



**MURRAY STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VIEWBOOK

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## Quick Facts

- **Located in Murray, Kentucky, USA**  
186 kilometers from Nashville, Tennessee
- **Recognition**  
A fully accredited institution founded in 1922 with over 90 years of experience in higher education; all degrees are recognized by employers and organizations around the world
- **Student Enrollment**  
Nearly 10,000 students from the United States and approximately 60 other countries
- **Academic Programs**  
Approximately 245 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels
- **Small Class Sizes**  
15 to 1 student faculty ratio



- **National Rankings**  
**U.S. News and World Report:** “Top-Tier” University in academic quality for 27 consecutive years.  
**Forbes:** “America’s Best Colleges” in 2019.
- **Campus Life**  
150 student organizations, 9 residence halls

## Cost of Attendance and Scholarships

Estimated Costs	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral	ESL
Tuition and Fees	\$19,792	\$14,400	\$10,620	\$6,451
Room	\$5,424	\$4,870	\$4,870	\$5,424
Meal Plan	\$3,860	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$3,860
Books / Supplies	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$1,200
Health Insurance	\$432	\$432	\$432	\$432
Personal Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total per Year</b>	<b>\$31,308</b>	<b>\$23,702</b>	<b>\$19,922</b>	<b>\$18,367</b>

**International Leadership Scholarships** are merit-based awards for outstanding international students who demonstrate leadership potential-- valued at up to \$15,000 per year.

**Academic Achievement Scholarships** are valued at \$1,500 to \$11,876 per year and are awarded upon admission for new bachelor's students.



“The Telecommunications Systems Management program at Murray State University is challenging and fascinating. Professors provide high-level teaching, and resources are available to prepare students for their career.”

**Yinghui from China**  
BS in Telecommunications Systems



“Studying at Murray State University has helped me develop my creativity and problem-solving skills. Besides the computer science material that I’m learning, my education here has given me the confidence to dare to experience and accept challenges.”

**Rojin from Iran**  
BS in Computer Science





## student experiences



"I am pursuing a business degree with entrepreneurship, because I want to run my own business when I graduate. The best thing about Murray is how welcoming it is and the hospitality which makes it very easy to get involved on campus as an international student."

**Perez Nwobu**, Nigeria  
entrepreneurship major



"My professors in the Psychology Department are excellent, and they have inspired me to study other areas of psychology that I had not been exposed to. I plan to go on to graduate school, and then I plan to be a sports psychologist."

**Racheal Foxley**, England  
psychology major



# academics

## Rigorous and Diverse

Over 245 academic programs are available to choose from — spanning fields from business and psychology to computer information systems and engineering.

## Excellence

Students have the opportunity to present projects, publish research and participate in national scientific organizations, including the American Chemical Society, the Journal of Community Ecology and the Journal of Social Science Research.

## Research

Conduct advanced research and receive funding for faculty-mentored projects with support from the office of undergraduate research and scholarly activity. Grants, such as the recent \$3.8 million grant awarded to Murray State's Hancock Biological Station, afford students the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom.

## Expert Instruction

Students gain real-world knowledge from committed and qualified faculty, most of whom have a terminal degree in their field and are experts in their chosen field of study. Professors at Murray State put students first by providing care and personal attention throughout their academic journey.

## Recognition

The true value of higher education is found at Murray State, a fully accredited institution of higher learning, as all degrees are recognized by employers, universities and organizations around the world. Murray State University has consistently been awarded honors as a top university through publications such as *Forbes* and *U.S. News and World Report*.



# areas of study

## Undergraduate Programs

### Arthur J. Bauernfeind

#### College of Business

Accounting  
Advertising  
Business Administration  
Computer Information Systems  
Computer Science  
Economics  
Finance  
Graphic Communications Management  
Journalism  
Logistics and Supply Chain Management  
Management  
Marketing  
Organizational Communication  
Public Relations  
Television Production

#### College of Education and Human Services

Career and Technical Education  
Communication Disorders  
Criminal Justice  
Elementary School Education  
Health and Physical Education  
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education  
Learning and Behavioral Disorders  
Middle School Education  
Nonprofit Leadership Studies  
Recreation and Leisure Services  
Secondary School Certification  
Social Work

#### College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Art  
Creative Writing  
English  
French  
German  
History  
International Studies  
Japanese  
Liberal Arts  
Music  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Theatre

#### Hutson School of Agriculture

Agricultural Science  
Animal Technology

#### School of Nursing and Health Professions

Exercise Science  
Nursing/RN to BSN  
Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management  
Public and Community Health

#### Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Applied Physics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Civil Engineering Technology  
Electromechanical Engineering  
Technology  
Engineering Graphics and Design  
Engineering Physics  
Geoscience  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Telecommunications Systems  
Management  
Wildlife and Conservation Biology

