



TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY

Intensive English Center

Welcome Guide



Learn English in Music City USA!

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About TSU

Your future drives our mission at Tennessee State University.

As a Historically Black College/University (HBCU), TSU fosters scholarly inquiry and research, lifelong learning, and a commitment to service.

Building on our heritage of strong instruction and solid research, we prepare you for leadership, professional success, personal achievement, and service to local, national, and international communities in our global society.

At Tennessee State University, you're the focus of our motto

-Think. Work. Serve.- and the beneficiary of our core values:



Excellence

Learning

Accountability



Integrity

Shared governance

Diversity

Service

Through the liberal education you receive at TSU, you'll grow and develop as a person who appreciates cultural diversity, embodies a sense of civic and social responsibility, and is well prepared to fulfill your life's goals

Excellence
is our Habit!

My Information

IEC ID#: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

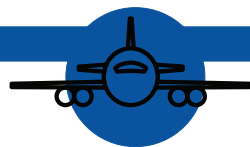
E-mail: _____

Passport #: _____

Important Dates

Date & Time

U.S. Embassy visa interview:		
Placement test:		
Appointment with DSO:		
Orientation:		
Classes start:		



Traveling to the U.S.

1 Date: _____ **2** Date: _____ **3** Date: _____

Flight #: _____ Flight #: _____ Flight #: _____

Departure time: _____ Departure time: _____ Departure time: _____

Arrival time: _____ Arrival time: _____ Arrival time: _____

Layover time: _____ Layover time: _____ Layover time: _____



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Welcome International Student



I am extremely thrilled you will soon join the family of Tennessee State University in the Land of Golden Sunshine! You will be a part of a very rich history of students who have received invaluable education since 1912! At TSU, we stand firm on the fact that "Excellence is our Habit". Please know you will be an important addition to our family and we look forward to learning about you and your invaluable heritage.

Dr. Jewell Winn
Executive Director, OIA



I am very pleased that you have chosen Tennessee State University as your institute of choice for higher education and would like to welcome you to Big Blue Country! TSU hosts students from over thirty countries and has the most ethnically diverse faculty in the state.

Mark Gunter
Director, OIA



Welcome to the Music City, USA! You are at one of the best English programs in one of the fastest growing cities in the USA. We will work hard to make sure that you have a memorable learning experience at the IEC. You will have various opportunities to improve your language skills as well as to explore beautiful Nashville and Tennessee. We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know you, soon.

Engin Ayvaz
Director, IEC

Interview at the U.S. Embassy



- Pay the I-901 fee
- Set up the appointment at the U.S. Embassy
- Get ready for your interview at the U.S. Embassy

1. Be on time

2. Bring all the documents



- a)** I-20: the original signed form we sent you,
- b)** I-901: a copy of your payment,
- c)** Visa appointment confirmation,
- d)** Passport: Make sure all information is complete and you have a valid passport,
- e)** The acceptance letter we sent you,
- f)** Documents of your financial ability to pay for your travel, tuition and accommodation,
- g)** Any other document to prove you plan to return to your country after your studies.



Immigration and visa issues are discussed in the cover letter which accompanied your confirmation packet from IEC - TSU.

Plan your trip

After your visa is approved



Buy your ticket



As early as possible to find better prices

Your final destination is Nashville International Airport (BNA)

[kayak.com](https://www.kayak.com) - [skyscanner.com](https://www.skyscanner.com) - [googleflights.com](https://www.googleflights.com)

Buy health insurance



Students are required to obtain health insurance in compliance with TSU requirements to cover their visit to the U.S.

[sevencorners.com](https://www.sevencorners.com) - [isoa.org](https://www.isoa.org) - [insubuy.com](https://www.insubuy.com)

Arrange your accommodation



Find TSU off campus apartments and rooms before you come

[ap.com](https://www.ap.com) - [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) - [roomster.com](https://www.roomster.com) - [apartmentfinder.com](https://www.apartmentfinder.com)

Ask for advice



Talk to friends who already live in the US.

They can give you good ideas.

Spend time



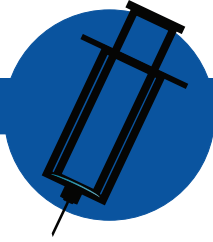
With friends and family before you travel.

Activate your SIM card



We sent you a MINI Sim. Check out the options and activate it from abroad.

Medical Information



Health Insurance

is required for all enrolled students at the University
Make sure you have proper health coverage for all cases.

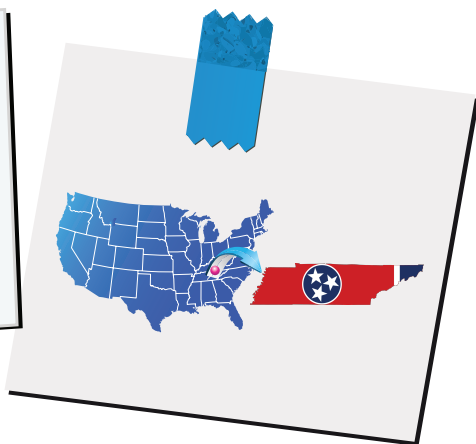
Required Immunizations

Tennessee State University requires proper immunization includes:
Measles Mump Rubella (MMR) vaccine,
Varicella (Chicken pox) vaccine,
Tetanus-diphtheria vaccine,
Hepatitis B (HBV) immunization,
Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine (Mandatory if you are going to live in the dormitory)



About Nashville, TN

Music City USA awaits you!



Nashville

IS

Athens of the South.

