ELS/Johnson City

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East Tennessee State University
• Opened in 1911
• Public University
• Enrollment of more than 15,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students
• Popular programs include engineering, technology, public health, environmental health and business management

Rankings
• U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools” 2012 edition ranks ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine third in the nation for rural medicine training.
• U.S. News & World Report also ranked Quillen 19th among U.S. medical schools for family medicine training and 37th for primary care training.
• The magazine’s online rankings list ETSU’s audiology program as 31st in the nation.

Special advantages ETSU offers to ELS Students
• Students are able to live on campus and use the same residence hall services as American students. ELS students can use the university bus service and libraries.

Organizations on Campus
• The Student Organization Resource Center is your one stop shop to getting involved on campus. You can join a special interest organization, pledge a Greek organization, volunteer for community service, or get involved in campus governance. No matter what interests you, you are sure to find something to enjoy in any of the 200 plus registered organizations.

ETSU Distinguished Alumni and Attendees
• Kenny Chesney, country singer
• Mike Smith, coach of NFL’s Atlanta Falcons (American football)
• Timothy Busfield, actor (TV series thirtysomething)
• Ronald Carrier, fourth President of James Madison University
• Ron Ramsey, current Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee

Johnson City and the state of Tennessee
Capital – Nashville
Nickname – Volunteer State
State bird – Mockingbird
State tree – Tulip poplar
State flower – Passion Flower
State population - 6,300,000 - Ranked 17th in USA

Testing Services
ELS/Johnson City will offer the following exams in late 2012:
• TOEFL® iBT

Register for Free Class
Johnson City, Tennessee

- Johnson City, located in the northeastern tip of Tennessee, has a population of 63,200 people. It is the eighth-largest city in the state.
- Johnson City is currently ranked the #35 “Best Small Place for Business and Careers” in the USA by Forbes magazine. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine rated Johnson City #5 in “The 10 Least-Expensive Cities For Living in the USA,” allowing students a great cost of living.
- Johnson City and the Tri-Cities region offer a host of alternatives for music lovers of every type, from classical buffs to bluegrass lovers to heavy metal fans. The area’s strong musical tradition and a wealth of talent combine to give ETSU students a chance to experience an astonishing variety of sights and sounds just a few steps away from campus.
- Just two blocks from campus sits The Casbah, which specializes in all things “rock.” The Casbah features some of the best in local and touring bands on the rise. Plus, you can get a great slice of pizza before the show at the Italian Pizza Pub, which takes up the front of the building. Music Thursday-Saturday; a local cable music show is staged there every Thursday night at 9 pm, with two bands and a low cover ($2). Shows are for ages 18 and older; cover prices can vary from $3 to $8, depending upon the act, and those younger than 21 are usually asked to pay a little more.
- As a regional hub for a four-state area, Johnson City is home to a large variety of businesses, from well-known national chains to local boutiques and galleries.

Asheville, North Carolina (one hour away)

- Live music is a significant element in the tourism-based economy of Asheville and the surrounding area. Seasonal festivals and numerous nightclubs and performance venues offer opportunities for visitors and locals to attend a wide variety of live entertainment events.
- Asheville has a strong tradition of street performance, busking, and outdoor music, including festivals, such as Bele Chere and the Lexington Avenue Arts & Fun Festival (LAAFF).
- Asheville annually plays host to the Warren Haynes Christmas Jam. The event raises money for Habitat for Humanity, and attracts major touring acts. Past performers include Dave Matthews, The Allman Brothers, Ani DiFranco, Widespread Panic and Phish.
- Current professional sports teams include the Asheville Tourists (South Atlantic baseball league) and the Asheville Grizzlies (North American Football League).

Transportation

- Johnson City Transport (JCT) operates a system of buses inside the city limits, including a route every fifteen minutes along Roan Street. The Johnson City Transit Center, located downtown on West Market Street, also serves as the transfer point for Greyhound lines running through the city. JCT operates the BucShot, a system serving the greater East Tennessee State University campus.

Climate

- Johnson City has all four seasons. It rains several days in April and May with temperatures from 10-21°C. Summer has high humidity with temperatures ranging from 27-38°C. Autumn is very brief. Johnson City gets snow about five to eight times per winter and usually just a few centimeters. It stays around -12 to 0°C from January through March.

Did you know?

- Tennessee won its nickname as “The Volunteer State” during the War of 1812 when volunteer soldiers from Tennessee displayed marked valor in the Battle of New Orleans.
- There are more horses per capita in Shelby County than any other county in the United States.
- Nashville’s Grand Ole Opry is the longest continuously running live radio program in the world. It has broadcast every Friday and Saturday night since 1925.
- Tennessee has more than 3,800 documented caves.
- The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the USA.
- Elvis Presley’s home, called Graceland, is located in Memphis. Graceland is the second most visited house in the country.
- The “Guinness Book of World Records” lists the Lost Sea in Sweetwater as the largest underground lake in the United States.
- The capitol building was designed by noted architect William Strickland, who died during its construction and is buried within its walls.
- The Ocoee River in southeastern Tennessee is rated among the top white water recreational rivers in the nation.
- Tennessee lies with Missouri as the most neighborly state in the union. It is bordered by eight states.
- The world’s largest artificial skiing surface is located at the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort in Gatlinburg. There is a two-acre artificial ski surface which permits skiing in any type of weather.
- Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1899 at a plant on Patten Parkway in downtown Chattanooga after two local attorneys purchased the bottling rights to the drink for $1.00.