

# Relocation Guide

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS





## *Greetings to you!*

This guide has been developed to answer basic questions about your transition to the St. Louis and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis communities. This is the first step in arming you with information to make the transition easier. If there is something that has not been addressed in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Making changes in your life can be an exciting, adventurous and sometimes difficult proposition. Many others have gone before you. I would like to provide you with a link to those students and the resources that have been built for them to use in past years. We in Residential Services are here to walk alongside you as you plan and prayerfully contemplate your move to the Seminary.

Sincerely yours and forever His,

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## **Important Notice – Please Read Before Proceeding**

*The intent of the following information is to assist Concordia Seminary students and their families in relocating to the St. Louis metropolitan area and the Seminary community, and is not to be construed as a recommendation of any particular business, service provider or property owner. Please be discerning when entering websites listed/linked in this document, as the Seminary does not endorse nor monitor the sites or their content. The information included in the housing table is not an endorsement of, nor recommendation for, the properties. Inclusion in this list does not indicate a representative of the Seminary has visited the property, nor does it indicate approval of the owner's or property management company's practices. Much of the information in this guide was obtained from current or former students and we work very hard to make sure the information is accurate. If a website link or phone number isn't working, please share that information with us so we can update it. For specific information or additional assistance in answering your questions, please contact Residential Services at 314-505-7324.*

# ABOUT ST. LOUIS

Consistently ranked among the nation's most affordable and best places to live and raise families, the St. Louis region offers many opportunities to watch or participate in a wide range of sports, recreational activities and cultural events. Not far from St. Louis' urban core are the beautiful rolling hills of the Ozark Mountain region and outdoor activities such as spelunking in some of Missouri's more than 6,000 caves, hiking and canoeing.

## Economy

As of 2017, the St. Louis area was home to 10 Fortune 500 companies: Express Scripts Holding, Centene, Emerson Electric, Bayer, Reinsurance Group of America, Jones Financial, Graybar Electric, Olin, Ameren and Peabody Energy.

St. Louis is a center of medicine and biotechnology. Nearby, Washington University School of Medicine is affiliated with Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the 12th-largest hospital in the world. The two institutions operate the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center. The School of Medicine also is affiliated with St. Louis Children's Hospital, one of the country's top pediatric hospitals. Both hospitals are owned by BJC HealthCare.



## Climate

When it comes to weather, St. Louis has something for everyone! Cold winters chill St. Louis from December to February and are followed by cool springs in the months of March through May. Summers start to heat up in June and burn until August, which leads us into beautiful fall foliage from September to November. According to the National Weather Service, average snowfall for the month of January is 7.4 inches.

### ***The Weather Channel***

weather.com

### ***Accuweather***

accuweather.com

### ***National Weather Service***

weather.gov

### ***Weather Underground***

wunderground.com

## Culture

The city is defined by music and the performing arts, especially its association with blues, jazz and ragtime. St. Louis is home to the St. Louis Symphony, the second-oldest symphony orchestra in the United States, which has toured nationally and internationally to strong reviews.

The Gateway Arch marks downtown St. Louis' historic center that includes the federal courthouse, a newly renovated and expanded public library, major churches, businesses and retail. An increasing downtown residential population has taken to adapted office buildings and other historic structures. In nearby University City is the Delmar Loop, ranked by the American Planning Association as a "great American street" for its variety of shops and restaurants, and the Tivoli Theater, all within walking distance.

## Taxes

If you look at a map of the St. Louis metropolitan area, you will see that the city limits are clearly delineated from the county, as the City of St. Louis is a distinct and separate governmental entity from St. Louis County. An important factor to note is that if you live or work in the city of St. Louis, you will pay a 1 percent city income tax, in addition to your state and federal income tax. If your employer does not withhold this tax for you, it still must be paid. The Seminary campus is in St. Louis County (in the municipality of Clayton), not the city of St. Louis.

## Voting

Residents of the city of St. Louis may register at any public library in the city system. Any document that verifies residency is sufficient identification, i.e., utility bill, driver's license with current address or a library card with a current address.

# ON-CAMPUS LIVING

## **On-Campus Housing: Single Students**

Single students have the option of living in a residence hall or seeking off-campus housing. The Seminary provides residence hall rooms for single students. These facilities offer three types of accommodations: double occupancy room, private room or private double room.

Residence hall rooms are furnished with a desk, chair, bookshelf, chest of drawers, wardrobe or closet, and a bed with mattress. Laundry facilities are located conveniently in the residence halls. The price of laundry is included in room and board.

## **On-Campus Housing: Married Students**

The Seminary owns apartment units for married students. Units can be configured for two to four bedrooms. Each apartment has a stove and refrigerator but is otherwise unfurnished. Each unit has its own small storage area. All Founders Way apartment buildings have laundry hookups in the basement. All the apartments offer comfortable and convenient accommodations for a married couple. Pets are not permitted in Seminary-owned apartments. Demand is high each year for the available Seminary-owned apartments. Apartment availability and ability to take possession of a unit is dependent upon the existing tenants' move-out date. Rental rates are competitive with the local market.

Check out the Seminary website ([csl.edu](http://csl.edu)) for information about housing costs and descriptions, floor plans and brochures, which are available for download. You also can contact the Residential Services office at 314-505-7324 or [residentialservices@csl.edu](mailto:residentialservices@csl.edu) with any questions or concerns.





# OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

For those who choose to live off campus, there are a number of nearby rental properties available.

## **Finding Your New Home**

Searching for a place to live from a distance can be a daunting task, which is why it is best to do some research before visiting the city. Some of the search aids below might be helpful. Choose a number of properties that fit your parameters and visit them to determine the best fit. If you are counting on being assigned to an on-campus apartment, be aware that while we in Residential Services do our best to accommodate your request, the demand is sometimes more than the supply.

If you are not able to visit St. Louis before your move, find a back-up apartment. Make your back-up plan in advance to find the right place for you and your family.

