

# General Information

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This Bulletin includes a description of undergraduate and graduate policies and programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis for 2023-2024. 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, by the Higher Learning Commission, a historically regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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).

Bulletins for the past thirteen years are posted in the archives section of this site. Older versions are available in campus advising offices and Academic Affairs or in the Institutional Repository Library. Program requirements are also available to students through Degree Audit Reports (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 site and the Student Consumer Information site. Student achievement data can be found on the College Portrait.

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 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 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 (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.

## 2023-2024 Calendar

### Fall Semester 2023 Sixteen Week Session

Date	Weekday	Event
August 21	Monday	Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.
August 27	Sunday	Last day a student may enroll (enter a course for credit).
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
September 19	Tuesday	First day all regular session dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned an EX grade.
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.
October 18	Wednesday	Fall Break begins 11:30 p.m.
October 23	Monday	Classes resume 8:00 a.m.
November 13	Monday	Last day a student may drop a course or withdraw from school. Instructors' and Dean's approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
November 14	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both The instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
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

### Fall Semester 2023 Eight Week I Session

Date	Weekday	Event
August 21	Monday	Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.
August 24	Thursday	Last day a student may enroll (enter a course for credit)
August 24	Thursday	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 am
September 5	Tuesday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
September 5	Tuesday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
September 6	Wednesday	First day all regular term dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned an EX grade.
September 18	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the Eight Week I session without Instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
October 2	Monday	Last day to drop or withdraw from an Eight Week I course. Instructor approval is required.
October 3	Wednesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
October 14	Saturday	Fall Semester Eight Week I closes, end of day

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

### Fall Semester 2023 Eight Week II Session

Date	Weekday	Event
October 16	Monday	Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
October 18	Wednesday	Fall Break Begins at 11:30 p.m.
October 19	Thursday	Last day a student may enroll (enter a course for credit)
October 19	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will automatically move students from the wait list into open sections
October 23	Monday	Classes resume 8:00 a.m.
October 30	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade
October 30	Monday	Last day to place an Eight Week II course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis.
October 31	Tuesday	First day all Eight Week II dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade.
November 13	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the Eight Week II session without Instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
November 18	Saturday	Fall Break (Thanksgiving holiday) begins 5:00 p.m.
November 27	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
December 4	Monday	Last day to drop or withdraw an Eight Week II course. Instructor approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.

December 5	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances that need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
December 16	Saturday	Fall Semester Eight Week II Closes, end of day

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

### Winter Intersession - 2024

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 - 2024

#### Sixteen Week Session

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
February 13	Tuesday	First day all regular session dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned an EX grade.
March 11	Monday	Mid Semester
March 11	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
March 12	Tuesday	First day all regular session dropped courses require instructor approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
March 23	Saturday	Spring Recess Begins, 5:00 p.m.
April 1	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.

April 15	Monday	Last day student may withdraw from school or drop a course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
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April 16	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to withdraw from a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
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May 4	Saturday	Classes End, 5:00 p.m.
May 6	Monday	Final Examinations Begin
May 11	Saturday	Spring Semester Closes end of day
May 11-12	Saturday & Sunday	Spring Commencement

### Spring Semester 2024

#### 8 Week I Session

Date	Weekday	Event
January 15	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 16	Tuesday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
January 19	Friday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit)
January 19	Friday	Last day Registrar's office will automatically move students from the wait list into open sections.
January 29	Monday	Last day to drop an Eight Week I course without receiving a grade
January 29	Monday	Last day any student may place an Eight Week I course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
January 30	Tuesday	First day all Eight Week I session dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned an EX grade.
February 12	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the Eight Week 1 without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
February 13	Tuesday	First day all Eight Week I dropped courses require instructor approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
February 26	Monday	Last day student may drop an Eight Week I course. Instructor's approval is required. A grade of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
February 26	Monday	Last day a student may withdraw from the Eight Week I session. Instructors' and Deans' approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
February 27	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to withdraw from a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F assigned.