## Graduate Programs

Agriculture (MS)  
Applied Engineering and  
Technology Management (MS)  
Athletic Training (MS)  
Biology (MS)  
Business Administration (MBA)  
Career and Technical Education (MS)  
Chemistry (MS)  
Clinical Psychology (MA, MS)  
Counseling (EdS)  
Creative Writing (MFA)  
Economic Development (MS)  
Economics (MS)  
Education Administration (MAEd, EdS)  
Elementary Teacher Leader (MAEd)  
English (MA)  
English Pedagogy and Technology (DA)  
General Experimental Psychology (MA, MS)  
Geosciences (MS)  
History (MA)  
Human Development and Leadership (MS)  
Information Systems (MS)  
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood  
Education (MAEd)  
Library Media (MAEd)  
Mass Communications (MA, MS)  
Mathematics (MS, MA, MAT)  
Middle School Teacher Leader (MA)  
Music Education (MME)  
Nonprofit Leadership Studies (MS)  
Nursing (MSN)  
Nursing Practice (DNP)  
Nutrition (MS)  
Occupational Safety and Health (MS)  
Organizational Communication (MS, MA)  
P-20 and Community Leadership (EdD)  
Postsecondary Education  
Administration (MA)  
Public Administration (MPA)  
Reading and Writing (MAEd)  
School Counseling (MA)  
Secondary Teacher Leader (MA)  
Special Education (MA)  
Speech-Language Pathology (MS)  
Sustainability Science (MS)  
Teacher Education and Professional  
Development (EdS)  
Teaching English to Speakers  
of Other Languages (MA)  
Telecommunications  
Systems Management (MS)



# English as a second language

## Quality Instruction

Dedicated professionals in the field of language learning take a personal interest in their students' progress and prepare students with the English skills needed to succeed at the university level.

## Intensive and Personalized

The average class size is 15 students, making it possible for students to receive personal attention from the instructors — an environment well suited for student success.

## Course Schedule

The program offers 20 hours of instruction per week at six proficiency levels. Each level is eight weeks in length and is offered throughout the year with new terms beginning in January, March, June, August and October.

## Conversation Partners and Trips

There are many opportunities to practice spoken English with Americans outside the classroom. In addition, students will also have opportunities to visit nearby cities to learn more about American culture.

## Conditional Admission

Students may be admitted to the University after successfully completing the ESL program and meeting the requirements of the degree program.

Cost of Attendance for One Level (8 Weeks)



## student experiences



“Not only have I gained professional knowledge in my courses, I have had the chance to gain experience in the field and attend national conferences — giving me a sound foundation for my future career. I have met many great friends and professors at Murray State University who have left me with wonderful memories.”

**Yeting Shen**, China  
agriculture major



“The accounting program at Murray State University is excellent and there is a study group where fellow students can work together, learn new material and get help from professors. Also, Murray State has a number of programs for international students that will involve you in campus life.”

**Jinseok Kim**, South Korea  
accounting major







# campus life

## Student Organizations

International students gain leadership skills through involvement in any of the 150 student organizations on campus.

## Traditions

Display your vocal talent in the annual All Campus Sing competition, and showcase the best of your home country in the International Bazaar. Attend events during homecoming week — the Main Street parade, Tent City and the football game.

## Recreation

Stay active by working out in the Susan A. Bauernfeind Recreation Center, which includes an indoor swimming pool, track, basketball courts, dance courses and exercise equipment. Also, participate in

various intramural sports teams, such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, water polo and cricket.

## Living Learning Communities

Involve yourself in the residential college system to enhance your college experience by participating in a broad range of cultural and intellectual activities with fellow students and faculty.

## Performances

Watch theatrical productions, musicals and concerts on campus in the 2,500-seat Lovett Auditorium. You may also watch international movies during Cinema International, a weekly screening of movies from around the world.



## Sports

Murray State University has a long tradition of school spirit and exciting competition in 15 NCAA Division I sports.

## Visiting Speakers

Attend lectures by prominent individuals. Previous speakers have included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King III and Spike Lee.

## student experiences



“The professors are very helpful at Murray State University, and they have office hours so that you can visit them for additional help. There are also many study groups that meet in the library, and it is great to learn and study along with your peers.”

**Bassel Alhashemi**, Syria  
biology/pre-medicine major



“I love Murray State because the people here are very friendly and motivate each other to prosper and grow in their own way. Everyone respects each other, and the campus environment is very welcoming for people from all walks of life.”

**Apoorva Vashisht**, India  
biomedical science major



“I like the atmosphere on campus — students are friendly and welcoming and the professors are always willing to help their students. The facilities at Murray State University, including the libraries on campus and the various business buildings, are great places to study.”