## **Neighborhoods**

As you seek off-campus housing opportunities, you likely will want to visit the neighborhoods. It is difficult to give opinions on a neighborhood since it is usually not known what type of setting you are most used to: urban, suburban, rural or something in between. It is recommended that you look at neighborhood resources online to get a better feel for the area and equip yourself with facts that are important to you. There are several ways to accomplish this task, depending on where you are moving.

## ***Illinois***

Some seminarians choose to live on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. Areas inside of the I-255/I-270 loop tend to be more industrial-based communities. Communities outside of that area have a more suburban and rural flair. If Illinois living is what your family chooses, please communicate this to the Field Education office as soon as possible.

## ***St. Louis City***

Go to the city of St. Louis website ([stlouis-mo.gov](http://stlouis-mo.gov)) and search “City-Wide Neighborhood map” or “Maps for each individual neighborhood,” which is routed to the neighborhood index where you can select a neighborhood of interest. Here you will find useful information including the neighborhood profile, the 2010 Census Report and the neighborhood map. Note: For reference purposes, the city/municipality of Clayton in which the Seminary is located borders neighborhood No. 45 (Wydown/Skinker). Crime stats can be found for the various municipalities by navigating the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department ([slmpd.org](http://slmpd.org)).

## ***St. Louis County***

Having a few maps may be helpful, as there are 91 municipalities in St. Louis County. Go to the county website ([maps.stlouisco.com](http://maps.stlouisco.com)) and click on “Property Viewer” on the left side of the screen. The interactive map feature will show satellite images of any area in St. Louis County that is selected.

## ***St. Charles County***

The St. Charles community is just across the Missouri River to the west of St. Louis County. There are a number of cities, towns and villages in that community that also offer many attractive housing and other amenities. Learn more at [sccmo.org](http://sccmo.org).

## **Occupancy Limits**

Limits on the number of occupants in a residence will vary from municipality to municipality. Before signing a lease, it is wise to consult with the landlord and/or call the local municipality and confirm occupancy limits. Most municipalities determine number of occupants based on the square footage of a bedroom.

## Rental Websites

Check the following websites for help with house or apartment searching.

**Apartment Guide** – apartmentguide.com

A searchable index to national apartment complexes complete with coupons, floor plans, maps and photos.

**Realtor Search** – realtor.com

A website that searches for both houses and apartments also featuring articles, financing, inspections, closing, tips and locating realtors.

**Apartment Search** – apartment-search.com

An agency that will help you find an apartment free of charge. Register either online or by calling 800-286-3092.

**Apartment Exchange** – apartment-exchange.com | 314-647-0330

Many listings throughout the area. Note: There is a fee if rented.

**Zumper Apartment Rental Search** - zumper.com

## Local Apartment Complexes

The properties listed are referrals from students and the former residential manager. Please visit the properties before renting.

*(\*Complex has property within walking distance of campus.)*

### **Barron Realty**

314-725-1899

1423 S. Big Bend Blvd., Suite 200

Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Various school districts

### **Bellecote Townhomes**

314-427-8224

11078 Midland Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63114

Pets allowed

Pattonville School District

### **Bellevue Apartments**

314-962-1020

2000-2004 Bellevue

St. Louis, MO 63143

Pets not allowed

Maplewood Richmond Heights

School District

### **Cecil Management Group**

618-624-4610

807 W. U.S. Hwy 50, Suite 4

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Pets allowed

Various school districts

**CG Investments**

314-423-9200  
11008 Clear Skies, Apt. E  
St. Louis, MO 63114  
Pets allowed  
Clayton School District

**Convent Gardens**

844-290-2337  
4497 Pershing  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
Pets allowed  
St. Louis City School District

**Cornerstone Realty, Inc.\***

314-725-0145  
7751 Carondelet, Suite 800  
St. Louis, MO 63105  
Pets allowed  
Various school districts

**Deca Realty Co.**

314-631-3306  
9630 Gravois, Suite 101  
St. Louis, MO 63123  
Various school districts

**Gentry's Landing**

314-231-5444  
400 N. 4th St., Suite 106  
St. Louis, MO 63102  
Pets allowed  
St. Louis City School District

**Georgetown Apartments**

314-962-9578  
7880 Chatwell Drive  
Shrewsbury, MO 63119  
Pets allowed  
Affton School District

**Hafner Court Apartments**

314-432-0505  
8077 Hafner Court  
University City, MO 63130  
Pets allowed  
University City School District

**Half Moon Village Apartments**

314-427-3645  
11008 Clear Skies, Apt. E  
St. Louis, MO 63114  
Pets allowed  
Pattonville School District

**Hampton Gardens**

314-832-1562  
5927 Suson Place  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
Pets allowed  
St. Louis City School District

**Kensington Square**

314-837-9423  
2100 N. New Florissant Road  
Florissant, MO 63033  
Pets allowed  
Ferguson-Florissant School District

**Laclede Forest Apartments**

314-645-4996  
7828 Laclede Forest  
St. Louis, MO 63143  
Pets allowed  
Maplewood Richmond Heights  
School District

**Marlborough Trails**

314-849-0515  
6960 Creekview Trail  
St. Louis, MO 63123  
Pets allowed  
Affton School District

***Oxford Hill Apartments***

314-567-4440  
10304 Oxford Hill Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63146  
Pets allowed  
Various school districts

***Park Forest Apartments***

877-839-3158  
7529 Fleta St.  
St. Louis, MO 63123  
Pets allowed  
Affton School District

***Park Clayton Apartments\****

314-384-3040  
6605 Clayton Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
Pets allowed  
St. Louis City School District

***Red Brick Management\****

314-361-7067  
93 North Euclid Ave., Suite 300  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
Pets allowed  
Various school districts

***Sandalwood Creek Apartments***

636-946-6128  
10 San Miguel Drive  
St. Charles, MO 63303  
City of St. Charles School District

