Your International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP):
Leaving a Spartan footprint on your campus, the nation, and the world

- Enroll for classes
- Meet with your advisor
- Learn immigration requirements
- Meet other new students
- Explore campus
- Visit a neighborhood/engagement center
- Connect with resources
- Meet current MSU students
- Develop cultural understanding

Learn US classroom culture
**Important Orientation Reminders**

As a new undergraduate international student at Michigan State University, you must attend the mandatory International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP). Michigan State University is committed to providing all new students with information that will help them achieve their goals and be successful at MSU.

- Violations of the Orientation regulations are subject to disciplinary action (i.e., losing your classes and having a Hold put on your student record). This means that you can not adjust your class schedule or enroll in courses for future semesters.

NO ORIENTATION (Online Spartan Preview + IAOP + Extended AOP) = NO ENROLLMENT = NO CLASSES = NO LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS

**International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP) Regulations**

- You must attend required events. Students who do not make up a required session(s) will have their classes dropped and will have a Hold put on their student record. If an unforeseen circumstance occurs and you cannot attend all presentations, please visit the AOP Office in A-134 Wells Hall from August 24-28.

- If you have not completed the required online Spartan Preview, you must do this. Go to BeaSpartan.com-your portal- to complete the online Spartan Preview.

- Please bring your Schedule Booklet you received at IAOP registration to all the presentations.

- Make sure you have your Spartan ID card with you at all times. Your ID is required for presentation attendance registration. You must swipe your ID as you enter and exit the presentation room.

  **Spartan ID Office Hours (Monday - Friday between 8:00 am - 4:45 pm)**
  Please pick up your Spartan ID Card in room 170 in the International Center.

- You must wear your nametag during the entire week of orientation.

- Students are encouraged to explore the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) website (oiss.msu.edu), MSU homepage (www.msu.edu), and the First Year Information website (www.fyi.msu.edu). These sites include helpful information for new students as they transition to college.

- MSU buildings and all structured outdoor IAOP sessions/activities are smoke-free.
Monday, August 24

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

Required International Academic Orientation Program Registration
SPARTAN ID CARD, NAMETAG, AND PERSONAL SCHEDULE NEEDED.
All new international students MUST check-in. Parents are welcome to attend.

Meet Your Cohort
Meet your orientation cohort, a small group of new students you will attend orientation activities throughout the week. Your cohort leader(s) is a current undergraduate MSU student.

Required Welcome Presentation
You will be welcomed by various university staffs. We will also review the schedule that you will follow during IAOP.

Cohort Meeting
You will meet your group leader, and other new students.

Resource Fair/Student Organization Fair
Representatives from MSU and the Greater Lansing community are in one location to help you gather information about various departments, student organizations, and support services. Resources include: apartment complexes, cellphone companies, banks, health insurance providers, nationality clubs, driver’s license office, tutoring services, MSU Colleges/libraries, and more!

Dinner
Orientation Leaders are available in Neighborhood dining halls to answer questions and review upcoming orientation activities. You can use your 3 meal per day orientation meal plan on your conference card to eat at no additional cost.

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Breslin Center
See page 21 for a list of participants

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 am - 9:00 am
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

Breakfast

Required Immigration Check-In
You must bring your original passport, printed personal orientation schedule, and Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019 form) to immigration check-in. After arriving in the U.S., you must print your I-94 information and verify that the information on the I-94 printout is correct. Go to www.cbp.gov/I94 to print your I-94, and bring it to immigration check-in. You will also need to type in the name, address, and phone number of someone MSU can contact in case of an emergency. Transfer Students Only: You will receive an email stating when you can pick up your new I-20.

Walking Tour of Campus

Lunch

Required Presentation Attendance Registration
SPARTAN ID CARD, NAMETAG, AND PERSONAL SCHEDULE NEEDED.
You must swipe your Spartan ID card as you enter the room so that we have a record of your attendance.

Required U.S. College Culture Presentation
See page 13 for presentation outline

Required Laws & Safety in the U.S. Presentation
See page 14 for presentation outline

Required Healthcare and Health Ins. Presentation
See page 15 for presentation outline

Required Engaging in Undergraduate Research
Research and scholarship drive every aspect of MSU’s mission. This session is your first opportunity to participate in ongoing research projects at MSU.

