

**Cost Estimate for the One-Semester ESL Program from Partner Universities of Murray State University
January 13 to May 9, 2025**

The itemized cost estimate for each student participating in the one semester program is based on the current year (2024-2025) rates.

1. ESL program tuition and fees:

ESL application fee	\$50 (after a \$25 discount)
Airport pick up fee	\$100
Tuition (\$1,550/8-week x 2 - \$600/ESL tuition reduction scholarship)	\$2,500
Administrative fee (\$150 x 2)	\$300
Technology fee (\$15 x 2)	\$30
Institutional tests/TOEFL /Placement	\$30
Subtotal	\$3,010

**2. Housing for one semester in the university dorm/residential college/Shared room/Elizabeth and Hester (\$3,295/16-week)
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3. *Copper Flex meal plan \$950

4. Wellness Center fee \$36

5. Student ID card \$20

6. Transcript \$8 (if a transcript issued by the MSU's Registrar's Office is required)

Total \$7,319 US (\$3,010 + \$3,295 + \$950 + \$36 + \$20 + \$8)

* Copper Flex meal plan: Students need to be aware that the cost estimate for meals is not enough for them to eat three meals a day for the semester. If they prefer to buy a higher meal plan, they can do so after they arrive on campus. Copper Flex is a much cheaper meal plan we have worked out with Dining Services for students from our partner universities to give them more flexibility if they prefer to eat off campus.

There are three other items that are not included in the above total--1) books and supplies, 2) health insurance, and 3) incidental expenses. Health insurance is estimated at approximately \$31 to \$95 per month plus a \$16 one-time enrollment fee, but students do not have to buy it in the United States if they have adequate insurance coverage purchased in their home country (A minimum coverage of \$100,000 per illness or accident is required). The cost for books and supplies is estimated at \$700 for one semester. Incidental expenses are estimated at \$1,000 per semester. Students are also responsible for their own transportation back to the airport at the end of the program.

The destination airport is the Nashville International Airport in Nashville, Tennessee with the airport code of BNA. **It takes more than two hours to drive from Nashville to Murray, so we recommend that group students from our partner universities book their flights together to arrive in Nashville before 4:00 pm during the shuttle days from January 10 to January 11, 2025.** If students arrive after 5:00 pm in Nashville, they may need to stay in a hotel in Nashville overnight and be picked up the following day. For safety reasons, we try not to transport students during the night. If students cannot arrive during the shuttle days, the airport pickup fee is \$150. Please see the highlighted below for interim housing.

Please understand that there are four different housing rates for the 2024-2025 academic year ranging from \$2,961 (Regents and White) to \$3,774 (Lee Clark, JH Richmond and HC Franklin) for double occupancy per semester. The cost estimate above uses the second highest rate (Elizabeth and Hester).

Most of the information below is provided by the Housing Office, and students are advised to read it before they start their application.

On Campus Housing Options:

Our eight unique residence halls have all of the amenities and resources you'll need to not only succeed in your studies, but to encourage your own personal growth by taking advantage of the many ways you can get involved on campus. The pricing varies, based on the age of the hall, style of room and bathroom. Students have the ability to have privates in our halls, if space permits. Below is the pricing and information about rooms in each hall.

RESIDENTIAL HALLS	DOUBLE ROOM	DOUBLE AS A PRIVATE ROOM	DESIGNED PRIVATE ROOM
Regents Hall	\$2,961	\$3,500	N/A
RH White Hall	\$2,961	\$4,261	N/A
Hart Hall	\$3,021	\$4,347	N/A
Elizabeth Hall	\$3,295	\$4,619	N/A
Hester Hall	\$3,295	\$4,619	N/A
Lee Clark Hall	\$3,774	\$5,091	\$4,245
JH Richmond Hall	\$3,774	\$5,091	\$4,245
HC Franklin Hall	\$3,774	\$5,091	\$4,245

Room Layouts:

Please review pictures on the Housing website for more details on layouts and images of the rooms and halls.

- **Regents, RH White, and Hart Halls** have two double rooms attached by a bathroom. All spaces have to be cleaned by those that live in the room. You will have a sink and vanity area in your room. These are our older halls, so they do have some character to them. Regents Hall is reserved for returning students only.
- **Elizabeth and Hester Halls** have double rooms with a sink and vanity area in the room, but the bathrooms are community bathrooms for the whole floor. Bathrooms are sanitized and supplied with toilet paper and paper towels by staff. They are newly renovated halls, with new larger built in closet areas.
- **Lee Clark, HC Franklin, and JH Richmond** have two different layouts, a double room with a private bathroom attached for the room or a 4-person private bedroom suite. Both options are highly requested and limited in numbers.
- We do have family apartments and single apartments for older students coming to Murray State. These apartments are limited. Please review the requirements to be assigned to College Courts apartments on the Housing website under the College Courts tab
- **Early Arrival Housing-** If students arrive before the dorms are officially open on Sunday, January 12, 2025, they will need to pay for interim housing, which is currently \$18 per night. This may be a different hall from their permanent hall.

Application and Assignment Process:

The application for Housing is available once the students are admitted to the university. To access the application, you will need to log into your myGate account and have your student ID number (M#) and deposit ready.

- The MSU Housing Office requires a deposit of \$150 to reserve students' rooms. To avoid the difficulties of collecting and refunding these fees, the ESL Program will cover the housing deposit cost on behalf of our partner university students.
- If for any reason, a student forfeits the possibility for the deposit to be refunded at the end of his/her stay (fails to notify the Housing Office or check out by the deadline OR causes any damage to the room or other property), that student will be immediately responsible for paying the \$150 fee and will

also be responsible to pay any additional charges (damages/lost keys, etc.) to his/her MSU account. The ESL Program asks for the cooperation of our partner universities to collect any fees necessary.

Once the students complete their application, the Housing Office will work on assignments. Students may request roommates and preference buildings in their application. Students may be assigned to different dorms from the ones they apply for based on availability.

All stated amounts are in U.S. dollars. As noted above, the total is an estimate with a \$600 ESL scholarship and a \$25 discount off the ESL Application fee for each student from all of MSU's partner universities.