***Stanford Place***

314-384-3087  
9305 Manchester Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63119  
Pets allowed  
Webster Groves-Brentwood  
School District

***Sunbrook Apartments***

636-947-1187  
3600 Harry S. Truman  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
Pets allowed  
City of St. Charles School District

***Sun Valley Lake Apartments***

636-946-7668  
1300 Sun Lake Drive  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
City of St. Charles School District

***Vicino on the Lake Apartment***

844-823-0709  
1003 Mariner's Point Court  
Creve Coeur, MO 63141  
Pets allowed  
Parkway North School District

***The Villages at General Grant***

314-842-2323  
7482 Hardscrapple  
St. Louis, MO 63123  
Pets allowed  
Affton School District

## **Real Estate Agent Referral List:**

(Based on input from students)

### ***Karen Erlanger***

314-993-8000

Coldwell Banker Gundaker

Specialty – Sales

### ***Gary Spies***

314-750-0366

Re/Max

Specialty – Sales

### ***Kim Hove***

314-821-5885

Coldwell Banker

Specialty – Sales

### ***Victor Cohen***

314-863-1982

Victor Cohen Realty

Specialty – Rentals

### ***Sue Torbeck***

314-845-0042

Coldwell Banker

Specialty – Sales

### ***Rick Bach***

314-898-8102

Gateway GMAC

Specialty – Sales/rentals

### ***Philip Barron***

314-725-1899

Philip H. Barron Realty

Specialty – Sales/rentals



# MOVING/STORAGE

## Moving Companies

When choosing a moving company, it is wise to receive written estimates from at least three companies. Be sure to clarify the conditions of the estimate in case the final cost is greater. Another important detail worth checking out is whether the moving company is properly insured and registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation. Call 202-366-4000 or visit [fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move](http://fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move).

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) offers the GPA Group Purchasing Agreement. Several corporate moving companies have agreements in place with the LCMS, which may translate into savings for you. Information pertaining to GPA including moving companies can be found at [lcms.org/gpa](http://lcms.org/gpa) or by calling 888-843-5267.

## Unloading the Truck

You may wish to call a local moving company to inquire about hiring a crew to unload your truck. Typically, the company will charge you for a certain period of time; for example, a three-hour job could be a flat rate or you may be charged by the hour. Most of the time, traveling to and from the move site is considered part of the job, so make sure you clarify before making a verbal contract. To find local moving companies, go to your favorite search engine and look up “movers or moving companies for the St. Louis area.”

## Storage

After moving to St. Louis, some Seminary students need temporary storage space. You need to have a good idea of what and how many belongings you plan to store. Don't just rent a space with the idea that you will fill it up with stuff as time goes on. The rent on the storage spaces varies widely depending on location, size, whether it's climate-controlled, whether it's a space you can drive up to or not, etc. Check whether your homeowner's insurance (or renter's insurance) covers goods stored off-site.

## Moving Companies

(\*Companies are involved with the LCMS Group Purchasing Agreement.)

### **ABF U-Pack**

800-355-1696

upack.com

### **Bekins\***

Shellie Law

shellie.law@crownbekins.com

317-842-8111

lcms.org/group-purchasing-agreement

### **Budget Truck Rentals**

800-527-0700

budget.com

### **Graebel Van Lines**

800-568-0031

graebel.com

### **Mayflower Transit**

800-241-1321

mayflower.com

### **Olympia Moving & Storage\***

Melissa Ujhelyi

mujhelyi@olympiamoving.com

617-517-9876

lcms.org/group-purchasing-agreement

### **Penske Truck Leasing**

888-996-5415

pensketruckleasing.com

### **Stevens Worldwide Van Lines\***

Vicki Bierlein

movecenter@stevensworldwide.com

800-248-8313

stevensworldwide.com/lcms

### **U-Haul**

800-468-4285

uhaul.com

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## Local Storage Facilities

### **Life Storage**

6557 Manchester Ave.

314-646-7867

lifestorage.com

1.3 miles from campus

### **U-Haul**

7270 Olive Blvd.

314-862-4433

uhaul.com

2.46 miles from campus

### **Public Storage**

5801 Wilson Ave.

314-645-8516

publicstorage.com

1.87 miles from campus



# EMPLOYMENT

## Preparing Your Résumé

If you haven't been job hunting for a while, read through this section to learn more about updating your résumé so it is email and scanner-friendly. If you have been working full-time in the home and want to enter the job market outside the home, your first thoughts should be toward the type of work you would choose and your preparation of a résumé. Assess your interests, gifts and talents, and how best to apply them. Focus on a set of duties that will not only provide income for your family, but also will provide you with a sense of enjoyment and fulfillment.

Writing a résumé may seem like a daunting task, yet it can be much easier than you might think. Your résumé is your “calling card” that briefly states work skills, accomplishments and work history in one of three formats: the chronological form (listing the most recent job first and working backward), the functional résumé (listing work experiences according to your gifts and talents) and the combination résumé (listing a combination of items found in both of the other types of résumés). How you present yourself to a prospective employer on paper can be the difference between being called for an interview versus having some disappointment in your job search. Embrace this task early and obtain a great deal of feedback before sending out résumés.

Many local two-year colleges, community centers, universities and state agencies have excellent resources to help people assess their job skills and develop résumés, often through a class or an appointment with a career counselor. My Perfect Resume (<https://myperfectresume.com/>) has marvelous information on the resume writing process.

## **On-Campus Student Employment**

The Seminary offers a student work-study program. Students who are currently enrolled in a program of study at the Seminary, and have completed their first day of classes toward their degree, may participate in the student work program. Students may work up to a maximum of 18 hours per week while they are actively taking a residential class at the Seminary. Further, students may work a maximum of 40 hours per week during scheduled academic breaks or during the summer months if they are not taking a class but are still actively enrolled in a program of study. Students may work up to four jobs at any one time, as long as their work does not exceed a total of 18 hours per week.