Cohort Session

Dinner

Meet an MSU Police Officer
This is an opportunity to meet one of the MSU Police.

Play Sports at IM West
You can play basketball, soccer, volleyball, and other sports or hang out and talk to new friends.
### Advising and Enrollment

**Required Advising and Enrollment ONLY for**
- All regularly admitted students
- College of Business & Engineering eligible provisionally admitted students

**7:00 am - 9:00 am**
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

**7:00 am**
2nd & 3rd Floor, A-Wing Wells Hall
- A-132 Wells Hall
- B-102 Wells Hall

**8:00 am - 9:00 am**
Time and location will be Given at check-in

**9:15 am**
Locations are included in the Welcome Packet you received at advising check-in

**Time & location information will be given at the 9:15 am College Session**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

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**Breakfast**

**Academic Advising and Enrollment Check-In**
Eligible provisionally admitted students must have their IAOP Ticket/Green Sheet to check in.

**Major Change**

**Math and Foreign Language Placement Testing**
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**Enroll for Classes**
You will enroll for your classes after meeting with an academic advisor.

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**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
International Center Food Court

**School Spirit Event: Go Green! Go White! Go Sparty! With Free Ice Cream**
Many international students want to learn about American college sports. The MSU Association of Future Alumni and MSU Athletics will teach you the basics of the game, what it means to tailgate, who our rivals are, traditional MSU cheers, and much more. You will learn what you need to do to help cheer on our Michigan State Spartans!

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#FYIMSU
Continue to Connect with AOP for First Year Information (FYI) through Twitter or on the Web www.fyi.msu.edu

@MSUAOP_FYI FYI Tag
7:00 am - 9:00 am
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

10:00 am - 11:00 am
International Center Lobby

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Honors students meet in 207 Eustace-Cole Hall
Academic Scholars students meet in 208 Eustace-Cole Hall

Advising and enrollment appointments may continue for some students. Follow the instructions you received at your College Session on Wednesday.

8:00 am - 10:00 am
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9:00 am - 11:00 am
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Spartan Success Scholars Event
International students who have been invited to be a part of the Spartan Success Scholars program should attend this session. Come to this session to meet the Spartan Success Coaches, the Engagement Center staff, and learn more about how this program can benefit you.

Required Presentation Attendance Registration
SPARTAN ID CARD, NAME TAG, AND PERSONAL SCHEDULE NEEDED. You must swipe your Spartan ID card as you enter the room so that we have a record of your attendance.

Required Immigration Basics Presentation
See page 17 for presentation outline

Required Cultural Fatigue: “Is It Just Me?” Presentation
This session will introduce you to the four stages of culture shock, how to cope with these stages, and campus and community resources to help you manage your transition to the U.S. Topics we will cover include how to make friends across cultures, how to ask for help when you need it, and tips on avoiding misunderstandings and conflicts.
See page 18 for presentation outline

Required IAOP: What’s Next? Presentation and Program Evaluation
See page 19 for presentation outline

Cohort Session
Honors College/Academic Scholars Program Invitee Information Session
Students who have been invited to join the Honors College/Academic Scholars Program for Fall Semester 2015 are expected to attend this brief academic advising presentation and opportunity to connect with current students.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Consult your Personal Schedule for location

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
1345 Engineering Building

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
International Center Crossroads Foodcourt

Dinner
College of Engineering International Welcome and Orientation
Administrators and faculty of the College of Engineering will welcome you. This presentation will provide information about engineering education at Michigan State including requirements, expectations, and opportunities. Please join us to learn more about the College of Engineering and how to be a successful engineering student.

Karaoke and Games
Come karaoke with your new friends from all over the world. Whether you want to prove you are the next American Idol or just want to cheer for brave singers and have a great time, you don’t want to miss this first-ever IAOP Karaoke Party!

Important Note for Friday, August 28
Students who missed any required orientation presentations on Tuesday or Thursday must complete them on Friday, August 28.

