Welcome Back!

Welcome to the Spring 2020 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. Success will require hard work and effort on your part.

This semester we have students from 13 different countries. I encourage each of you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to not only learn English but also 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

Spring 2020 IEP Students from 13 Countries

1. China
2. Democratic Republic of the Congo
3. Germany
4. Honduras
5. India
6. Jordan
7. Libya
8. Mongolia
9. Puerto Rico
10. Saudi Arabia
11. South Korea
12. Taiwan
13. Turkey

Cold and Flu Season and the Student Health Center

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.

For on-campus parking permits, you can go 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.

IEP Student Calendar

Fatima AlMahroos, Ahyun Bae, Yusuf Bicer, and Insuk Chang had fun ice skating in Jefferson City on Feb. 15!

Be sure to check your IEP Student Calendar to see all of the special activities this semester.

We already had a trip to Washington Park Ice Arena in Jefferson City on February 15.

Our next event, the March/March Parade, is on Friday, March 6. Then on March 14, you can go bowling, play laser tag, and play arcade games.

You will receive more detailed information about each trip from your instructors soon.

CELLebration Tickets: Speak English & Win!

1. If an instructor “catches” you speaking English, they may give you a “CELLebration ticket” to celebrate. There’s an example of a ticket on the left.
2. Tell the instructor your name and section, to be written on the ticket.
3. Drop the ticket into the CELLebration Box in the main office (Room 208).
4. Your name may be selected from the box to win a prize.

If you get a ticket, you may win a prize!
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/.

Next, you must pass a vision test, and 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 Deanna Roop in 208 McReynolds.

Lost-and-Found

Did you find something like a cell phone or flash drive that does not belong to you? Take it to Room 208, and Deanna will put it in the lost-and-found box. If you lose something, check with Deanna because it might be in the box.

Are You Bored or Lonely?

You don’t have to be bored or lonely at Mizzou!

Visit MU Engage (https://mizzouri.campuslabs.com/engage/) for a calendar of campus activities.