computer-based), 61 (internet-based)
IELTS	5.5
ELS	110
Duolingo English Test	85 minimum undergraduate, 95 minimum graduate
GPA	2.5 is preferred. Exchange partners should contact Melissa Miller with questions

VISA	
Type of visa	All exchange students will apply for a J-1 visa to study abroad at MTSU More information can be found here: http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/common-questions/

NOMINATION PROCEDURE	
Nomination dates	Fall 2020 and Full Year 2020-21: March 1, 2020 Spring 2021: October 1, 2020
Contact	Please send a nomination email to Melissa.Miller@mtsu.edu by the nomination deadline
Nomination requirements	Nominations should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student name • Email address • Gender • Term abroad • GPA • Academic area of focus <p>If these details are not possible by the requested date, please send the expected number of nominated students for that term.</p>

APPLICATION MATERIALS AND DEADLINES	
All nominated students will receive an email from our office that contains an undergraduate or graduate application for admission. Please note: The graduate application is only for students who plan to enroll in graduate-level courses.	
All application materials should be submitted to the Office of Education Abroad only by the following priority application deadlines:	
Fall 2020 and Full Year 2020-21: April 15, 2020 Spring 2021: October 31, 2020	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate/graduate application for Admission • Financial form • Copy of transcripts • Copy of Passport • TOEFL scores (or equivalent) • Certification of Immunization form, MMR • Varicella vaccination form • Residential Life Application (housing) • Tuberculosis Medical Requirement form • Immunization Health History form 	
<u>Please note: Immunization requirements are not flexible.</u> Exchange students are required to show proof of at least one varicella vaccination and one MMR vaccination, OR have a titer(s) confirming immunity, OR had disease(s) confirmed by medical record; as indicated on the application health form signed by their health care provider PRIOR to full admittance to the exchange program.	

COURSE SELECTION	
Course information	<p>https://ssb.mtsu.edu/pls/PROD/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched</p> <p>Students should pay special attention to course prerequisites when selecting courses If the term is not available, students should use the corresponding term for the best list (i.e. use spring for spring)</p> <p>The Exchange Student Academic Advisor will make every effort to assist students through the course registration process. Students should be very flexible regarding course selection and should have several alternative courses chosen in case their original courses are closed.</p> <p>In addition, exchange students will be provided with permissions to enroll in the specific courses they have requested. Should students change their courses after arrival, they will be directly responsible for requesting permissions directly with the Academic Departments.</p>

TRANSCRIPTS

Mailing	<p>Transcripts will be mailed to the home university 4-6 weeks after the program ends.</p> <p>Students are responsible for submitting a Transcript Request form to the Office of Education Abroad in order for the transcript to be mailed. This form will be provided to each student during orientation.</p> <p>Students may also request an unofficial transcript after the term ends via their student account.</p>
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HOUSING

Type	<p>Most exchange students live in on-campus housing. The Global Learning Community (GLC) and Womack Apartments (full-year students, full exchange only) are the most common options for exchange students.</p> <p>Students who want to live on-campus during the winter break (or for those where winter break housing is part of the exchange agreement) must live in Womack Apartments. With most exchange partnerships, there is an additional cost for the winter break housing.</p> <p>There are very few single rooms on campus. Students should expect to have a roommate.</p>
Placement	Students should be aware they may be placed into any on-campus housing space after submitting the housing application and cannot cancel it.
Housing	<p>www.mtsu.edu/housing</p> <p>Student may refer to housing information on this website, but the housing application should be included with all other application materials and sent to the Office of Education Abroad.</p>

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Exchange students will be contacted in advance regarding the required health insurance options.

Students participating on an ISEP Exchange Program at MTSU will be enrolled in health insurance through ISEP. Those students are required to provide proof of ISEP insurance enrollment and do not need to enroll in additional insurance, as listed below.

Health Insurance Options	<p>Current health insurance options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment into health insurance in the home country which meets or exceeds the U.S. Department of State health insurance requirements for J-1 visa holders (information provided to students at a later date), OR • Enrollment into a Global Adventure health insurance plan through iNext, OR • Students who fail to provide proof of adequate health insurance via one of these options will be automatically enrolled into the MTSU health insurance at a cost to the student.
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BUDGET

The following are budget estimates:

Housing	2600 – 4000 USD per semester	*tuition-only exchange programs
Meals	1500 – 2100 USD per semester	*tuition-only exchange programs
Books & Supplies	500 - 1000 USD per semester	
Health Insurance	350 – 700 USD per semester	*varies with the type of insurance the student is enrolled in
Personal Expenses	1000 - 2000 USD per semester	

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Students will be contacted in advance regarding recommended shuttle services to campus. The most common options include shuttle, Uber, Lyft, and Taxi.

The Nashville Airport (BNA) is approximately 25 miles from the MTSU campus. The cost for a shuttle one-way is approximately \$40 per person, plus a small tip of approximately \$2-5. Payment is made to the shuttle company and reservations are required.

Students can use Uber or Lyft for approximately the same cost as the shuttle.

INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM

Students admitted to the university under the exchange program will have an opportunity to join the International Buddy Program.

This program connects current MTSU students, many of whom have studied abroad, with incoming exchange students to welcome them to campus, provide support before and after arrival to MTSU, and to facilitate cultural exchange. In addition to exchange students having a campus resource for academics and campus life, lifelong friendships have formed through this program. We encourage all students to participate!

Admitted exchange students will receive an email from the Office of Education Abroad about the program.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We invite all interested students to connect with MTSU and our department on social media.



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