There are a variety of student employment opportunities. To be eligible for student employment, a student must:

- Have applied for financial aid
- Be currently enrolled in classes on at least a half-time basis
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress requirements as determined by the Dean of Ministerial Formation
- Have completed first day of classes toward the degree in which he or she is currently enrolled

Once a student graduates from a given program, or has completed all courses toward his or her degree, he or she is no longer eligible to participate in the student work program. There are exceptions to this. If the student has deferred vicarage, whereby it is possible to complete all course work, the student may work during the summer prior to leaving for vicarage or internship. The other general rule is that it is possible to participate in spring graduation ceremonies pending completion of summer classes. In this case, a student may continue to participate in the student work program. However, the student is highly encouraged to devote as much time to final class work and completion of the program as possible. Once the student has completed the requisite class work for the degree, he or she is no longer eligible to participate in the student work program. Students who graduate from the M.Div. Program and immediately enroll and begin in a subsequent S.T.M. or Ph.D. Program, may also continue in the student work program.

Students are responsible for managing their work schedules so they do not exceed the maximum hours they are authorized to work. Students who consistently exceed 18 hours per week for all positions may be terminated from one of their positions. For student on-campus employment opportunities, call 314-505-7332 or visit SemNet for more information.



There are a number of search engines that can provide information about local job openings. As an additional resource, Ministerial Formation office maintains a list of off-campus employment opportunities via a password protected document: <https://semnet.csl.edu/selfservice/csl/resources/Academic/minfor/Documents/files/employmentlist4.pdf>. Admitted students may write to [mformation@csl.edu](mailto:mformation@csl.edu) and request the password.

## Employment Search Websites

***St. Louis Post Dispatch Classifieds***  
[stltoday.com/jobs](http://stltoday.com/jobs)

***Monster.com***  
[monster.com](http://monster.com)

***All Star Jobs***  
[allstarjobs.com](http://allstarjobs.com)

***CareerBuilder***  
[careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com)

***Indeed***  
[indeed.com](http://indeed.com)

***National Labor Exchange***  
[us.jobs](http://us.jobs)

***Careeronestop***  
[careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org)

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## Parachurch Organizations

***Concordia Historical Institute***  
[lutheranhistory.org](http://lutheranhistory.org)

***Lutheran Hour Ministries/  
Lutheran Laymen's League***  
[lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

***Concordia Publishing House***  
[cph.org](http://cph.org)

***Lutheran Senior Services***  
[lssliving.org](http://lssliving.org)

***KFUO Radio***  
[kfuoam.org](http://kfuoam.org)

***LCMS International Center\****  
[lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

*\*Self-guided tours are permitted during business hours.*

# HEALTH CARE

## Immunizations

Students are required to have certain immunizations before registration:

### Mandatory Student Immunizations

Meningitis (*required documentation of test or a waiver*)

TB test

### Type of Test

Shot (life-long immunization)

Skin test

## Seminary Group Policy

The Seminary requires each full-time student to verify existing health care coverage in a group health plan, and encourages each student to secure adequate health insurance coverage for his or her dependents. A student classified as a nonresident alien is required to have adequate health coverage for himself or herself and his or her dependent(s). Ordinarily, this coverage is provided by enrollment in the Seminary's health plan. The Seminary uses Concordia Plan Services to administer its health insurance through Anthem BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota.

Please contact Health and Wellness at 314-505-7332 or the Director of Human Resources at 314-505-7329 for more information about campus health insurance.

## Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

WIC is a nutrition, education, health promotion and supplemental food program to assist women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. The program provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling along with screening and referrals to other health, welfare and social services.

Eligibility guidelines and site information can be obtained online at [health.mo.gov](http://health.mo.gov) or by calling 800-835-5465. Contact the St. Louis office at 314-361-5728.

## Hospitals and Health Care Providers

### ***Barnes-Jewish Hospital***

barnesjewish.org  
314-747-3000

### ***Des Peres Hospital***

despereshospital.com  
314-966-9100

### ***Saint Louis University Hospital***

ssmhealth.com  
314-577-8000

### ***St. Alexius***

stalexiushospital.com  
314-865-7000

### ***SSM Health***

ssmhealth.com  
314-776-3627

### ***Mercy***

mercy.net  
314-251-6000

### ***St. Louis Children's Hospital***

stlouischildrens.org  
314-454-6000

### ***SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital***

ssmhealth.com/stmarys  
314-768-8000

### ***Washington University Physicians***

wuphysicians.wustl.edu  
314-362-5000



# CHILD CARE/SCHOOLS

## Child Care Options

Some families requiring child care may choose to take advantage of the many programs offered throughout the greater St. Louis area. A list and location assistance may be obtained from the Child Day Care Association at [united4children.org](http://united4children.org) or 314-531-1412.

## Lutheran Schools

Looking for a school for your child is a process that can take a few months so it is best to start the search early. If at all possible, try to tour the schools when they are still in session because that will provide a more accurate picture of the learning environment. Also remember that the enrollment process may take several weeks to complete and schools often require transcript and immunization records.

In the greater St. Louis metro area (St. Louis, St. Charles and southwestern Illinois) there are many Lutheran schools. To see a map, visit [lesastl.org](http://lesastl.org) (Note: There are a few Evangelical Lutheran Church in America schools on this map.) For more information about the Lutheran Elementary School Association and the Building Blocks Scholarship Fund for Lutheran schoolchildren in the metropolitan St. Louis area, call 314-268-1234. A great resource for finding Lutheran schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area is the LCMS Missouri District website: [mo.lcms.org](http://mo.lcms.org). Select “Communication Resources” from the main page, select “Education” and “Missouri School Directory.” To find the schools closest to the Seminary, keep in mind that this campus is located within the city of Clayton and the ZIP Code is 63105.

