**HOUSING**
Students are housed on campus with four people sharing a furnished 2-bedroom apartment. Every apartment has a shared living room, bathroom and kitchen. They are centrally located for easy access to campus and downtown.

**AMENITIES**
Program fees include tuition, housing, field trips, access to the library, computer labs, student recreational center and other on-campus facilities.

More information on the program (including application and deadlines) can be found on the website: http://asia.missouri.edu/miti/epi.php or by contacting the EPI Program coordinator at SappLj@missouri.edu.
The OBJECTIVE of the EPI program is to immerse students in American culture through a variety of experiences ranging from short-term internships to Professional Communications workshops to interactive cultural excursions. The EPI program touches on every aspect of American life in order to give the students diverse exposure—making them more marketable in today’s increasingly global world.

LIVING ENGLISH
Our educational philosophy on language and cultural acquisition is a full immersion approach. We ask our program participants to start “LIVING" English and American culture rather than studying them. We provide an optimal environment for them to pursue that goal with community involvement, American collegiate ambassadors, and an “English Only” policy throughout the program.

American Culture and Business/Career Workshops
Students attend workshops in effective interview skills and resume writing—both designed to help the students talk about the value of their experience in EPI as they seek work in an increasingly global business setting. Cultural seminars increase awareness of life in the United States and help the students understand the culture around them more deeply.

Internships
EPI students are given the unique opportunity to observe American work places through short-term internships in local businesses, government and university offices, and nonprofit agencies. By establishing relationships with their co-workers, students have the opportunity to learn about office culture as well as business.

PROGRAM PERIOD (5 weeks)
Summer: 2nd week of July—3rd week of August
Winter: 1st week of January—2nd week of February

COMPONENTS
English for Professional and Personal Development
These classes provide students with a variety of real-life speaking situations and utilize speech and drama techniques to improve the overall confidence of the students. Coursework is interactive, challenging and fun. The activities are focused on professional communication skills through presentations, group discussions, meeting facilitation, interview projects and written assignments.

QUALIFICATIONS
- Current undergraduate student
- Strong working knowledge of English

Collegiate Ambassador Program
The Collegiate Ambassador Program recruits the best and brightest students on the MU campus to serve as language partners, mentors and friends to visiting students. The ambassadors make EPI a fun and heart-warming experience, unique from the traditional study abroad.

American Cultural Experience
Weekend excursions with their collegiate ambassadors help the students better understand American culture. Some of our activities include: Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, professional baseball games, MU sporting events, hiking and biking, local festivals, zoos, Mark Twain’s hometown and riverboat tour, ice skating, arts and crafts, St. Louis City Museum.

VOICE FROM A PARTICIPANT
“The EPI program gave me a wide view toward the world. Because of EPI program’s variable plan, we did many things. For this reason, we directly felt the USA culture and Americans from the young to the old. So, now I can guess the thinking of Americans. That was my aim before I came to MIZZOU, and I finally achieved it. I’m really thankful for the EPI program and staff.”

- Seonguk Huh, Winter 2011