If you have questions, come to the Orientation Office in A-134 Wells Hall.
Friday, August 28

### Advising and Enrollment

**Required advising and enrollment for all eligible provisionally admitted students, late arriving regularly admitted students, and English Language Center students who are now academically eligible.**

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Students meeting with advisors and enrolling for classes in a building other than Wells Hall will check out in the building where they enroll for classes.

**Residence Education and Housing Services Welcome and Reception**

If you are required to meet with your academic advisor and enroll for classes today, make sure you do this first. You can meet the Residence Education and Housing Staff on Sunday night.

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**Global Dance Party**

For the first time ever, we are bringing together domestic and international students for a Global Dance Party! Make friends with U.S. and international students and dance or just hang out as we celebrate the end of IAOP together with an awesome DJ!

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**Join the Welcome Team!**

Want to become friends with new U.S. freshmen? Want to meet MSU faculty, staff and alumni at a fun, high-energy event? Join the freshmen Welcome Team and help new U.S. freshmen move into their room. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt with the MSU Fight Song on the back! Sign up online at http://liveon.msu.edu/welcome team

**Residence Hall Floor/Hall Meetings**

**Required.** Be sure to check your Personal Schedule for location.
Fall Welcome Information
Monday, August 31-Tuesday, September 1

Fall Welcome is a continuation of your orientation to Michigan State University. During Fall Welcome, you will have the opportunity to learn about many of the resources available at MSU and in the East Lansing community.

A detailed Fall Welcome schedule is available at www.fallwelcome.msu.edu. Should you have any questions about Fall Welcome, please contact the Department of Student Life at 517/355-8286 or via e-mail at stulife@msu.

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<td>Breslin Center</td>
<td>Fall Convocation and One Book One Community Presentation</td>
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<td>All new students are <strong>REQUIRED</strong> to attend this event.</td>
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<td>Doors open at 7:30 am. <strong>YOU MUST BE SEATED NO LATER THAN 8:45 am.</strong></td>
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<td>108 Ernst Bessey Hall</td>
<td>Optional Writing Placement Exam</td>
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<td>Students who believe that they are adequately prepared to succeed in a Tier 1 writing course despite having been placed in WRA 1004 have an opportunity to request a re-evaluation of their placement. This re-evaluation requires writing a timed essay. Evaluation of that essay by the Writing Rhetoric and American Culture (WRAC) Department may result in a revised placement into a Tier 1 writing course. For information visit <a href="http://wrac.msu.edu/first-year-writing/">http://wrac.msu.edu/first-year-writing/</a>.</td>
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<td>Check <a href="http://www.fallwelcome.msu.edu">www.fallwelcome.msu.edu</a> for details.</td>
<td>Colloquium with Your College</td>
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<td>You are <strong>REQUIRED</strong> to attend this session that completes your introduction to your College and major.</td>
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<td>First Day of Class-Follow your Monday Schedule For This Day Only</td>
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### Things to Remember:

1. **Academics MUST be your priority.**
2. **Be actively involved** in your classes by going to class, sitting in the front of the classroom, and asking questions.
3. **Be prepared for class** by reading your course documents and doing your assigned reading and homework.
4. Make sure you **see your academic advisor regularly** and keep track of your academic progress. Your advisor is here to help you, but it is your responsibility to know your major requirements and your progress toward graduation.
5. **Don’t wait until your problem becomes an emergency.** Seek out help as soon as you have a question; questions and discussion are encouraged in the United States. All of the MSU faculty and staff are here to help you.
6. **Introduce yourself** to MSU staff, other MSU students, professors, etc.
7. **Use the resources available to you,** including the MSU Engagement Centers, library, Writing Center, tutors, etc.
8. Make sure you **understand U.S. rules about good academic conduct** and follow these rules closely.

### Common Mistakes:

1. Not participating in class.
2. Not introducing yourself to your professors, advisors, and peers.
3. Not asking for help if you are not doing well in a class.
4. Not using the resources available at MSU.
5. Not following MSU’s rules about academic integrity and **not reading your MSU email regularly.**
### Laws & Safety in the U.S.

