Welcome Back!

Welcome to the Spring 2019 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 14 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

Trips and Activities

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

We already had IEP Movie Night on Friday, February 8. Students and two instructors watched and discussed *The Pursuit of Happyness*.

Our next event, a trip to Washington Park Ice Arena in Jefferson City, is on Saturday, February 23.

On March 16, there is a trip to Lazer Lanes (www.lazerlanes.com) for bowling, laser tag, arcade games, and bumper cars.

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

Have you been caught speaking English?

Your instructors are listening for students speaking English outside class. If they catch you, you may win a prize. Details to come soon.

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 to the parking problem.

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.

Spring 2019 IEP Students from 14 Countries

1. Bolivia
2. Brazil
3. China
4. Congo
5. Dominican Republic
6. Egypt
7. Japan
8. Kuwait
9. Libya
10. Russia
11. Rwanda
12. Saudi Arabia
13. South Korea
14. Taiwan

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**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, 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.

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**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

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**Lenoir**

We had a great turn-out for our first trip to Lenoir on Tuesday, February 5. Eighteen students went to visit with retired volunteers. Level 4 students are the “winners” since they had the most students go.

Which level will have the most next time?

We will go to Lenoir 6 more times on the dates below.

- February 12
- February 26
- March 6
- March 12
- April 2
- April 30

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

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**TOEFL Practice**

If you want to study for the paper-based TOEFL, go to McReynolds 108 at 2:30 p.m. on the days below. You do not need to register.

- Tuesdays - practice grammar
- Wednesdays - practice reading
- Thursdays - practice listening

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**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.

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**Are You Bored or Lonely?**

You don’t have to be bored or lonely at Mizzou! Visit Mizzou Life ([https://mizzoulife.missouri.edu/events/](https://mizzoulife.missouri.edu/events/)) for a calendar of campus activities sponsored by the Missouri Student Association.