



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Asian Affairs Center
University of Missouri

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The Global Leadership Program (GLP) at the University of Missouri (MU/Mizzou) is a premier professional training program designed to enhance global competency and cross-cultural communication skills for government officials, professionals, higher education faculty, and research scholars. Through our dynamic and immersive curriculum, participants gain invaluable international experience, equipping them with the skills and perspectives needed to become stronger leaders in their organizations and home countries.

By joining GLP, you become part of a prestigious alumni network of thousands of Mizzou Tigers across Asia, fostering lifelong professional connections and opportunities.

Our expert faculty, well-rounded curriculum for practical learning, global insights make this program a truly transformative experience. As you engage in professional development, you will also experience life in the U.S., gaining the knowledge, confidence, and international perspective to advance your career and make a meaningful impact in the global arena.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Global Leadership Program and supporting you on this journey of growth and success.



*Sang S. Kim, Director
MU Asian Affairs Center &
Missouri International Training Institute*

Global Focus Local Experience Personal Achievement

YOU WILL:

- Increase English competency, specifically as it relates to international business, academia, and government affairs.
- Enhance global perspectives and understanding of American culture, both professionally and personally.
- Improve global leadership and administration skills for a variety of professional settings.
- Expand knowledge in specialty focus areas.



WE WILL:

- Provide relevant courses taught by a diverse group of instructors with experience in English education and global perspectives.
- Coordinate site visits to major corporations, government offices, NGOs, and cultural sites.
- Arrange business & government seminars on topics of U.S. economic, political, social, and educational systems.
- Connect you with experienced professionals, either through a formal internship (professional/government track) or through introductions with specialists and researchers in your field (academic/research track).



“*The instructors all have a wealth of experience and profound knowledge of the subjects they teach. They provide unique perspectives and valuable tools to enhance the overall learning experience.*

I highly recommend the Global Leadership Program to others. It not only helped me improve my English and cross-cultural communication skills but also enhanced my understanding of both American and Asian cultures.

Outstanding academic courses, exceptional faculty and staff, and dedicated support for scholars and their families. I cannot think of any reason not to recommend the program to my colleagues and friends.”

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

GLP Courses (4 Days/Week)

Participants will select four topic-based courses every seven weeks, each designed to enhance global competency and English proficiency through engaging seminars and dynamic discussions. Course topics may include public policy, economics, politics, education, culture, presentation skills, and leadership, providing a well-rounded and practical learning experience.

Global Leadership & Campus Seminars and Events

Guest speakers present insightful discussions on current global issues and leadership topics, helping GLP participants broaden their global awareness and strengthen their leadership competencies.

Professional Site Visits

The Asian Affairs Center organizes exclusive site visits and field trips to provide GLP participants with firsthand exposure to professional environments, industry practices, and cultural institutions. These visits offer valuable insights into U.S. business operations, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations, enhancing participants' understanding of global leadership and cross-cultural collaboration. By engaging with professionals in various fields, scholars gain practical knowledge, networking opportunities, and a deeper appreciation of international best practices.

Accent Expansion Program (Optional Component)

A select group of participants may have the opportunity to attend personalized two-on-one sessions with an MU graduate specialist from the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. This high quality program is designed to help participants refine their pronunciation and improve the clarity of their spoken English, enhancing their overall communication skills in professional and academic settings.

Spouses Program (Optional Component)

Spouses or significant others of GLP participants may participate in specialized group classes designed to support their integration into the community and provide a deeper understanding of American culture. This program offers a welcoming environment to connect with others, share experiences, and gain practical insights into life in the U.S.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROFESSIONAL/GOVERNMENT TRACK

Professional Practicum (optional component)

Participants may apply for a professional practicum with a Missouri state agency or nonprofit that aligns with their professional interests and career goals.

ACADEMIC TRACK

Research Project (optional component)

Scholars pursuing research will receive guidance and support to enhance work including access to academic resources, collaboration opportunities, and connections with specialists in their fields.