March 9 Saturday Spring Semester 8 Week I Closes, end of day

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

### Spring Semester 2024

#### 8 Week II Session

Date	Weekday	Event
March 11	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
March 14	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit).
March 14	Thursday	Last day Registrar's office will automatically move students from the wait list into open sections.
March 23	Saturday	Spring Recess Begins, 5:00 p.m.
April 1	Monday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
April 1	Monday	Last day to drop an Eight Week II course without receiving a grade
April 1	Monday	Last day any student may place a course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
April 2	Tuesday	First day all Eight Week II session dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned an EX grade
April 15	Monday	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from an Eight Week II course without instructor approval. EX grade will be assigned.
April 16	Tuesday	First day all Eight Week II session dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned and EX grade.
April 29	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from an Eight Week II course. Instructors' and Dean's approvals are required. Grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned for each course.
April 30	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to withdraw from a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F assigned.
May 11	Saturday	Spring Semester Eight Week II Closes, end of day

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

### Summer Sessions - 2024

#### Summer Session I (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 13	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 15	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session I
May 15	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections

May 20	Monday	Last day to drop a Session I course without receiving a grade.
May 20	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session I course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
May 21	Tuesday	First day all regular session dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade will be assigned.
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
May 28	Tuesday	Last day to drop a Session I course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
May 29	Wednesday	First day all Session I dropped courses require approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
June 3	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 4	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
June 8	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

#### Summer Session II (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
June 10	Monday	Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
June 12	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session II
June 12	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
June 17	Monday	Last day to drop a Session II course without receiving a grade
June 17	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session II course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 18	Tuesday	First day all Session II dropped courses and withdrawals from school are assigned an EX grade
June 19	Wednesday	Juneteenth Holiday
June 20	Thursday	Classes Resume
June 24	Monday	Last day to drop a Session II course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 25	Tuesday	First day all Session II dropped courses require instructor approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
July 1	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 2	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F will be assigned.
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Friday	Classes Resume
July 6	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day

### Summer Session III (4 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
July 8	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
July 10	Wednesday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session III
July 10	Wednesday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
July 15	Monday	Last day to drop a Session III course without receiving a grade
July 15	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session III course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
July 16	Tuesday	First day all Session III dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade.
July 22	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session III course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 23	Tuesday	First day all Session III dropped courses require instructor approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
July 29	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.
July 30	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
August 3	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 13	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 16	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session IV
May 16	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.

May 28	Tuesday	Last day to drop a Session IV course without receiving a grade
May 28	Tuesday	Last day a student may place a Session IV course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
May 29	Wednesday	First day all Session IV dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade
June 10	Monday	Last day a student may drop or withdraw from a Session IV course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 11	Tuesday	First day all Session IV dropped courses require instructor approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
June 19	Wednesday	Juneteenth Holiday
June 20	Thursday	Classes Resume
June 24	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.
June 25	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
July 3	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Friday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 6	Saturday	Session IV Closes, end of day

### Summer Session V (8 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
June 10	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
June 13	Thursday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session V
June 13	Thursday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
June 19	Wednesday	Juneteenth Holiday
June 20	Thursday	Classes Resume
June 24	Monday	Last day to drop a Session V course without receiving a grade
June 24	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session V course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 25	Tuesday	First day all Session V dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade.
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Friday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 8	Monday	Last day to drop a Session V course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
July 9	Tuesday	First Day all Session V dropped courses require instructor approval. EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.

July 22	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.
July 23	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
July 31	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
August 3	Saturday	Session V Closes, end of day

### Summer Session VI (12 Weeks)

Date	Weekday	Event
May 13	Monday	Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.
May 17	Friday	Last day any student may enroll (enter a course for credit) for Session VI
May 17	Friday	Last day Registrar's Office will move students automatically from the wait list to open sections
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
June 3	Monday	Last day to drop a Session VI course without receiving a grade
June 3	Monday	Last day a student may place a Session VI course on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
June 4	Tuesday	First day all Session VI dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade.
June 19	Wednesday	Juneteenth Holiday
June 20	Thursday	Classes Resume
June 24	Monday	Last day to drop a Session VI course without instructor approval. EX grade will be issued.
June 25	Tuesday	First day all Session VI dropped courses and withdrawals from term are assigned an EX grade
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	Friday	Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.
July 15	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.
July 16	Tuesday	As of this date, students with exigent circumstances who need to drop a class or withdraw from the term must provide documentation of exigent circumstances and receive approval from both the instructor and the dean. If approved, grades of EX or EX-F grade will be assigned.
July 31	Wednesday	Final Examinations Begin
August 3	Saturday	Session Closes, end of day