

# 2020-2021 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 2020-2021. 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. UMSL earned full Reaffirmation of Accreditation following the November 2018 comprehensive site visit and according to the final HLC report, "... provided a convincing argument with sufficient data to demonstrate it adheres to federal compliance guidelines and that it meets all HLC core components, and therefore all criteria for 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 (CRR 600.010-600.020 ([https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/rules/collected\\_rules/equal\\_employment\\_educational\\_opportunity/ch600/](https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/rules/collected_rules/equal_employment_educational_opportunity/ch600/))).

Bulletins for the past ten 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 more than 50 years ago, UMSL has grown to encompass 470 acres in St. Louis County and has a mix of modern and historic academic buildings. 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/proud/>) site and the Student Consumer Information (<http://www.umsl.edu/%7eregistration/students/studentconsumer.html>) site. Student achievement data can be found on the College Portrait (<http://www.voluntarysystem.org/>).

The University of Missouri St. Louis is the metropolitan, land-grant, research institution serving the most diverse and economically important region in Missouri.

## Mission

We transform lives.

## Vision

The University of Missouri St. Louis will be a beacon of hope, a force for good, and a leader in the pursuit of excellence in education, impactful research and community service. We boldly assert that education is for everyone who is willing and able to seek it out. We honor the duties inherent in our land-grant beginnings by positioning ourselves as partners in the search for knowledge, progress and positive change for ourselves, our communities, our world.

## 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 includes a faculty member from each department and approximately 10 at-large faculty members, as well as three administrators who are non-voting members. The University Assembly consists of the elected members of the Senate, five administrators, student representatives, and staff members. 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.

## 2020-2021 Calendar

### Fall Semester 2020

#### 16 Week Session

Date	Weekday	Event
August 24	Monday	Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.
August 30	Thursday	Last day a student may enroll (enter a course for credit).
August 30	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list to open sections
September 7	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
September 8	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
September 21	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade.
September 21	Monday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
October 19	Monday	Mid Semester
October 19	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
November 16	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 16	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 21	Saturday	Fall Break (Thanksgiving holiday) Begins 5:00 p.m.
November 30	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
December 12	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.
December 14	Monday	Final Examinations Begin
December 19	Saturday	Fall Semester Closes, end of day
December 19	Saturday	Fall Commencement

### Fall Semester 2020

#### 8 Week-1 Session

Date	Weekday	Event
August 24	Monday	Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.
August 27	Thursday	Last day a student may enroll

August 27	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list to open sections
September 7	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
September 8	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 am
September 8	Tuesday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
September 8	Tuesday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
September 21	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the Eight week 1 session without Instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
October 5	Monday	Last day a student may drop a course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
October 5	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from the session. Instructors' and Dean's approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
October 17	Saturday	Fall Semester 8 Week 1 closes, end of day

## Final Exams are held during the last class meeting of the Session

### Fall Semester 2020

#### 8 Week-2 Session

Date	Weekday	Event
October 19	Monday	Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
October 22	Thursday	Last day a student may enroll
October 22	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list into open sections
November 2	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
November 2	Monday	Last day to place an Eight week 2 course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis.
November 16	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the Eight week 2 session without Instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
November 21	Saturday	Fall Break (Thanksgiving holiday) begins 5:00 p.m.
November 30	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
December 7	Monday	Last day to drop an Eight week 2 course. Instructor approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
December 7	Monday	Last day to withdraw from the Eight week 2 session. Instructors' and Dean's approval are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each Eight week 2 course.
December 19	Saturday	Fall Semester 8 Week 2 Closes, end of day.

## Final Exams are held during the last class meeting of the Session

### Winter Intersession - 2021

Date	Weekday	Event
January 4	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 4	Monday	Beginning the first day of the term there will be a \$250.00 late registration fee assessed for students who have not previously registered for the Winter Intersession Spring 2021 term.
January 4	Monday	Last day to add a Winter Intersession course
January 6	Wednesday	Last day to drop a Winter Intersession course without receiving a grade
January 6	Wednesday	Last day to place a Winter Intersession course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
January 9	Saturday	Last day to drop a course from the Winter Intersession without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
January 13	Wednesday	Last day to drop a Winter Intersession course. Instructor's approval is required. Grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
January 16	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.