COURSES

For each 7-week session, scholars will choose 4 classes, each of which meets twice a week. We provide informative, interactive courses on a variety of topics. Our courses are designated as Beginning, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, and Advanced. Prior to your admission, you will be evaluated to help us determine the level that most closely corresponds to your current level of English. Class offerings vary each session.

SEMINARS

Dynamic guest speakers will present on current issues and topics of interest. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of worldwide topics and sharpen their global leadership competencies.

SITE VISITS

Scholars will have a unique opportunity to explore how various sectors contribute to the quality of life in Missouri. Through visits to state agencies, local governments, corporations, and cultural sites, participants will gain first-hand insights into American government and business practices, as well as best practices across different industries.



BENEFITS OF ENROLLMENT

- Develop essential tools and strategies applicable to any profession, position, and situation.
- Learn from experienced faculty with years of career experience and academic credentials, and receive personalized guidance from an academic advisor throughout your program.
- Enjoy a balanced class schedule, allowing time to experience life in the United States and immerse yourself and your family in Columbia's vibrant community – from cultural events and scenic nature trails to the warmth of authentic Midwest hospitality.
- Access high-quality education for school-aged children (as J-2 dependents) through Columbia Public Schools, one of the best public school systems in the state.
- You will become part of our extensive network of impressive alumni in Asia – “Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!”

THE SPECIFICS



Eligibility

- ✓ Hold a bachelor's degree or higher
- ✓ Have at least 2 years of professional experience or be currently enrolled in a post-baccalaureate (graduate) program
- ✓ Demonstrate an intermediate level of English proficiency

Choose 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, or 24 months

Application Deadline

Spring Programs:

First application deadline:
Sept. 1 (decision by Sept. 15)

Second application deadline:
Nov. 1 (decision by Nov. 15)

Fall Programs:

First application deadline:
Feb. 1 (decision by Feb. 15)

Second application deadline:
April 1 (decision by April. 15)

Classes typically begin in mid-January and mid-August, with a 6-week winter break and an 8-week summer break.



“*The program allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of how people outside Korea live, think, and behave. I was able to better appreciate different perspectives and cultural viewpoints.*

Discussions with scholars from different countries were incredibly valuable and insightful.

MU offers vast resources spanning agriculture, law, journalism, public affairs, animal science, nuclear medicine, healthcare, and more. GLP helps me to connect with Mizzou's extensive network and expertise.”



THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The University of Missouri (Mizzou) is a land grant, AAU (Association of American Universities), flagship university, located in Columbia, Missouri, USA. Established in 1839, Mizzou is the oldest public university west of the Mississippi River, an institution with rich traditions, a physically beautiful campus, and a strong commitment to furthering the tenets of respect, responsibility, discovery, and excellence.

With 13 schools and colleges offering more than 300 degree programs, and a total enrollment of more than 30,000 students, Mizzou is the birthplace of world-class research breakthroughs, home to Nobel prize winners, and produces Mizzou-made leaders of tomorrow. Find out more at <https://www.missouri.edu>.

ASIAN AFFAIRS CENTER

The **Asian Affairs Center (AAC)**, created in 1998 by the MU Office of the Provost, reflects the university's formal recognition of cultural, strategic, and economic importance of the Pacific Rim. The Center has a mandate to build upon MU's substantial Asian programs, university and alumni linkages, and teaching and research connections in the region to benefit citizens, government entities, and businesses in Missouri.

MISSOURI INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The **Missouri International Training Institute (MITI)**, established in partnership with the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED), is housed within the Asian Affairs Center at the University of Missouri. Since 2000, MITI has provided international professionals and visiting scholars with training programs across various academic and professional fields. Leveraging resources from the university, state and local governments, and Missouri-based corporations, MITI offers customized and specialized educational programs ranging from one week to one year in length. To date, our alumni network includes more than 3,500 Asian scholars, government officials, professionals, and university students.



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