Some Lutheran schools offer special tuition rates for the children of seminarians. Tuition rates change annually and are often tied to a number of variables; therefore, you should inquire directly at the school you are interested in for your child.

To explore other private school options in the St. Louis region, visit the independent schools of St. Louis at [independentschools.org](http://independentschools.org).

## Public Schools

A map of St. Louis County school districts is included at the back of the *Relocation Guide*. The City of St. Louis has a separate school district. To research public schools in the area, you can view test scores and get other information from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at [dese.mo.gov](http://dese.mo.gov).

## Clayton School District

The Seminary is located within the Clayton School District, one of the highest ranked districts in the state. Clayton maintains a student-to-teaching staff ratio of about 11:1 at the elementary level and about 10:1 at the secondary level, which includes teachers, counselors and librarians. The middle school and elementary school are within walking distance of campus. Before-and-after school programs are available. Information about St. Louis County school districts can be found at [stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/othergovernmentagencies/countyschooldistricts](http://stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/othergovernmentagencies/countyschooldistricts).

## Home Schooling

Some families choose to home-school their children. Missouri and Illinois are acknowledged to be overall friendly states toward home schooling. Specific state requirements are available at the Home School Legal Defense Association website at [hsllda.org](http://hsllda.org). Further information and regulations on homeschooling may be obtained from:

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
P.O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480  
573-751-4212  
[dese.mo.gov](http://dese.mo.gov)

Missouri Association of Teaching Christian Homes (MATCH)  
[match@match-inc.org](mailto:match@match-inc.org)  
[match-inc.org](http://match-inc.org)

## Parents As Teachers™

The Family Center located at 301 N. Gay in Clayton is the family support and early childhood education component of the Clayton School District. One group, Parents as Teachers, offers exceptional assistance to parents with children age 5 and under. It is a state-sponsored program open to all residents of the school district. For more information, call 314-854-6900 and ask for a parenting educator. If you are not a Clayton resident and would like to find a Parents As Teachers program near you, visit [parentsasteachers.org](http://parentsasteachers.org).



## **Clayton School District**

claytonschools.net

### ***Ralph M. Captain Elementary School***

6345 Northwood, 63105  
314-854-6100

*\*Captain Elementary serves the geographic area where the Seminary is located.*

### ***Wydown Middle School***

6500 Wydown, 63105  
314-854-6400

### ***Clayton High School***

#1 Mark Twain Circle, 63105  
314-854-6600

## **Other Nearby School Districts**

### ***Brentwood***

314-962-4507  
brentwoodmoschools.org

### ***University City***

314-290-4000  
ucityschools.org

### ***Maplewood Richmond Heights***

314-644-4400  
mrhschools.org

## **Universities and Other Educational Institutions**

### ***Saint Louis University***

slu.edu

### ***Lindenwood University***

lindenwood.edu

### ***Concordia University–Wisconsin St. Louis Center***

cuw.edu/stlouis

### ***University of Missouri – St. Louis***

umsl.edu

### ***Washington University***

wustl.edu

### ***Maryville University***

maryville.edu

### ***Webster University***

webster.edu

### ***St. Louis Community Colleges***

stlcc.edu

### ***Fontbonne University***

fontbonne.edu

### ***Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville***

siue.edu

### ***Missouri Baptist University***

mobap.edu



# GETTING AROUND

## Traffic

Traffic patterns in St. Louis can be confusing. Consider that you can go west, north and east on I-270 and never make a turn! St. Louis may seem like a large city, yet it becomes easy to navigate after living here for a while. As with most major cities, traffic flowing into the city in the morning and away from the city in the evening creates heavier traffic patterns. Exceptions are when weather causes back-ups, local sporting events (mostly downtown) or traffic accidents. Most local radio stations will carry a traffic report during peak traffic times to highlight the traffic along the major highways in and around the St. Louis area. A good road map and a sense of adventure and exploration will be helpful. Take the time to get to know the highways and main arteries of the area — who knows when you'll happen upon a great restaurant, park or historic site! Each community has its own distinguishing features with many ethnic and cultural events to offer. To get an idea of traffic and road construction in the area, the following website may be helpful: [gatewayguide.com](http://gatewayguide.com).

## Automobile Registration

Missouri law states, “You have 30 days from the date of becoming a Missouri resident to title your vehicle.” This often raises the question of what defines a resident in Missouri.

### The state classifies residents as:

- Individuals who are domiciled in Missouri
- Individuals who have maintained a permanent living quarters in the state and spent more than 183 days of the taxable year in Missouri

Some residence hall students who are not working in the state decide to maintain a residence in their home state and declare a student status to avoid changing automobile titles and registrations. Check with your home state for details regarding student status. For more details about titles and registration, go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website at [dor.mo.gov/](http://dor.mo.gov/). There is an online checklist that details the proper documents and inspections to be completed before a visit to the licensing office. Please note that a safety and emissions inspection is required for vehicles in the St. Louis area (including the Metro East area in Illinois). For the nearest testing center, call 800-361-4827 or visit [dnr.mo.gov/gatewayvip](http://dnr.mo.gov/gatewayvip).

## **Obtaining a Missouri State Driver's License**

To obtain a Missouri driver's license, it is best to know ahead of time where to go, the proper forms of identification that are required and what tests are necessary.

### ***Full Service Driver's Licensing Office***

3238 Laclede Station Road  
St. Louis, MO 63143  
314-645-1044

### ***Driver's Testing Facility:***

3256 Laclede Station Road  
St. Louis, MO 63143  
314-877-0199

Individuals who hold a valid license from another state will only be required to take the eye exam and road sign test. Either a birth certificate or a passport is required as a form of identification at the license office, along with something proving your current residency, such as a utility bill showing your current address. Married women also will need a copy of their marriage license since their names will be different from what is listed on their birth certificates.

