

MISSISSIPPI'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Guide for International Students



MISSISSIPPI STATE
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INTRODUCTION TO MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

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Mississippi State University (www.msstate.edu) offers students a truly American college experience. MSU is located in Starkville, Mississippi, a small town in the American South, and has over 21,600 students from all 50 of the US states and over 70 countries. The weather here is usually warm, and the cost of living is very affordable. While moving to a new country can be challenging, the hospitable people of this region are welcoming and help make the transition into college life easier.

With eight undergraduate colleges and over 175 degree programs, MSU is preparing its students for bright and productive futures. Each of these programs emphasizes research and presents students with opportunities to expand their education and equip themselves with valuable job skills.



WHY MISSISSIPPI STATE?

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- 19:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 12th-safest university in the United States
- Pleasant climate
- Friendly community, known for its Southern hospitality
- No. 1 ranked football team in the United States in 2014!

90%
OF STUDENTS
ARE EITHER
EMPLOYED OR
ACCEPTED TO
GRADUATE
SCHOOL
AFTER GRADUATION.

Top 20 in Forbes Magazine's Top 100
Best Buy Colleges in America

58th among all U.S. public universities
in research and development

MSU holds more than 175 patents

Top 100 research facilities in the country
according to the National Science Foundation

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

What are the requirements for admission?

- A diploma from secondary school or a secondary leaving examination
- Demonstration of English language proficiency with the following scores:
 - *International English Language Testing System (IELTS)* min. score of 6.0
 - *Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* min. scores of (525 PBT, 197 CBT, 71 IBT)



HOW DO I APPLY TO MSU'S UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM?

- Complete the online application at https://mybanner.msstate.edu/prod/wwwskdlog.P_DisLoginNon
- Pay \$40 application fee.

Note: The non-refundable application fee is payable by check, money order or credit card. There is no fee for readmission applications.

- Submit the following via postal mail:
 - *Certified translated copies of all transcripts, mark sheets and diplomas, in a sealed, stamped envelope from your school*
 - *TOEFL/IELTS scores*
 - *SAT/ACT (only required for scholarship eligibility or when GPA is below 3.0 based on MSU evaluation)*
- Once you receive an admission notification email, obtain your immigration documents from the International Services Office (ISO) at <http://international.msstate.edu/current/services/index.php>. Instructions are detailed at http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/files/new_dosform.pdf.
- Once you have turned in all necessary documents for the I-20/DS2019, it typically takes between 10-12 business days for the I-20/DS2019 to be issued. Contact ISO for faster mailing options.

TOEFL/IELTS SCORES TOO LOW FOR ADMISSION? NO PROBLEM!



COME AND STUDY AT OUR FULLY ACCREDITED ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FIRST. MISSISSIPPI STATE'S ELI PROGRAM OFFERS INTENSIVE CLASSES THAT MEET A VARIETY OF NEEDS. OUR FACULTY MEMBERS HELP STUDENTS PREPARE TO TAKE CLASSES AT THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH INSTRUCTION IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTP://INTERNATIONAL.MSSTATE.EDU/ESL/](http://international.msstate.edu/esl/).

COLLEGES



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

<http://www.cals.msstate.edu/index.asp>

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) recently was ranked in the top 10 for research in agricultural science by the National Science Foundation. Together, the college's nine departments offer 16 majors and 46 concentrations for undergraduates in specialties such as agricultural business, agricultural engineering, agricultural economics, agronomy, biochemistry, horticulture, and poultry science.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

<http://www.cas.msstate.edu/>

The College of Arts and Sciences provides 23 degree programs in 14 departments. It offers degrees including economics, anthropology, biological sciences, English, geosciences, microbiology, political science, psychology, and sociology, as well as pre-medical, pre-veterinary, pre-pharmacy, and foreign language concentrations. The faculty of the College of Arts & Sciences conduct internationally recognized research and award-winning teaching. A recent report from the National Science Foundation ranked MSU 29th in social sciences, 49th in humanities and 75th in environmental science.

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART AND DESIGN

<http://www.caad.msstate.edu/caad/home.php>

A recent report from the National Science Foundation ranked MSU in the top 50 humanities programs. The School of Architecture offers an intense, carefully structured courses that constitute a solid foundation for architectural practice. While course work is comprehensive in scope and provides students with an awareness of the diversity and complexity of today's professional world, each course has its own important role in developing the unique knowledge and abilities required of architects in a modern world.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

<http://www.business.msstate.edu/>

The College of Business is comprised of several different departments. It offers degrees in business administration, accounting, economics, finance, and marketing. The faculty in this college is involved in several nationally acclaimed research projects, such as the no. 1 ranked Center for Family Enterprise Research.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

<http://www.educ.msstate.edu/>

The College of Education offers nine different degrees, including educational psychology, elementary and secondary education, information technology, kinesiology, and music. The college also offers several online degree programs. Additionally, the education department is also a leader in autism research for the state of Mississippi.

COLLEGE OF FOREST RESOURCES

<http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/>

The College of Forest Resources includes the departments of forestry; wildlife, fisheries and aquaculture; and sustainable bio-products. The college offers two degree programs and 11 different concentrations. The research arm of the college is the Forest and Wildlife Research Center that works closely with the Mississippi Agricultural and Experiment Station. The college also conducts research for the MSU Extension Service.

BAGLEY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

<http://www.engr.msstate.edu/>

The Bagley College of Engineering is one of approximately 40 named engineering colleges in the nation. It offers eight different academic engineering degrees and 10 certificate programs. Each academic program provides a challenging curriculum and an encouraging learning environment that allows students to achieve their full potential.