**Kohei Miyazaki**, Japan  
economics major



“Life at Murray State University has been a transformative experience for me — it’s helped me realize that I can be a leader. My professors inspire me in classes that are both stimulating and practical, while Murray State has been so helpful to my career development.”

**Iqra Ilyas**, Pakistan  
communications major



# life in murray



## Friendly and Welcoming

Murray is recognized as the “Friendliest Small Town in America,” according to Rand McNally and *USA Today*.



## Safe and Secure

Murray is recognized by the National Safety Council as a community committed to the safety of its citizens and students.



## Eat and Shop

There are many shops, supermarkets

and restaurants within easy walking distance of the Murray State University campus.

## Exploration and Recreation

Land Between the Lakes National Park is a short drive from campus and offers abundant outdoor activities for students looking to take a break from their studies.

## Transportation

Students who live off campus or need to go to the supermarket will enjoy the free scheduled bus service.

## Average Temperatures



Spring  
20 C



Summer  
31 C



Fall  
22 C



Winter  
5 C

## student experiences



“Murray State University’s experience with international students makes me feel welcomed and supported throughout every aspect of my studies. Working with students and faculty from all over the world, as well as the United States has helped me broaden my perspective and opened up a world of opportunities.”

**Salman Farabi**, Bangladesh  
finance major



“For me Murray State University was the perfect opportunity to go back to school and get my master’s degree. The program offers great career opportunities, especially if you already have some work experience. The diverse faculty and student body make this experience even more valuable.”

**Cathy Jane van Lit**,  
Netherlands, human resources major

# student services



## **International Student Office**

A dedicated staff helps new and current students enroll in courses, adjust to life in the United States, become acquainted with the campus and community and assists new students with housing.

## **Health Services and Counseling Services**

Health Services is available to students who are not feeling well and need to see a medical professional. Also, the Counseling Center is available if you feel homesick.

## **Libraries**

A variety of publications and advanced computer labs provide the ideal environment for individual and group study sessions.

## **Writing and Oral Communication Centers**

The Writing Center aids students in editing and proofreading papers and essays. Students can fine-tune their public speaking skills and practice for upcoming

class presentations in the Oral Communication Center.

## **Office of Public Safety**

Our public safety officers are dedicated to the safety and security of our campus community. In addition, all dormitories remain locked and are staffed 24 hours a day.

## **Education Abroad**

Students at Murray State University are encouraged to spend a semester or summer overseas to learn about other countries.

## **Food and Dining**

Winslow Dining Hall is the most popular cafeteria on campus and offers a wide selection of American, international and vegetarian meals. Students may also choose from other on-campus restaurants and coffee shops.



# admissions and scholarships

## Apply Online:

[murraystate.edu/international](http://murraystate.edu/international)

### Undergraduate (bachelor's degrees) Document Checklist

- > \$50 international application
- > High school transcripts
- > High school graduation certificate
- > TOEFL 71 with no section below 16 or IELTS 6 with no section below 5  
(*Certain undergraduate programs have higher language requirements.*)
- > Copy of passport
- > Proof of financial support (bank statement)
- > SAT/ACT scores are NOT required

### Undergraduate Application Deadlines

June 15th – Fall (August) Semester

November 15th – Spring (January) Semester

### Graduate (master's) Document Checklist

- > \$50 international application
- > University transcripts
- > TOEFL 71 with no section below 16 or IELTS 6 with no section below 5  
(*Certain graduate programs have higher language requirements and specific deadlines.*)
- > Copy of passport
- > GRE/GMAT required for certain programs
- > Proof of financial support (bank statement)
- > Certain programs require additional professional/educational credentials.

### Graduate Application Deadlines

April 30th - Fall (August) Semester

October 15th - Spring (January) Semester

*Certain graduate programs have earlier application deadlines.*

### Scholarship Opportunities

#### > International Leadership Scholarships

Outstanding international students who demonstrate leadership abilities through community service, volunteering and extracurricular activities are encouraged to apply for these scholarships at [murraystate.edu/international](http://murraystate.edu/international).

#### > Academic Achievement Scholarships Scholarships

Scholarships of \$1,500 to \$11,724 per year awarded upon admission for new, first-year bachelor's students.

## student experiences



"I chose to stay for graduate studies at Murray State because it has a great accounting program. Also, the professors are super helpful, and they work with students to place them in internship positions."

**My Nguyen**, Vietnam  
accounting major, business administration major



"What I love the most about Murray State is the feeling of 'I belong here.' No matter where you are from or what your background is, Murray offers many diverse opportunities for you to feel at home."

**Joao Paulo Pelosi**, Brazil  
international studies major



"Having the ability to specialize in wildlife biology is something that will help me get a job. After I graduate from Murray State University I plan to go back to Belize and work for an organization that protects the wildlife and natural resources."

**Anna Vasquez**, Belize  
wildlife and conservation biology major



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