For more information on obtaining your Missouri driver's license, go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website at [dor.mo.gov](http://dor.mo.gov) and search for the "Driver Licensing Checklist." New drivers who would like to obtain a Missouri driver's test book can contact the state office at 573-526-3669 or download it from the website. Proof of insurance is required for vehicle licensing in Missouri.

## **Bus/Metro Transportation**

### ***Amtrak***

430 S. 15th St.  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314-331-3309  
[amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com)

### ***Greyhound Bus Lines***

430 S. 15th St.  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314-231-4485  
[greyhound.com](http://greyhound.com)

### ***Metro Transit (Bus & Metrolink)***

St. Louis, MO  
314-231-2345  
[metroslouis.org](http://metroslouis.org)

*(View transit routes using [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com). Select transit as route option.)*

# WHERE TO SHOP

## **On-Campus Food Bank**

The Concordia Seminary Food Bank, located on the lower level of the Benidt Center, offers grocery and household staples at no charge to Seminary students and their families. Items are provided by generous donors who give both in-kind and monetary gifts. The Food Bank is a wonderful resource that allows students to stretch their monthly budgets. Students may shop twice per month during the academic year and one time per month during the summer months.

- The second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. – noon.
- Tuesdays following the Saturday shopping days, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Students are encouraged to volunteer time to help staff the Food Bank. For more information, email [foodbank@csl.edu](mailto:foodbank@csl.edu) or call 314-505-7029.

## **On-Campus Re-Sell It Shop**

The Concordia Seminary Re-Sell It Shop, located on the lower level of the Benidt Center, offers new and used clothing, also household items, small appliances and children's toys and games at minimal cost. Students and their families are welcome to shop as often as they would like during the following shopping times when classes are in session:

- The second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. – noon.
- Tuesdays following the Saturday shopping days, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Two times a month on Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volunteers are encouraged to help out at the Re-Sell It Shop. For more information, email [resell@csl.edu](mailto:resell@csl.edu) or call 314-505-7209.

## Local Grocery Stores

### *Schnucks*

6600 Clayton Road  
314-644-0510  
nourish.schnucks.com  
.51 miles from campus

### *Aldi*

7725 Manchester Road  
855-955-2534  
aldi.com  
2.55 miles from campus

### *Dierbergs*

8450 Eager Road  
314-962-9009  
dierbergs.com  
2.31 miles from campus

## Local Retail Stores and Shopping Centers

### *Ikea*

1 Ikea Way  
888-888-4532  
ikea.com

### *The Promenade at Brentwood*

1 Brentwood Promenade Court  
877-225-5337  
ddr.com/properties/20191  
2.5 miles from campus

### *Sam's Club*

2100 Maplewood Commons Drive  
314-644-7791  
samsclub.com  
1.79 miles from campus

### *Richmond Center*

6600 Clayton Road  
314-644-0510  
.51 miles from campus

### *Target*

25 Brentwood Promenade Court  
314-918-9500  
target.com  
2.5 miles from campus

### *Wal-Mart*

1900 Maplewood Commons Drive  
314-781-2165  
walmart.com  
1.78 miles from campus

### *St. Louis Galleria*

1155 St. Louis Galleria  
314-863-5500  
saintlouisgalleria.com  
2.3 miles from campus



# WHAT TO DO

## **Gateway Arch**

Take a 630-foot ride to the top of this world famous stainless steel monument for the finest view in the Gateway City. Then stop by the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to get a glimpse of where Lewis and Clark set out on their historic expedition! Visitors also can hop aboard a 19th century paddle-wheel boat replica for a narrated cruise down the mighty Mississippi.

## **Saint Louis Zoo**

Get up close and personal with the furry, the flying and the fishy creatures of the Saint Louis Zoo. One of the city's many free attractions, the Saint Louis Zoo has been recognized as one of the nation's leading zoological parks. Take a ride on the Emerson Zooline Railroad and get a guided tour of some of the most exciting animal exhibits in the park, or venture on your own through attractions like Big Cat Country, Penguin & Puffin Coast, or the Interactive Stingray Pool. Kids will enjoy the children's petting zoo.

## **Grant's Farm**

Grant's Farm is another great place to see animals from around the world. The 281-acre farm in South St. Louis County is home to hundreds of animals, including the famous Budweiser Clydesdales. A tram ride takes you to the middle of the park. From there, it's easy to explore. Admission to Grant's Farm is free for everyone, but parking is \$12 per car. Grant's Farm is open on weekends in the spring and fall, and every day (except Monday) in the summer.

## **Local Eats**

Don't miss the opportunity to try some of the city's tastiest treats. For some nearby taste sensations, munch on a slice of delectable St. Louis-style thin crust pizza smothered in Provel cheese or snack on scrumptious deep-fried toasted ravioli at one of the many dining establishments on The Hill, a quaint St. Louis neighborhood famous for Italian cuisine. And to top it all off, satisfy your sweet tooth at Ted Drewes with its signature frozen custard.

## **Forest Park**

Once home to the 1904 World's Fair, Forest Park is the largest urban park in the United States. It attracts 12 million visitors a year with world-class attractions and scenic walking and biking trails. Other points of interest include the Jewel Box (a beautiful greenhouse filled with magnificent floral displays), the golf courses and the World's Fair Pavilion, a perfect site for a party!

## **Live Theater**

There's no place finer than the Fabulous Fox for dazzling live theater where you can catch the Broadway bug with a play, concert or dance troupe. Hear your favorite classical music performed by the renowned St. Louis Symphony at Powell Hall or see an award-winning musical at Stages St. Louis. Immerse yourself in operatic drama at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis or experience classic and modern playwrights at the Repertory Theater or the newly renovated Peabody Opera House. Bask in the moonlight during an outdoor show at Forest Park's The Muny, the nation's largest outdoor amphitheater dedicated solely to musical theater.