**Things to Remember:**

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<td><strong>2. Crossing the street:</strong> Do not walk in the street; cross only at marked crosswalks; obey the “Walk/Don’t Walk” signals. Look to the left and look to the right before you cross the street.</td>
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<td><strong>3. Do not walk alone at night:</strong> Learn about the CATA bus system. If you have questions, ask the Orientation or the OISS staff.</td>
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<td><strong>4. Know and obey the State of Michigan alcohol laws:</strong> You cannot drink or possess alcohol if you are under 21 years of age even at a friend’s house.</td>
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<td><strong>5. Many students ride bicycles on and around campus. If you have a bicycle you must register it with the MSU Police <a href="http://police.msu.edu/bikeinfo.asp">http://police.msu.edu/bikeinfo.asp</a> and obey all traffic laws. Make sure you lock your bike when you are not using it.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1. Misusing 9-1-1. Do not call 9-1-1 unless you need to contact the police, firefighters, or have a medical emergency and need an ambulance. Never call this number in order to play a joke on someone.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>4. Walking alone at night. If you choose to walk at night, stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.</strong></td>
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### Healthcare & Health Insurance

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<td><strong>1. Purchasing Health Insurance in the United States is the student’s responsibility. There is no government support available.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Healthcare is very expensive, which is why health insurance is needed. Even with insurance, you still pay a portion of the cost for your healthcare (co-pay, deductible, co-insurance).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3. Because of dangerous practices in the health insurance industry, international students who wish to waive the Aetna health insurance provided through MSU by purchasing an alternative plan must now meet higher standards to qualify for a waiver. Private insurance plans that previously qualified for waivers may not qualify this year.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>4. Only go to the Emergency Room (ER) when you have a true health emergency. If the health condition is not serious, go to an Urgent Care facility if Olin Health Center is closed.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1. Going to the ER instead of an Urgent Care facility when a health condition is not a serious emergency.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Not carrying the health insurance card at all times or not going to the doctor because you never received a card.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3. Not seeking healthcare because of the fear that it will cost too much money.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>4. Ignoring medical bills that include deductibles and co-pays because the student believes they were sent in error. (Do not assume insurance pays 100%.)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>5. It is a challenge to find an alternative health insurance policy that will meet the waiver requirements. OISS can help you find a suitable, safe alternative policy if you wish.</strong></td>
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### Online Resources

**Things to Remember:**

1. You should **pay close attention to important dates on the Academic Calendar** to make sure you don’t miss deadlines.

2. You use **Schedule Builder** ([schedule.msu.edu/planner.asp](http://schedule.msu.edu/planner.asp)) to enroll for courses. It includes helpful functions such as text alerts, course swapping options, and an automated schedule generator.

3. **You must check your MSU email each day.** Emails you receive from the university may be time sensitive; MSU’s expectation is that you are checking and responding to your MSU email each day.

4. You can **access important information** regarding your student account, tuition bill, academic credits, Holds, and grade point (GPA) through STUINFO at [https://stuinfo.msu.edu/](https://stuinfo.msu.edu/).

5. Your professor may use **online course management systems such as Desire2Learn (D2L)** to communicate, collect & post assignments, and track grades & attendance.

### Common Mistakes:

1. **Not knowing important dates for dropping and adding courses, tuition refunds, and the deadline for having no grade reported.**

2. Forgetting to check your MSU email regularly or ignoring/not reading your MSU emails each day.

3. Failing to confirm your attendance in Stuinfo every semester.

4. Not realizing that academic integrity, including MSU’s policy regarding plagiarism, also applies to online courses and online course tools such as Desire2Learn.

### Immigration Basics

**Things to Remember:**

1. **Maintain your status in the U.S.:** You must be a full time student (for example, enrolled for at least 12 credit hours if you are an undergraduate) every semester unless it is your summer vacation semester. Learn more about full-time credit requirements and exceptions from the OISS staff.

2. **Working in the U.S.:** International students can work on campus up to 20 hours per week without authorization and may be able to work off campus with PRIOR authorization from OISS. Do not work off campus without talking to OISS well in advance. You must get approval to work every semester, including summer.

