

What are Short Terms?

Short terms are designed to:

- bring the community together
- provide distance learners with an opportunity to obtain residency credits
- meet administration, faculty & staff
- experience on campus life
- build lasting friendships
- provides a glimpse of graduate life for those considering UGST

How do I get started?

Your first step is:

- *All Non-degree seeking students* – To begin your journey at UGST please connect with Sis Dinecia Gates (d gates@ugst.edu or 314 921 9290 ext.2005) in Admissions.
- *Admissions Processed Non-degree & Matriculated Distance Learning Students seeking to register for courses* please connect with Sis Vinessa D'Sa (ydsa@ugst.edu) in Distance Learning who will help you navigate your journey & register for courses.

Is there a particular course I need to take first?

All incoming students are required to take Biblical Interpretation as their first course at UGST. This course is offered in August in the Fall Semester (5 day intensive) and every March in the Spring Semester (3 day intensive).

How can I pay?

Payment for short terms/intensives can be made via credit card or check. Please connect directly with the Student Accounts office (314 838 8858x 3114) for more information.

Why take a short term?

Short terms provide students with the ability to stack courses and engage in part/full time studies while juggling family, ministry and other obligations. See example below:

Fall Semester

- August short term
- Fall semester distance learning/live course
- October or January short term

How long is a short term?

A short term runs 15 weeks in length with either a (a) one week or (b) three day/weekend intensive of in class time conducted on campus.

What does the short term look like on campus?

The week is intense with instructors arranging the syllabus to accommodate a minimum of 23 hours of in-class time. It is recommended that one takes this week to focus on learning and growth. Juggling other commitments while attending a short term/intensive is discouraged.

What do I need to bring for the short term?

You can bring your laptop, notepad and any other stationary & books that you think you may need.

Can I record the session?

You are more than welcome to take notes. Audio/Video recording via electronic devices such as: ipad, iphone, camera etc. are prohibited.

What about technology requirements?

Please refer to the [technology](#) recommendations on the website for direction.

How will I submit my assignments?

Canvas is Urshan's learning management system. You will receive instructions on how to set up your account from the Distance Learning or Registrar's office. It is highly recommended that you keep track of your user name and passwords.

How important is my UGST email account?

All students are allocated a UGST email account by the Admissions Department who will send initial setup instructions to your generic email. It is imperative that activate your UGST email right away as all course invites and communication from faculty & staff will be sent to this email account. UGST strives to maintain FERPA regulations and therefore no emails will be sent to your generic account from this point on.

Where can I stay?

There are several hotels in close proximity of the school. Here is a list of hotels that give UGST students a discounted rate. (Just let them know that you are with UGST/UPCI).

- **Fairfield Inn and Suites** -130 Crossroads S. Dr., Wentzville, MO 63385
(636) 332-5000
- **Hampton Inn** - 150 Wentzville Bluffs Dr., Wentzville, MO 63385
(636) 445-3780
- **Holiday Inn Express St. Louis Airport** -13735 Riverport Drive, St Louis, MO 63043
(314) 298-3400

You may also use www.hotels.com, www.hotwire.com or www.priceline.com to book rooms at discounted prices.

Are there shuttle services available? How can I get to the school?

The school does not provide shuttle service. You can try the hotels in the area which may provide shuttle service to and from the airport.

There is no shuttle transportation offered to/from hotels to the school and vice versa. Once you are on campus you may be able to coordinate with students in the class who may be able to give you a ride.

Is there a dress code?

Business casual is appropriate wear. You can refer to the [catalog](#) or student handbook for more information on the dress code.

Is there laundry capability on campus?

No, unfortunately there are no public laundry facilities on campus.

Important contact information for the school?

1151 Century Tel Dr., Wentzville, MO 63385
(314) 921- 9290

Important extension numbers to remember:

- Vinessa D'Sa, Director of Distance Learning – 3110
- Hadassah Mitchell, Distance Learning Assistant – 3221

- Laura Painter, Student Accounts – 3114
- Grant Pollard, Federal Financial Aid – 2116

Where can I park?

Please feel free to park in the designated parking areas.

Where do I go when I arrive at the school?

Please make your way towards Building A where all classrooms are located.

Are there coffee shops in the area?

Clarke Parker Coffee and Mercantile is located in Building A, in the student lounge on the Main Floor.

Are there restaurants in the area?

Absolutely! There are all kinds of restaurants serving a variety of cuisine within the vicinity of the [school](#).

What about snacks?

Some snacks may be offered by the school & you are also more than welcome to bring your own snacks & drinks.

What do students tend to do for lunch?

Students tend to either go:

- out to local restaurants in the area.
- or, choose to bring their lunch with them.

You are more than welcome to place your lunch/snack items in the refrigerator. All items must be labeled with your name. Please ensure that you remove all your items from the refrigerator & clean up after yourself.

What is the weather like in St Louis?

Check out <https://weather.com/> for updated information