

# 2017-2018 University Bulletin

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This Bulletin includes a description of undergraduate and graduate policies and programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis for 2017-2018. All statements in this publication concerning regulations, fees, curricula, or other matters are subject to change without notice. They are not to be regarded as offers to contract.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. This accreditation applies to all baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. Our next scheduled comprehensive evaluation will be in 2018-2019. A successful review leads to the reaffirmation of our accreditation.

The policies of the University of Missouri-St. Louis comply with the provisions under those laws that forbid discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, handicap, or veteran status in any program or activity of the University.

Bulletins for the past five years are posted in the archives section of this site. Older versions are available in campus advising offices and Academic Affairs. Program requirements are also available to students through Degree Audit Reports (DARS) (<http://www.umsl.edu/services/dars>), which are available online or from an academic adviser, who will assist in the interpretation of the audit.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is one of four campuses that constitute the University of Missouri. Established in Columbia in 1839 on the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, the University of Missouri became a land-grant institution upon passage of the Morrill Act by Congress in 1862.

When the University of Missouri System was organized in 1963, the St. Louis campus was the only one that started as an entirely new university. The University of Missouri-St. Louis began as a consequence of the national movement to create public universities in metropolitan centers. UMSL was designed to educate the area's professionals through research, coursework, and hands-on experiences in the region's businesses, schools, hospitals, agencies, and arts organizations.

According to the campus's history, *The Emerging University: The University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1963-1983*, faculty were hired from prestigious universities with a vision of creating a university where graduates would be able to confront urban issues through research, critical thinking, and creativity. More than traditional workforce development, these leaders' vision for UMSL was to educate students for lifelong learning, which would produce good citizens and effective leaders in the region's organizations. That legacy continues because those early leaders created a culture of faculty excellence that persists today.

Since the doors of the old Administration Building opened on a golf course almost 50 years ago, UMSL has grown to encompass 350 acres of beautifully landscaped rolling hills. The campus is now St. Louis's largest university in the number of students and is the third largest in the state.

The campus takes pride in the success of its students, faculty, and staff and highlights of these successes are posted regularly on the UMSL home page. Detailed information about the university is also available on the About UMSL (<http://www.umsl.edu/about>) site, and student achievement

data can be found on the College Portrait (<http://www.collegeportraits.org/MO/UMSL>).

## Vision

The University Missouri-St. Louis will be known as a premier metropolitan public research university and as a university of choice for undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

## Mission

The University of Missouri-St. Louis provides excellent learning experiences and leadership opportunities for a diverse student body. Outstanding faculty and staff, innovative research, and creative partnerships foster synergies that advance the welfare of our students and other stakeholders and benefit the global society.

## Faculty Senate and University Assembly

The Faculty Senate (<http://www.umsl.edu/committees/senate>) has primary responsibility for making educational policy decisions to create a rigorous, innovative, student-oriented environment for learning, research, and community service. The Senate and University Assembly together and through their committees advise the chancellor and other senior administrators on matters related to students, faculty and staff.

The Faculty Senate has 40 faculty members, 30 representing departments and 10 members elected at large. In addition, three administrators are non-voting members. The voting members of the University Assembly consist of the elected members of the Senate; the president; the chancellor; the vice chancellor for academic affairs; the dean of the graduate school; the vice provost for student affairs; student representatives equal in number to one-third of the faculty members of the assembly; and three staff members, including the president of the Staff Association. Non-voting members consist of vice chancellors and vice provosts not already included, deans of all colleges, the dean of libraries, and the president of the Student Government Association. The Faculty Senate meets monthly between September and May and the Assembly meets in alternate months during the year. Information about the Faculty Senate and University Assembly are available on the Senate's web site.

## Staff Association

The University of Missouri—St. Louis Staff Association (<http://www.umsl.edu/services/sassoc>) is a body formed to consider, to recommend, and to take such other actions as are properly related to the common concerns and best interest of those personnel at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Staff Association fosters a spirit of unity and cooperation among all employees of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, to consider methods and means by which employment conditions may be improved and the operating efficiency of the University of Missouri-St. Louis increased; to receive and consider matters concerning working conditions of membership; to make such recommendations that it deems appropriate, and to provide a means of communicating problems of mutual concern between the Staff Association and the University of Missouri-St. Louis administration. Representatives of the Staff Association serve as voting members of University Assembly committees.

## Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (<http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/sga>) (SGA) of the University of Missouri St. Louis, housed in 366 Millennium Student Center, 314-516-5105, is the student governance body at UMSL. SGA is comprised of elected student representatives and a general assembly which includes representatives from all recognized

student organizations. The purpose of the SGA is to represent student concerns at every level of governance within the university. This is done by ensuring adequate and capable student representation within the University Assembly, the policymaking and governance body of the university.

## 2017-2018 Calendar

### Fall Semester - 2017

Date	Weekday	Event
August 21	Monday	Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.
August 27	Sunday	Last day a student may enroll
August 27	Sunday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list to open sections
September 4	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
September 5	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
September 18	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
September 18	Monday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
October 16	Monday	Mid Semester
October 16	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
November 13	Monday	Last day a student may drop a course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
November 13	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from school. Instructors' and Dean's approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
November 18	Saturday	Fall Break (Thanksgiving holiday) Begins 5:00 p.m.
November 27	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
December 9	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.
December 11	Monday	Final Examinations Begin
December 16	Saturday	Fall Semester Closes, end of day
December 16	Saturday	Fall Commencement

### Winter Intersession - 2018

Date	Weekday	Event
January 2	Tuesday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 2	Tuesday	Last day to add a Winter Intersession course
January 4	Thursday	Last day to drop a Winter Intersession course without receiving a grade
January 4	Thursday	Last day to place a Winter Intersession course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
January 8	Monday	Last day to drop a course from the Winter Intersession without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
January 11	Thursday	Last day to drop a Winter Intersession course. Instructor's approval is required. Grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
January 13	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.

### Spring Semester - 2018

Date	Weekday	Event
January 15	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 16	Tuesday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 22	Monday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit)
January 22	Monday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list to open sections
February 12	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
February 12	Monday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
March 12	Monday	Mid Semester
March 12	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
March 24	Saturday	Spring Recess Begins, 5:00 p.m.
April 2	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
April 16	Monday	Last day student may drop a course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
April 16	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from school. Instructors' and Deans' approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
May 5	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.
May 7	Monday	Final Examinations Begin
May 12	Saturday	Spring Semester Closes, end of day
May 12	Saturday	Spring Commencement
May 13	Sunday	Spring Commencement

### Summer Sessions - 2018

#### Summer Session I (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 14	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 16	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session I
May 16	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 21	Monday	Last day to drop a Session I course without receiving a grade.
May 21	Monday	Last day to place a Session I course on satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
May 29	Tuesday	Last day to drop a Session I course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 4	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session I course. Instructor's approval is required. EX or EX-F grade will be issued.
June 9	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

### Summer Session II (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
June 11	Monday	Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
June 13	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session II
June 13	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
June 18	Monday	Last day to drop a Session II course without receiving a grade
June 18	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session II course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 25	Monday	Last day to drop a Session II course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 2	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session II course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be issued.
July 4	Wednesday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Thursday	Classes Resume
July 7	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

### Summer Session III (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
July 9	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
July 11	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session III
July 11	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
July 16	Monday	Last day to drop a Session III course without receiving a grade
July 16	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session III course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
July 23	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session III course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 30	Monday	Last day to drop or withdraw from a Session III course. Instructor's approval is required. EX or EX-F grade will be issued.
August 4	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

**Final examinations are held during the last class meeting of Summer Sessions I, II, and III.**

### Summer Session IV (8 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 14	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 17	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session IV
May 17	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday

May 29	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
May 29	Tuesday	Last day to drop a Session IV course without receiving a grade
May 29	Tuesday	Last day a student may place a Session IV course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 11	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session IV course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 25	Monday	Last day to drop or withdraw from a Session IV course. Instructor's approval is required. EX or EX-F grade will be issued.
July 3	Tuesday	Final Examinations Begin
July 4	Wednesday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Thursday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 7	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

### Summer Session V (8 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
June 11	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
June 14	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session V
June 14	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
June 25	Monday	Last day to drop a Session V course without receiving a grade
June 25	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session V course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
July 4	Wednesday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Thursday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 09	Monday	Last day to drop a Session V course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 23	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session V course. Instructor's approval is required. EX or EX-F will be issued.
August 1	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
August 4	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

### Summer Session VI (12 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 14	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 18	Friday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session VI
May 18	Friday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
June 4	Monday	Last day to drop a Session VI course without receiving a grade
June 4	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session VI course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 25	Monday	Last day to drop a Session VI course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.

July 4	Wednesday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Thursday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 16	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session VI course. Instructor's approval is required. EX or EX-F will be issued.
August 1	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
August 4	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day