3. **Traveling:** All of your documents must be valid and include the required signatures in order for you to travel outside the United States and re-enter the United States.

4. **The role of the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS):** If you have any questions about immigration, talk to staff in OISS. Do not rely on what your friends tell you.

**Common Mistakes:**

1. Dropping classes without receiving permission from your academic advisor and OISS staff in advance.

2. Breaking immigration regulations regarding course enrollment (not being full-time, taking too many online courses, getting permission before attending another school).

3. Not reporting address changes to the Registrar’s Office ([https://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/StuInfo/Addresses.asp](https://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/StuInfo/Addresses.asp)) within five days of moving.

4. Losing immigration documents or forgetting to update them when information changes (major, degree level, financial support).

5. Working off campus without receiving preauthorization from OISS staff. Illegal employment will affect your immigration status.

6. Not getting a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 before traveling outside the U.S. (OISS is the only office that is authorized to sign these documents).

7. Not checking your MSU email each day, not reading messages about immigration, and not responding immediately (if necessary).
Cultural Fatigue: “Is It Just Me?”

**Things to Remember:**

**Coping with Culture Shock**

Individual people react differently to culture shock, but almost all international students will need to cope with it to some degree. Here are some suggestions which may be helpful:

1. **Maintain your perspective.** Remember that more than 1,000 international students have successfully transitioned to MSU.

2. **Manage your expectations.** If you are confused or disappointed about something, ask yourself “What did I expect?” “Were my expectations accurate and reasonable?” If the reality is different than your expectations, your situation will improve if you let go of what you expected.

3. **Keep an open mind.** People here might behave in ways that people from your home country would not. Some people act differently due to their culture; this does not always mean they are wrong or rude.

4. **Ask for help.** When you find yourself going through the different stages of culture shock, reach out for help and talk to someone. The OISS staff, Counseling Center staff, and other international students and people who have studied abroad are often able to help you.

**Common Mistakes:**

1. Assuming that experiencing cultural fatigue is a sign of weakness and that you must keep your feelings to yourself.

2. Thinking people from different cultures don’t want to be friends with you.

3. Judging someone else’s behavior as wrong when you may not understand it.

4. Only spending time with people from your home country.

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IAOP: What’s Next?

**Things to Remember:**

1. **MSU cares about you.** Your academic orientation program (AOP) will continue during the fall semester.

2. **You are required to attend at least 3 events** during fall semester as part of your Extended AOP.

3. **Make sure you select and register for events** as space will be limited.

4. **During Extended AOP,** you will **learn more about the resources and services** you can use to achieve your goals at MSU.

5. **You will meet faculty, academic advisors, and staff** who can answer your questions and help you once the semester begins.

6. **You will have an opportunity to meet American students** and learn more about the U.S. College Culture.

7. **If you do not complete the Extended AOP requirement,** a HOLD will be placed on your student record. You will not be able to enroll in future classes until you complete the Extended AOP requirement.

**Common Mistakes:**

1. Not registering for events that you plan to attend.

2. Forgetting to attend at least 3 events before the deadline.

3. Not attending the events you registered for.

4. Not checking your MSU email for important Extended AOP information and registration confirmation emails.

5. Attending an event without completing the check-in process.
Helpful Information After Orientation

Late Registration Fee
The Fall Registration Billing Statement will be available in STUINFO after you enroll for your classes. An email will be sent to your MSU provided email address when the bill is accessible. Appropriate payment must be returned by the due date shown on the billing statement (approximately 2 weeks from the date of the billing statement) or a late registration fee will be assessed. If the balance due is $0, attendance must be confirmed in STUINFO, or classes will be dropped. Please consult the Student Accounts website at www.ctfr.msu.edu/COStudentAccounts for semester specific payment due dates. All bills are available electronically only. Paper bills are not mailed via the U.S. Post Office.

Note on Privacy
If students want to restrict release of their personal directory information, they must complete a Directory Restriction Request online at www.reg.msu.edu (click on Privacy Guidelines (FERPA) under the “Policies & Regulations” tab) or log on to STUINFO (click on “Directory Restrictions” under the “Other” tab).