## **Sports Games**

During the spring and summer seasons, you can cheer on the city's 11-time world champions, the St. Louis Cardinals, at Busch Stadium. If you're visiting in the fall or winter, you can catch the St. Louis Blues heating up the ice at the Enterprise Center.

## **Missouri Botanical Garden**

The Missouri Botanical Garden is a world-class botanical garden founded in 1859. Also known as "Shaw's Garden," it is located just south of I-44. There is ample free parking at the garden itself, as well as in parking lots about a block to the west. Usually you can park at the garden or along the street without difficulty, but during special events (such as the Japanese Festival on Labor Day weekend), parking can be difficult to find. Currently, children age 12 and under can enter the garden for free, while anyone age 13 and over will pay \$12 (unless a member or St. Louis City or Country Resident).

## **Saint Louis Science Center**

The Saint Louis Science Center is truly a hands-on experience for the whole family. You can test your knowledge of fossils and dinosaurs, clock the speed of cars on I-64 with a radar gun or experience what it's like to travel to outer space in the planetarium. The Science Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the Science Center is free but you must buy tickets to special exhibits and the OMNIMAX® Theater.

## **Missouri History Museum**

Whether it's the 1904 World's Fair, Lewis and Clark, or Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic, the Missouri History Museum has it covered. The museum provides a look back at key events that shaped St. Louis through the centuries, with plenty of artifacts and exhibits to capture your interest.

## **Cahokia Mounds State Historical Site**

For a fascinating step back in time, visit Cahokia Mounds a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This ancient archaeological site was once home to the most advanced civilization north of Mexico. Visitors can climb to the top of the mounds, take a guided tour or check out the exhibits in the Interpretive Center. Admission is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$7 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for children, and \$15 for families. Cahokia Mounds is open 9am-5pm Wednesday through Sunday.

## **Many More ...**

To find more things to do in St. Louis, check out the following websites.

### ***St. Louis Post-Dispatch***

[stltoday.com](http://stltoday.com)

*(Click on the "Entertainment" option.)*

### ***St. Louis County Parks & Recreation***

[stlouisco.com/parksandrecreation](http://stlouisco.com/parksandrecreation)

### ***St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission***

[explorestlouis.com](http://explorestlouis.com)

### ***Missouri State Tourism***

[visitmo.com](http://visitmo.com)

### ***St. Louis Dining, Attractions, Services, Etc.***

[townplannerstl.com](http://townplannerstl.com)



# MAPS

**Mapquest** – [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com)

This website provides detailed driving directions and interactive maps.

**Google Maps** – [google.com/maps](http://google.com/maps)

Find local businesses, view maps and get driving directions.

**St. Louis County** – [stlouisco.com](http://stlouisco.com)

Some of the free maps found on the St. Louis County website may be a valuable resource when searching for schools and housing. The interactive map offers satellite images.

**St. Louis City** – [slmpd.org](http://slmpd.org)

The official website of the city of St. Louis Police Department provides information about the types of crimes committed in a particular neighborhood within the St. Louis city limit.

**Explore St. Louis** – [explorestlouis.com](http://explorestlouis.com)

Maps of the St. Louis area as well as detailed maps of Forest Park and downtown St. Louis can be found under “Travel Tools.”