### Spring Semester - 2021

Date	Weekday	Event
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 19	Tuesday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 25	Monday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit)
January 25	Monday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list to open sections
February 15	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
February 15	Monday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
March 15	Monday	Mid Semester
March 15	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
March 27	Saturday	Spring Recess Begins, 5:00 p.m.
April 5	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
April 19	Monday	Last day student may drop a course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
April 19	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 08	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.
May 10	Monday	Final Examinations Begin
May 15	Saturday	Spring Semester Closes, end of day

May 15	Saturday	Spring Commencement
May 16	Sunday	Spring Commencement

### Spring Semester 2021

#### 8 Week-1 Session

Date	Weekday	Event
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 19	Tuesday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 22	Friday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit)
January 22	Friday	Last day Registrar's office will automatically move students from the wait list into open sections.
February 1	Monday	Last day to drop an Eight Week 1 course without receiving a grade
February 1	Monday	Last day any student may place an Eight Week 1 course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
February 15	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the Eight Week 1 without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
March 1	Monday	Last day student may drop an Eight Week 1 course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
March 1	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from the Eight Week 1 session. Instructors' and Deans' approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
March 13	Saturday	Spring Semester 8 Week 1 Closes, end of day

## Final Exams are held during the last class meeting of the Session

### Spring Semester 2021

#### 8 Week-2 Session

Date	Weekday	Event
March 15	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
March 18	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit).
March 18	Thursday	Last day Registrar's office will automatically move students from the wait list into open sections.
March 27	Saturday	Spring Recess Begins, 5:00 p.m.
April 5	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
April 5	Monday	Last day to drop an Eight Week 2 course without receiving a grade
April 5	Monday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
April 19	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from an Eight Week 2 course without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.

May 3	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from an Eight Week 2 course. Instructors' and Dean's approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
May 3	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from the Eight Week 2 session. Instructors' and Dean's approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
May 15	Saturday	Spring Semester 8 Week 2 Closes, end of day

### Final Exams are held during the last class meeting of the Session

#### Summer Sessions - 2021

Date	Weekday	Event
January 4, 2021	Monday	Registration begins for all students and all sessions

#### Summer Session I (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 17	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 19	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session I
May 19	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 24	Monday	Last day to drop a Session I course without receiving a grade.
May 24	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session I course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
June 1	Tuesday	Last day to drop a Session I course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 7	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 12	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

#### Summer Session II (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
June 14	Monday	Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
June 16	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session II
June 16	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
June 21	Monday	Last day to drop a Session II course without receiving a grade
June 21	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session II course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 28	Monday	Last day to drop a Session II course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.

July 5	Monday	Independence Day Holiday
July 6	Tuesday	Classes Resume
July 6	Tuesday	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 10	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

#### Summer Session III (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
July 12	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
July 14	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session III
July 14	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
July 19	Monday	Last day to drop a Session III course without receiving a grade
July 19	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session III course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
July 26	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session III course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
August 2	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 7	Saturday	Session III 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 17	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 20	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session IV
May 20	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
June 1	Tuesday	Last day to drop a Session IV course without receiving a grade
June 1	Tuesday	Last day a student may place a Session IV course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 14	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session IV course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 28	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 5	Monday	Independence Day Holiday
July 6	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 7	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
July 10	Saturday	Session IV Closes, end of day

### Summer Session V (8 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
June 14	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
June 17	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session V
June 17	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
June 28	Monday	Last day to drop a Session V course without receiving a grade
June 28	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session V course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
July 5	Monday	Independence Day Holiday
July 6	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 12	Monday	Last day to drop a Session V course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 26	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 4	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
August 7	Saturday	Session V Closes, end of day

### Summer Session VI (12 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 17	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 21	Friday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session VI
May 21	Friday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
June 7	Monday	Last day to drop a Session VI course without receiving a grade
June 7	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session VI course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 28	Monday	Last day to drop a Session VI course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 5	Monday	Independence Day Holiday
July 6	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 19	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 4	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
August 7	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day