Communication and Records
According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Michigan State University Access to Student Information policy, students enrolled at MSU are the sole guardians of their school records. This means that MSU students have access to their records and that others may view them only with the students’ express permission. Any correspondence concerning grades, academic honors, or disciplinary actions will be sent directly to the students. Misunderstandings and confusion can be avoided if students and parents are aware that, unlike high school, parents receive little direct correspondence from the University concerning students’ progress. Parents should also note that their students can grant them access to grades by authorizing them for guest access in StuInfo. Additional information is available at www.reg.msu.edu (click on Privacy Guidelines (FERPA) under the “Policies & Regulations” tab).

Immunizations
Students can contact the University Physician’s Office at 517/353-9101 or uphys.msu.edu for more information or questions.

Undergraduate Learning Goals and Outcomes
What It Means To Be A Spartan
A liberal education helps students to be outstanding leaders and life-long learners both in and out of the classroom. Undergraduate degree programs at Michigan State University revolve around five undergraduate learning goals, which provide the framework for active engagement and learning. Students who earn an undergraduate degree from Michigan State demonstrate the knowledge, attitudes, and skills associated with these goals.

For more information, visit http://undergrad.msu.edu/programs/learninggoals.

Important Information About the First Day of Class

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 2. On that day, please attend your Monday classes. Thursday and Friday classes will run as usual.

Tentative Resource Fair Participants
Monday, August 24 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Breslin Center

• Campus and Community Partners
  East Lansing Public Library
  MSU Police Department
  Community Volunteers (CVIP & VETP)
  MSU Libraries
  The Associated Students of Michigan State University
  Bailey Scholars Program
  Residence Education and Housing Services
  Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement
  Center for Latin and Caribbean Study CLACS
  College of Social Science Study Away
  Computer Store
  Counseling Center
  English Language Center
  Graduate Employees Union
  Honors College
  Impact BFM
  MSU Family Resource Center
  MSU Food Bank
  MSU Recycling (and Surplus Store)
  MSU Safe Place
  MSU Student Health Services (OLIN)
  MSU Varsity Men’s Soccer
  Muslim Studies Program/MSA
  Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCAT)
  Office for Inclusion and Inter-cultural Initiatives
  Recreational Sports and Fitness Services
  Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities
  Undergraduate University Division
  Wharton Center
  Women’s Resource Center
  University Archives and Historical Collections
  Student Health Insurance
  Office of Financial Aid
  MSU Office of China Programs
  City of East Lansing Housing and University Relations
  Bridges International Residence Halls Association
  International Studies & Programs

• Student Groups
  African Student Union
  Caribbean Student Association
  Chinese Student Coalition
  Chinese Undergrad Student Association
  Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students
  French Club
  Hong Kong Student Association
  International Volunteer Action Corps
  Japan Club
  Korean Student Association
  Pakistani Student Association
  Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
  Turkish Student Association
  Vietnamese Student Association
  Chinese Christian Fellowship
  Spartan Christian Fellowship

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ROOMMATE AGREEMENT
Residence Education and Housing Services – MSU

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form honestly and independently of your roommate(s). After each person has completed the questions, compare notes. There may be differences in responses. Discuss how these differences can be resolved. Involving your Resident Assistant or Advisor as necessary.

Name | Room/Building
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INSTRUCTIONS: Read each item. Each roommate should mark his/her individual response. If responses are different, discuss that difference and try to reach an understanding on that issue with which both roommates can live.