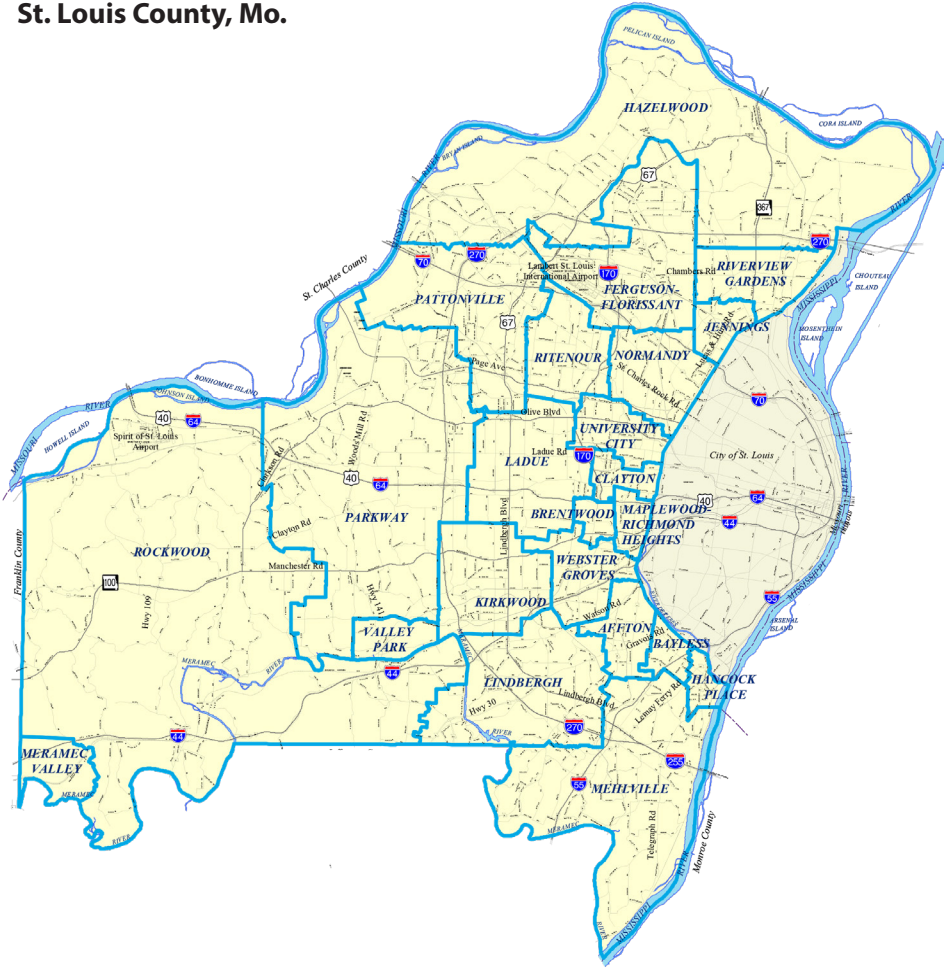




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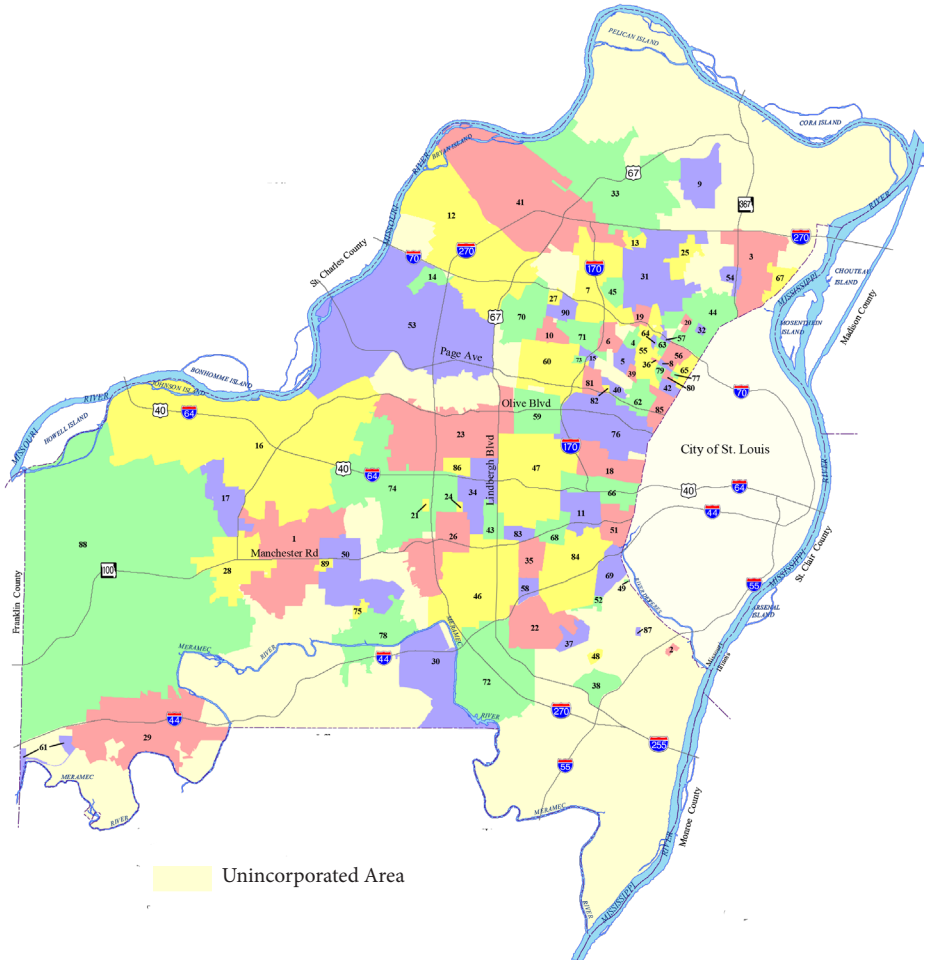


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# Municipalities

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| 1. Ballwin                 | 24. Crystal Lake Park | 47. Ladue            | 70. St. Ann             |
| 2. Bella Villa             | 25. Dellwood          | 48. Lakeshire        | 71. St. John            |
| 3. Bellefontaine Neighbors | 26. Des Peres         | 49. Mackenzie        | 72. Sunset Hills        |
| 4. Bellerive               | 27. Edmundson         | 50. Manchester       | 73. Sycamore Hills      |
| 5. Bel-nor                 | 28. Ellisville        | 51. Maplewood        | 74. Town & Country      |
| 6. Bel-ridge               | 29. Eureka            | 52. Marlborough      | 75. Twin Oaks           |
| 7. Berkeley                | 30. Fenton            | 53. Maryland Heights | 76. University City     |
| 8. Beverly Hills           | 31. Ferguson          | 54. Moline Acres     | 77. Uplands Park        |
| 9. Black Jack              | 32. Flordell Hills    | 55. Normand          | 78. Valley Park         |
| 10. Breckenridge Hills     | 33. Florissant        | 56. Northwoods       | 79. Velda City          |
| 11. Brentwood              | 34. Frontenac         | 57. Norwood Court    | 80. Velda Village Hills |
| 12. Bridgeton              | 35. Glendale          | 58. Oakland          | 81. Vinita Park         |
| 13. Calverton Park         | 36. Glen Echo Park    | 59. Olivette         | 82. Vinita Terrace      |
| 14. Champ                  | 37. Grantwood Village | 60. Overland         | 83. Warson Woods        |
| 15. Charlack               | 38. Green Park        | 61. Pacific          | 84. Webster Groves      |
| 16. Chesterfield           | 39. Greendale         | 62. Pagedale         | 85. Wellson             |
| 17. Clarkson Valley        | 40. Hanley Hills      | 63. Pasadena Hills   | 86. Westwood            |
| 18. Clayton                | 41. Hazelwood         | 64. Pasadena Park    | 87. Wilbur Park         |
| 19. Cool Valley            | 42. Hillside          | 65. Pine Lawn        | 88. Wildwood            |
| 20. Country Club Hills     | 43. Huntleigh         | 66. Richmond Heights | 89. Winchester          |
| 21. Country Life Acres     | 44. Jennings          | 67. Riverview        | 90. Woodson Terrace     |
| 22. Crestwood              | 45. Kinloch           | 68. Rock Hill        |                         |
| 23. Creve Coeur            | 46. Kirkwood          | 69. Shrewsbury       |                         |

For more information  
csl.edu  
314-505-7000



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