

MIDWEST STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

a program of the [Midwestern Higher Education Compact](#) (MHEC)

FAQ

What is the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#)?

A:

The Midwest Student Exchange Program, or MSEP, is a multi-state tuition reciprocity program. Through the MSEP, public institutions agree to charge students no more than 150% of the in-state resident tuition rate for specific programs; private institutions offer a 10% reduction on their tuition rates. All enrollment decisions are made at the discretion of the receiving campus and the campus may exercise its right to limit participation or set specific admission requirements for MSEP.

Q:

Which states participate?

A:

Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, or Wisconsin.

Q:

Why is my state listed on your home page but not on the MSEP site?

A:

MSEP is a voluntary program and only nine of the twelve states in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) participate. Iowa, South Dakota, and Ohio do not participate in MSEP at this time. If your state is not currently participating, please contact your state MHEC Commissioners to encourage participation. A listing of the MHEC Commissioners can be found [online here](#).

Q:

Who is eligible to participate?

A:

You must be a legal resident of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, or Wisconsin. You must be enrolling as a non-resident student at a participating MSEP campus to receive the discount.

****Please see important information about the MSEP rules for Graduate Study at Truman on following page****

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MSEP RULES AND GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO GRADUATE STUDY AT TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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1. In order for students to be eligible, their residency in a participating MSEP state must be verified by Truman State University. To achieve this, students are asked to submit to the Graduate Office copies of the following items:
 - Current home state driver's license
 - Current home state voter registration card
 - Most recent tax return (or parents' tax return if still being claimed as a dependent).
2. Different limitations on the MSEP waiver exist between the undergraduate and graduate programs. At the graduate level, students must initiate the MSEP waiver request via submission of the items listed above. Additionally, the MSEP has the following limitations:
 - Graduate students must be enrolled full-time, meaning registered for 9 or more graduate credits per semester they receive the waiver;
 - The MSEP waiver has a limit of four semesters at the graduate level.
3. The MSEP waiver is paid as a flat-rate credit against your out-of-state tuition balance. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the MSEP rate is \$872 per semester. The rate is based on this calculation:
 - The full-time "plateau" for in-state graduate tuition is \$4,060 per semester; the out-of-state rate is \$6,962
 - $\$4,060 \times 150\% = \$6,090$
 - $\$6,962 - \$6,090 = \$872$
 - \$872 is the amount to be credited back to students qualifying for the MSEP waiver.
4. You will not need to reapply for the MSEP waiver each semester (or year), but please remember the limitations; most importantly that you must be enrolled full-time and that the waiver can only be used for four semesters, even if it takes you longer to complete your degree.

Questions? Please call the Graduate Office at 660.785.4109.