I. USE OF EACH OTHER’S BELONGINGS

You may use these possessions of mine:
- Stereo/CDs
- TV
- Clothes
- Personal Hygiene Items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- Computer/Laptop Computer/Printer
- Appliances (coffee pot, hairdryer, etc.)
- Furniture
- Food
- Other: YES/NO

If items may be used, under which circumstances:
- Without asking first
- Only with asking first
- By guests

If consumables are used, e.g., food, soap, paper, etc.:
- They must be replaced
- They do not have to be replaced
- Let me know when you use them

II. HOW WE WILL USE OUR ROOM

Prioritize the way in which you would like your room used: (1 = most important, 3 = least important)
- Sleeping
- Studying
- Socializing

I expect to:
- Go to bed by:
- Get up most mornings by:
- Usually take naps at:
- Plan to study in the room at:
- Plan to socialize in the room at:

Will alcohol be allowed in the room? YES/NO

(Underage consumption AND possession of alcohol is against University Policy)

III. VISITORS

Visitors will be allowed when:
- I am studying in the room
- I am not home
- I am sleeping
- Okay, regardless

Visitors may use my belongings

Visitors of the opposite sex are:
- Not okay
- Okay only at certain times (specify)
- Okay, regardless
- I agree to allow overnight visitors of the same sex

IV. CARE OF OUR ROOM

Indicate how frequently, who will be responsible, and specifically when each of the following will happen:
- Empty Trash
- Vacuum Carpets

V. SECURITY

I will keep the room door locked when I am not in the room YES/NO

VI. ABOUT ME

When I’m in conflict with another person, I:
- Hide my feelings and concerns
- Talk about my concerns respectfully
- Confront the person forcefully

When I’m tired or stressed, I respond to people...

VII. OTHER

List other issues (use of belongings, use of the room, condition of the room, taking phone messages, etc.) and how you will handle or resolve these situations:

By now you should have had a chance to establish some working ground rules for your room. It is important to continue discussing issues as they arise. The Roommate Agreement is only a starting place.

We, as roommates, enter into this agreement fully intending to work cooperatively with each other and to discuss any concerns or issues that may arise. Should we encounter difficulty in our relationship that we are unable to resolve by open discussion with each other, we will seek out our Resident Assistant and ask for his/her assistance in renegotiating our Roommate Agreement.

Roommate Signature | Room/Bldg. | Roommate Signature | Room/Bldg.
Top 10 First Week Tips from Current MSU International Students

We are excited that you have chosen to attend Michigan State University! Here are some tips that will help as you adjust to college life at MSU.

1. Make sure you close the shower curtain when you are showering in the bathroom to avoid flooding.

2. All the fire alarms work, so there is no need to pull them to make sure they are working. In fact, it’s illegal to pull the fire alarm if there is no fire.

3. Be sure to clean the shared kitchen after you cook. This includes washing the counters as well as the pots and pans that you used.

4. Don’t microwave your food in styrofoam, aluminum foil, or plastic containers because you could start a fire. Also, make sure that you cover your food with something such as a napkin before microwaving your food so it will not splatter. Make sure you take the plastic off of food such as frozen pizza before cooking it.

5. Do not flush anything but toilet paper down the toilet. If you flush female products, such as pads and tampons, major flooding may occur. There are containers in each bathroom stall in which you should dispose of these products.

6. Smoking is not allowed in any of the buildings. You may smoke outside, but you must be at least 50 feet away from the building.

7. If you have a bike, make sure you always lock it with a sturdy lock. You can only lock your bike to bike racks. If you need to store your bike, there are bike storage rooms inside each residence hall. Also, make sure you register your bike with the MSU Police (police.msu.edu) for free, or it will get impounded.

8. Get to know the Resident Assistants (RA) in your residence hall, and feel free to talk to them about anything! RAs live on your floor and are there to help you in any way they can. There are also Intercultural Aides in each residence hall who bring people from different cultures together.

9. There are many items you can get from the front desk in your residence hall including toilet paper, spare keys, trash bags, stamps for purchase, a vacuum, board games, and sports equipment. You should also go to the front desk to report any damage to your room or shared spaces.

10. In order to get involved in MSU student organizations, visit the Sparticipation event on Cherry Lane Field on Tuesday, September 1st from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Also visit http://studentlife.msu.edu/student-organizations-activities for more information. You can meet American friends when you join a student organization.
Academic Integrity: A Core Value at Michigan State

Academic integrity and responsibility are fundamental values in a community of scholars. Doing one’s own work — and taking responsibility for that work — allows students to test their own abilities. Honesty and integrity are fundamental to building the trust that is required for students and faculty to thrive and learn from one another. Violating this social contract erodes this trust. It is important that students new to the university be aware of their responsibilities as members of the MSU academic community.

