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Middle Tennessee State University

General overview

Middle Tennessee State University has been named one of the best places to earn an undergraduate degree in the nation by The Princeton Review, which called it “a go-to choice for those wishing to receive a quality and affordable education.” The majority of MTSU programs are available to exchange students. We offer campus accommodations, robust student activities, and over 300 student organizations. Exchange students will take classes with local students for cultural immersion.

Programmes available

Almost all academic programs are available to exchange students. Students may mix & match from various academic departments in each semester. <https://mtsu.edu/programs/index.php>

Module catalogue

<http://catalog.mtsu.edu/>

Deadlines and timelines

Spring 2022. Nomination by October 1, 2021. Application materials to MTSU by October 31, 2021 including initial immunization information. Acceptance letter and DS-2019 for visa in early November 2021 provided all application documents have been received. Registration for classes in November and December 2021. Semester begins mid-January 2022.

Fall 2022. Nomination by March 1, 2022. Application materials to MTSU by April 15, 2022 including initial immunization information. Acceptance letter and DS-2019 for visa in early May 2022 provided all application documents have been received. Registration for classes in June and July 2022. Semester begins late August 2022.

Academic entry requirements

Prefer 2.5 GPA

Visa entry requirements

Proof of immunization for MTSU requirements and completion of all application materials, proof of minimum funds for semester abroad. Completion of Form DS-160 (online visa application), 5 x5 cm photo taken in the last 6 months, application fee and receipt of payment, current passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your proposed stay in the U.S., interview at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate, form DS-2019 (provided by MTSU). <https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/study-exchange/>

Language requirements

English language requirements: TOEFL 500 (paper), 173 (computer), 61 (internet); IELTS 5.5; ELS 110; Duolingo English Test 85 undergraduate. Students who speak English as a first language are not required to provide evidence of language requirement.

Academic calendar

https://www.mtsu.edu/calendar_academic.php

Student support

1. Disabilities and Access Center <https://www.mtsu.edu/dac/> offers services for a variety of needs including test proctoring and adaptive technologies.
2. MTSU Counselling Services offers counseling to students, crisis services, short-term psychiatric services, referral services, and more. Drop-in counselling is available. Resources are available. <https://www.mtsu.edu/counseling/lets-talk.php>
3. MTSU Intercultural & Diversity Affairs offers services, support, and camaraderie for students who identify with these groups, including the LGBTQ+ and international student populations <https://mtsu.edu/idac/>
4. Additional services are available to students such as a non-traditional student center (for students with adult responsibilities), health services, women's center, and more. Please see: <https://mtsu.edu/campuslife/>

Accommodation

Residence halls, most often double occupancy. Some halls have communal kitchens. There is a Global Learning Community house on Greek Row that offers housing to local MTSU students interested in an international community and to our international students who are interested in that community.

Orientation week

Spring - Week of January 10

Fall - Week of August 15

Assessment

Please see the academic catalog here:

http://catalog.mtsu.edu/content.php?catoid=30&navoid=6525#Grades_Marking_System

Safety on campus

Please see the university police page here: <https://www.mtsu.edu/police/crime-prevent.php> They offer crime prevention and safety tips, bike registration, University Police Safety Escort Program (Raider Escort) to provide escort services to all students 24 hours a day, Rave Guardian service may be used when an individual is alone on campus and would like a police check-in, information on sexual assault, who to call in case of an emergency, how to report a crime, and more. Emergencies - call 911 Non-emergencies - Call University Police at 1-615-898-2424 for 24/7 service Students may also ask the Office of Education Abroad for assistance (non-emergency) if desired; business hours only.

Cost of living

Estimated costs are:

1. Housing - \$2,600 - \$4,000 per semester
2. Meals - \$1,500 - \$2,100 per semester (there are meal options on campus)
3. Books & class supplies - \$500 - \$1,000 per semester
4. Health Insurance (required) - \$350 - \$700 per semester
5. Personal Expenses - \$1,000 - \$2,000 per semester (depends on student spending habits)

Cultural information

The southern U.S. may be very different! There may be a strong southern accent, many people attend church and religious life is important in the daily lives of many residents, people are very friendly and will chat with you, including asking questions that may feel intrusive if you are not used to it (How are you? Where are you from? Are you religious? etc...). We also have a large immigrant community so there is a nice inter-cultural component to the area. Nashville proper is home to the heart of country music and music is everywhere. Public transportation is not great, most people drive or use Uber or Lyft to get around. It is very hot and humid in the summer. It is also very green and there are many places to walk trails, get outside, etc... There are many restaurants; refills on water, soda, iced tea is free, portions are large, and you can take home your leftovers for later. Tipping in restaurants is the norm.

Travel information

Students will fly into Nashville International Airport (BNA). The easiest way to get to campus is via Uber, Lyft, or airport shuttle. There are a few campus shuttles on arrival day as well.

Campus map

<https://www.mtsu.edu/maps/interactive.php?blg=SSAC>

Campus activities and events

<https://mtsu.edu/campuslife/>

Local tourism

1. <https://visitrutherfordtn.com/>
2. <https://www.murfreesborotn.gov/1014/For-Visitors>
3. <https://www.visitmusiccity.com/> (Nashville is about 40-minute drive north of campus)

Fun fact about your city/country

Nashville is known as Music City; we are the country music capital of the world! Music is pervasive in Middle Tennessee and even if country is not your favorite genre, there are many other types of music in our area. Live shows are common (often free) and getting to Nashville is easy for MTSU students (it is only 40-minute from campus).

International Office details

<https://mtsu.edu/abroad>