The faculty is committed to research and offers students the chance to participate in the cutting-edge development of engineering technology. According to the National Science Foundation, the college ranks 51st among all engineering colleges in research and development expenditures. The U.S. News and World Report also ranks the Bagley College's undergraduate and graduate programs in the top 100 nationwide.

COLLEGE OF HONORS

<http://www.honors.msstate.edu/>

The College of Honors is a merit-based academic program. Acceptance is based on an application process. Currently, Shackouls Honors College enrolls more than 1,300 academically talented students at MSU.

STILL CHOOSING A MAJOR? CHECK OUT THESE!



DID YOU KNOW... THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PREDICTS 60,000 ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS BETWEEN 2015 AND 2020 FOR
GRADUATES IN THOSE AREAS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ALONE!



AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS

Mississippi State's agricultural business program prepares students for a variety of career fields, including agricultural law, agricultural policy analysis, economic consulting, agricultural production management, commodities marketing, and food chain supply management. Students receive an excellent foundation in applied economic analysis and business management, along with the opportunity to specialize in three different areas: management, policy and law, and production. Students who wish to continue their education also will be well prepared to pursue graduate degrees.

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

This agricultural economics major is in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This major teaches students to deal with public policy issues. Individuals with this degree often work in environmental and economic consulting firms, business management and analysis positions, and public-sector employment with federal and state agencies. Students will also be well

positioned to enter graduate school to pursue careers in research.

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

Mississippi State University offers a bachelor of science in petroleum engineering effective fall 2015. This is the 11th undergraduate degree program within the Bagley College of Engineering. This program will be the only petroleum engineering program available in the state of Mississippi.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

The international business program at Mississippi State University is designed to help bright, ambitious students prepare for an increasingly global future. Graduates from the international business program typically complete their studies in five years and receive two degrees: a bachelor of science in business administration and a bachelor of arts in a foreign language.

SUSTAINABLE BIOPRODUCTS

The sustainable bioproducts program at Mississippi State University provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills to utilize and conserve diverse forest resources effectively. The department's primary teaching responsibility is to provide students for professional and scientific careers in forest products and wood science.

TUITION COST

[HTTP://WWW.CONTROLLER.MSSTATE.EDU/ACCOUNTSERVICES/TUITION/](http://www.controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition/)

ESTIMATED ANNUAL LIVING EXPENSES FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS
(WITHOUT SUMMER ENROLLMENT)

APPLICATION FEE	\$40
TUITION AND FEES	\$20,142
ROOM & BOARD (LIVING ON CAMPUS)	\$9,068
BOOKS	\$1,200
REQUIRED MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$1,592
ONE-TIME TUBERCULOSIS CHEST X-RAY	\$60
TOTAL	\$32,702

*BASED ON CAMPUS HOUSING AND BASIC MEAL PLAN.

**COST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ANNUALLY.

***ESTIMATED TOTAL MAY DIFFER FROM REQUIRED AMOUNT FOR IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS.

UNDERGRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

MSU has a variety of general scholarships available to international students. These scholarships require a competitive ACT/SAT score, a high school GPA greater than 3.0, and excellent leadership and service activities. For more information, visit <https://www.admissions.msstate.edu/freshmen/money-matters/#scholarships>.

**Awards are subject to change*

Typical Annual Scholarship Award Ranges

ACT (SAT) Test Score Range	3.00-3.49 GPA	3.5 and above GPA
20-21 (1390-1500 SAT)	\$1,000	\$1,500
22-25 (1510-1730 SAT)	\$6,500 - \$7,000	\$7,500 - \$8,000
26-29 (1740-1970 SAT)	\$9,000 - \$10,000	\$12,500
30-32 (1980-2130 SAT)	\$12,500 - \$13,000	\$13,500 - \$14,000
33-36 (2140-2400 SAT)	\$15,500 - \$17,000	\$16,500 - \$18,000

STUDENT LIVING

Mississippi State University offers a wide range of resources for students that make living away from home easier. To learn more about all of our available services, check out these links:



EAT WELL.

<http://catalog.msstate.edu/graduate/student-life/dining/>



BE HEALTHY.

<http://www.health.msstate.edu/healthcenter/>
<http://www.health.msstate.edu/scs/>



GET INVOLVED.

<http://www.one.msstate.edu/>



LIVE COMFORTABLY.

www.housing.msstate.edu



PLAY HARD.

<http://www.recsports.msstate.edu/facilities/sanderson-center/>



PLAN AHEAD.

<http://www.career.msstate.edu/>



GO S.M.A.R.T.

<http://www.smart.msstate.edu/>



STUDY HARDER.

<http://lib.msstate.edu/>
<http://www.tlc.msstate.edu>



STUDY ABROAD.

<http://international.msstate.edu/abroad/>

SAFETY: To ensure student safety, the Mississippi State University Police Department facilitates a buddy system service at night. If students feel unsafe at any time, they can call 662.325.2121, and a student employee will be sent to walk with them to their destination.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



CONTACT INFORMATION

For general questions about MSU, contact intlquery@msstate.edu

For admissions questions, contact admit@msstate.edu

For questions about the Graduate School, contact gradapps@grad.msstate.edu

For questions about immigration, contact international@msstate.edu

WeChat Account: [InternationalMSU](#)

Information request form link: <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/request/>



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Mississippi State University International Admissions

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