Welcome Back!

Welcome to the Spring 2018 Semester in the Intensive English Program. It is great to have all of you here. We want to help you succeed in learning English for whatever your purpose. This will require hard work and effort on your part.

This semester we have students from 9 different countries. I encourage each of you to take advantage of this unique opportunity not only to learn English, but also to use those skills to get to know your fellow classmates and learn about different cultures and customs.

We hope you have a very successful spring semester.

Lily Sorenson
Director, Intensive English Program

Trips and Activities

Be sure to check your IEP Student Calendar to see all of the special activities this semester. We had our first trip on January 27, Ice Skating in Jefferson City.

The brand new IEP Film Club met on February 1 to watch and discuss the movie, The Dark Knight.

The next scheduled event is a trip to an arcade for bowling, lazer tag and bumper cars. This will be on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. You can go the website for Lazer Lanes (www.lazerlanes.com) to find out everything they offer. Look for detailed information from your instructors.

Cold and Flu Season

During the winter months, people tend to get sick more often. When international students get sick, they often go to the hospital. This may be the best thing to do in your country, but not in the United States.

If you get sick and think you need to see a doctor, you should go to the Student Health Center. Call first to get an appointment. The phone number is 573-882-7481. You have already paid for this service when you paid your fees to the University. You may have to pay an additional fee, but it will be much cheaper than what you would pay at the hospital. In the United States, hospitals are for serious illnesses and emergencies. It is expensive, and you will probably have to wait a long time.

If you miss IEP classes because of illness, email your instructors. You will need a doctor’s note in order to make up tests and assignments that you miss.

Parking

You may have discovered that it can be difficult to find a place to park on campus. If you are lucky enough to find a space close to McReynolds Hall, you will probably have to keep putting quarters in the parking meter. Below are some alternatives to the parking problem.

For on-campus parking permits, you can go to the MU Parking and Transportation website (https://parking.missouri.edu) You can find out which parking lots are available and get information about riding a shuttle.

Another option is with the City of Columbia. The Parking Utility page (https://www.como.gov/publicworks/parking/) has information about where you can park and how much it costs. You may be able to get a parking permit in a city lot, a prepaid parking card, or the Parkmobile App for your phone. This allows you to park for longer periods of time without having to go back to the meter to insert coins.
**How can I get a Missouri Driver’s License?**

Having a driver’s license is very convenient when you live in Columbia, Missouri. In order to get one, you must take a four-part test. The first part is a written test about traffic laws and safe driving. You can get a Missouri Driver’s Guide to study for this test at this website: [http://dor.mo.gov/drivers/dlguide/](http://dor.mo.gov/drivers/dlguide/). Next, you must pass a vision test, then a road sign test. Finally, you must pass the driving test.

In addition to the tests, you must provide some documentation. If you have an F-1 or J-1 Visa, you must take your passport, I-94, Visa, I-20 or DS-2019, and Certification of Enrollment. The Certification of Enrollment is a letter that you can get from Jayme in 208 McReynolds. You also need a Social Security Number, or a letter from the Social Security Administration saying that you are not eligible for a Social Security number. The last thing you need is proof of residency. This is a document that has your name and local address on it. It could be a lease for your apartment, a bank statement, or a utility bill.

**Sledding**

By Farrah Littlepage

A popular winter activity in Missouri is sledding. A sled is a small, flat vehicle used to travel over snow. You can sled when there are 4-6 inches of snow on the ground. Here are some tips to help you enjoy your first sledding experience:

**Where to Find Sledding Hills:**
- Stephens Lake
- The Links Golf Course
- Hulen Lake Park

**How to Sled:**
- Walk to the top of the hill.
- Sit carefully on the sled, with your feet in front of you or crossed.
- Use your hands to move yourself forward.
- Hold on to the sled while you slide down the hill.
- If you need to stop, put your feet on the snow.
- Climb up the hill and repeat!

**Safety:**
- Climb back up the hill where other people are not sledding; otherwise, you might get hit!
- Stay away from trees, bumps, and creeks!
- Take your children sledding on small hills only.
- Don’t go sledding if the hill is too icy—you might sled too quickly or be unable to walk back up!

**Where to Buy a Sled:**
- Target
- Walmart
- Dick’s Sporting Goods
- Lowe’s
- Toys R Us
- Home Depot

**Lenoir**

We had a great turn-out for our first trip to Lenoir on January 23. Eighteen students went to visit with retired volunteers. Sections 5A and 5B had the most students go. Which section will have the most next time?

We will go 6 more times on the following dates.
- February 6
- February 20
- March 6
- March 20
- April 3
- April 17

This is a great chance for you to practice speaking English. Check the Mizzou IEP Facebook page for reminders about this event.

**TOEFL Practice**

If you want to study for the PBT TOEFL, you can come to Room 108 in McReynolds at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and practice. On Tuesdays, you can practice listening. On Wednesdays, you can practice reading, and on Thursdays, you can practice grammar.

You do NOT need to register.

If you want to practice online, you can go to [ETS.org](https://www.ets.org) for TOEFL practice or [IELTS.org](https://www.ielts.org) for IELTS practice tests.