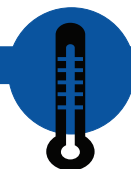
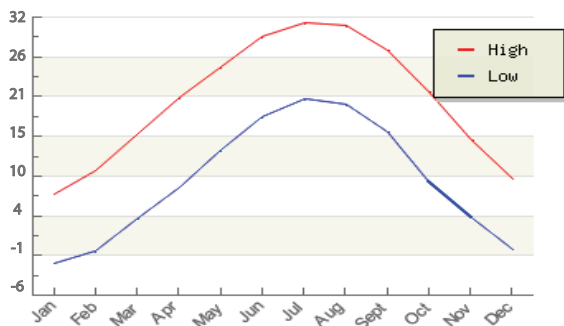
also known as Music City, U.S.A .

located on the Cumberland River.

the capital and largest city of Tennessee.

home to numerous colleges and universities.

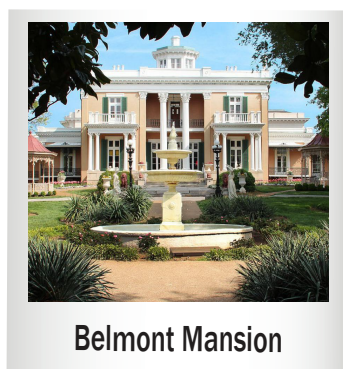
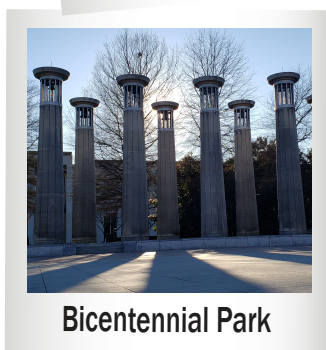
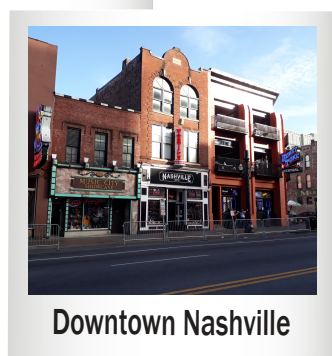
a center for the music, healthcare, and publishing industries.



Weather averages
Temperature (°C)

Places to visit

History, Culture & Music



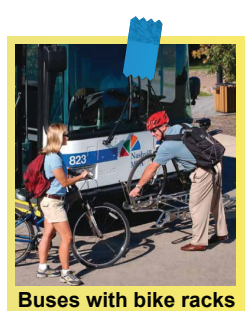
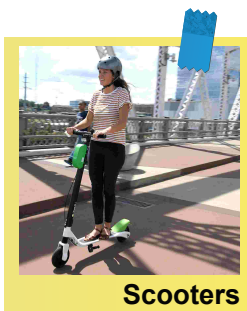
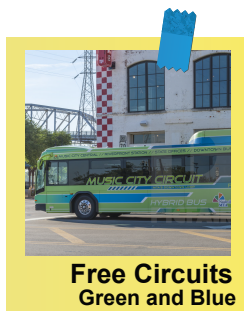
Transportation



Music City Central Bus station

Address: 400 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37219

<https://m.nashvillemta.org/Nashville-MTA-Mobile-Maps-Schedules.asp>



The Green Circuit serves between the Gulch and the Bicentennial Mall area.

The Blue Circuit serves between Riverfront Station and the TSU Campus.

<http://www.nashvillemta.org/Nashville-MTA-Music-City-Circuit.asp>



TSU Shuttle

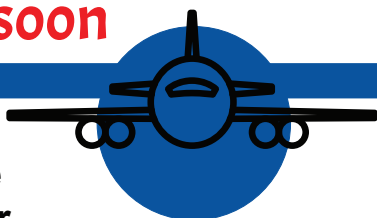
From Avon Williams campus to main campus

<http://www.tnstate.edu/facilities/transportation.aspx>



Before You Arrive

See you soon



When you are traveling to the U.S. make sure you have your original documents in your carry-on luggage.

- Visa ☐
- Passport ☐
- I-20 ☐
- Evidence of admission and acceptance letter ☐

Who will be receiving you?



Name: _____ Phone: _____
Street: _____ City: _____
E-mail: _____



Make sure you have an active SIM with coverage to contact your family when you arrive.



Bring some U.S. dollars with you (about \$300).



Activate your credit card for purchases abroad.

Have a safe trip!!

Apps

Suggested Apps to have in your phone



Packing Tips

Because we care about you



Keep your documents at hand

Do not pack your immigration documents in your checked luggage.



Know your airline's baggage fees & policies

Before you begin packing, check your airline's website and read its baggage policy.



Choose your luggage

Pick luggage that is versatile, lightweight and easy to carry.



Make a packing list

Creating a packing list is a fail-safe way to ensure that you don't forget to bring something important. Start packing days ahead of your departure date.



Just pack smart

In addition to clothes, books and other essentials, consider extra contact lenses (if you wear them), medications (in clearly labeled containers), photos, traditional clothing, compact items that will help feel like home.

“On a long journey even a straw weighs heavy”

Spanish Proverb

After You Arrive

1 Find a ride home

Apps

- You can use UBER or LYFT

Public bus

- find the schedules at www.nashvillemta.org

Car rentals

- make a reservation www.carrentals.com

OIA van pick up

- This service is free. (Conditions apply)



2 Check in with us Holland Hall, Suite 111 See Vlad Betancur

3 Attend orientation/registration (mandatory)

IEC is here 





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