At MSU, academic misconduct is described as:
- using work or answers that are not one’s own;
- providing academic work or answers to another person;
- accepting or providing assistance with completing assignments or examinations;
- failing to cite others’ ideas, theories, or written work when used in an assignment;
- interfering through any means with another’s academic work;
- faking research data or results.

For example, it would be a violation of academic integrity for students to:
- turn in an exam, paper, or project that is not wholly their own work;
- get questions and/or answers from students who have taken the same exam or quiz;
- copy answers from another student’s exam or test;
- work with other students to create a common set of answers to assignments without the instructor’s permission;
- have another person take a test or complete assignments;
- submit the same paper for two or more classes;
- download answers to problems or projects and submit them as one’s own;
- collaborate with other students on projects or assignments without the instructor’s permission.

Plagiarism is a particular form of cheating that involves representing someone else’s work as one’s own. Reports of plagiarism have increased as students turn to the Internet as a major source of data. “Cutting and pasting” is a dangerous practice since it is easy to assume credit for someone else’s work.

Plagiarism may include:
- copying sentences or phrases from the work of another without a citation;
- changing a few words in a sentence that is written by another and then claiming it as one’s own original work;
- using someone else’s original idea without citation;
- failing to reference the source of data or facts;
- submitting a borrowed, purchased, or downloaded paper.

Properly attributing the ideas, words, processes, and results of others (that is, including a citation), is required if using another scholar’s work and effort.

Consequences of academic dishonesty can be severe. If an instructor believes a student has committed an act of academic misconduct, s/he may issue a failing/penalty grade on the assignment or in the course. When an instructor gives an undergraduate or graduate student a penalty grade for academic misconduct, the instructor must provide a written description of the details of the academic misconduct to the student and to the student’s academic dean. The student’s academic dean will add the written description to the student’s academic record, where it will remain, unless the student successfully grieves the allegation. Depending on the seriousness and extent of the violation, the Dean may call for additional sanctions. Additional sanctions include such things as issuing a warning, placing the student on warning probation, instituting disciplinary probation, or suspending the student from the university. Ignorance of university rules regarding academic misconduct cannot be used to exonerate the student from sanctions.

To clarify policies and procedures concerning academic integrity and academic misconduct at Michigan State University, students should visit the Office of the Ombudsperson at MSU (228 N. Kedzie Hall) or the Ombudsperson’s website: www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/. All questions are welcome and inquiries may be made online through a secure server.

For information on how to properly reference and cite sources, students should access the following library website: www.lib.msu.edu/research/.

International AOP Contact Information

Throughout your International Academic Orientation Program experience, you will meet other new international students, current MSU student leaders, an academic advisor, and MSU faculty and staff. Use the spaces below to write down the names, email addresses, phone numbers, and office locations of the new people you meet so that you can keep in touch once the semester begins.

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International AOP (IAOP) Presentation Expectations

The following behaviors are expected during all sessions of the International Academic Orientation Program:

- Do not talk while the presenter is talking.
- Do not use cellphones (i.e., texting) or other electronic devices (laptop, e-readers, tablets) during presentations.
- Stay awake and engaged.
- Consult the appropriate pages, including the information session outlines, in this Schedule Booklet during and after the presentation. You should also read the information prior to the presentation.
- Swipe and Stay: Students who leave after checking in/swiping in to presentations but return to check-out will face consequences, which may include a HOLD being placed on their student record or losing their classes.
- Please carry the following with you during IAOP:
  - Passport
  - I-20/DS2019
  - Personal Schedule
  - Schedule Booklet
  - Welcome Bag
  - Nametag (wear it!)
  - Spartan ID card
- Follow your Personal Schedule. Your Personal Schedule has been designed for you.
  - Do not follow a friend’s Personal Schedule for presentation or advising appointment times.
  - You must attend presentations and eat meals in the locations listed on your personal schedule.

Check Your MSU Email Account DAILY!