The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) extends a warm welcome to all new international students. We hope your experience here is positive and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead. You are about to join Michigan State University’s international community. MSU enrolls more than 4,500 international students and has a rich tradition of supporting students from abroad. Your presence enriches the campus in countless ways.

OISS coordinates and administers programs that serve international students, faculty and visitors in the MSU community. Our advising staff is aware of the demands associated with studying in another country and we have experience in meeting the special needs of international students. We invite you to visit our office when we can be of assistance to you. Some of our services include:

- Advising and assistance with immigration issues
- Conducting orientations and programming that help you adjust to the academic, cultural, and social life of MSU
- Making referrals to other campus services
- Helping to connect you to the community through programs
- Serving as a liaison with U.S. embassies and consulates

The International Student Orientation (ISO) is designed to help introduce you to the campus and its services. ISO will also be the place where you meet many people who will become your friends during your time in East Lansing. We hope you will take full advantage of all the ISO activities.

Best wishes for success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Peter Briggs
Director
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING
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1:00-1:30pm
Wells Hall B-108
Erickson Hall Kiva

ORIENTATION REGISTRATION
For Undergraduate Students
For Graduate Students

1:30-1:45pm
Wells Hall B-108
Erickson Hall Kiva

WELCOME ADDRESS
The OISS staff will welcome you to the MSU campus.
For Undergraduate Students
For Graduate Students

2:00-2:40pm
Wells & Erickson Hall Classrooms

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
This is the first chance to get your questions answered. Meet other students, share experiences and form friendships. You will also meet your group leaders in small break-out sessions.

2:00-3:30pm
International Ctr 3rd floor

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
We invite parents of the new students to this special information session.
IMMIGRATION BASICS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
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ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FOR LATE ARRIVALS

10:00am-noon
Bessey Hall

WRITING PLACEMENT EXAM
Undergraduate students with regular admission may take advantage of this opportunity to write a placement essay for writing class placement. Please see the flyer in your packet for more information.

10:30am-noon
Wells Hall
room B-108

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TB TESTING (GRADUATE STUDENTS)
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**Campus Tour**
Volunteer leaders will take you for a tour of the campus, and you can get your MSU ID card made at this time.

**Immigration Basics for Provisional Students and Late Arrivals**
Learn immigration information essential to maintaining your status in the U.S.

**Lost in Translation for Provisional Students and Late Arrivals**
Gain an insider’s perspective on university life from experienced students. Students offer advice on classroom etiquette, academics, housing, and social atmosphere.

**Still Confused? (Small Group Time)**
Small groups will have an opportunity to debrief the information gathered throughout the day and to have time for a question/answer session.

**Resource Fair**
Representatives from different resources such as apartments, cell phone carriers, banks, health insurance carriers, the driver’s license office, entertainment venues, and many others are brought together in one place to help you gather information about the MSU campus and the Lansing community.
STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR
MSU has more than 30 international student organizations. Representatives from these groups will come together at this fair to meet you and welcome you to their group and to campus.

WELCOME DINNER
OISS invites new students to enjoy an elegant dinner to honor new students. Required dinner tickets will be distributed on Sunday and Monday when the welcome packets and lanyards are distributed. We regret that dinner tickets cannot be given to parents, spouses or children of new students.

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HOW TO SUCCEED AT MSU FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
Information about research, writing, useful resources and other tips for success will be shared with graduate students.

ACADEMIC ADVISING: STAGE 1 (FOR AOP ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ONLY)
This session will provide an introduction to academic advising at MSU. Topics will include graduation requirements, an overview of the U.S. system of undergraduate education, and tips to help with the planning process for a successful four year program.

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Welcome Festival
A welcome event with refreshments, games and activities will be arranged for all students and their spouses and children. Families are welcome!

Health, Insurance and Tuberculosis Testing
Olin Health Center and Student Health Insurance representatives will discuss the basics of the U.S. health care system, the TB test, and medical insurance plans.

Introduction to Banking System in the U.S.
This session will offer information on the U.S. banking system.

Meet the MSU Admissions Office
The Office of Admissions plays a major role in your coming to MSU. Come meet the staff to share your experiences about the admissions process.
MEET THE MSU HOUSING OFFICE AND THE OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS (OISS)
The Housing and OISS staff would like to welcome you to MSU. They will answer your questions and address your concerns.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SPORTS
The International Student Association of MSU will coordinate this fun event. Come enjoy free ice cream and a chance to win prizes as you meet other incoming international students, the orientation volunteers, and the leaders of ISA. You can also enjoy sports such as basketball, dodge ball and badminton.
CHECK-IN AND PAYMENT (AOP)
You must have your Green Sheet with you to check into the Academic Orientation Program (AOP). Only students with B1, B2, or C Green Sheets are eligible to attend AOP. Below are the locations for the AOP. Rooms have been assigned according to the first letter of your last name. Please go to the respective rooms.

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MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR DECLARED MAJOR (AOP)

WELCOME AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PLACEMENT TESTING (AOP)
Testing for students who did not take the math placement test prior to AOP, students who want to take a proctored math placement test, and students who need to take a foreign language placement test (French, Spanish, and German).
THE INSIDE SCOOP…SUCCESS TIPS FROM CURRENT MSU STUDENTS

THE COLLEGE CLASSROOM – AN MSU PROFESSOR SPEAKS
What will your first college class be like? What are professors’ expectations of MSU students? How much do you have to study to succeed? What are college tests like? What kinds of notes should you take in class? What types of assignments do professors give college students? These questions and any questions you may have will be answered.

ENROLLMENT PRESENTATION
An AOP Resident Assistant will help you learn to use the computer-based course scheduling and enrollment system. For information on the enrollment system, please visit: www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Enrollment.asp.

DEGREE NAVIGATOR AND TRANSFER CREDIT – FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING COLLEGE CREDIT
Michigan State’s transfer credit evaluation process will be explained. If you have received your Degree Progress Report, please bring it to this session.

HONORS COLLEGE
Required of Honors College students.
1. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW TO HELP ASSURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS?
Meet with college and departmental staff to learn about the opportunities and requirements of degree programs. You will explore the curricular and extracurricular resources that will help you achieve success.
- If you are going to change your major, attend the session of your “new” major.
- No-Preference students should attend the Undergraduate University Division presentation.
- Secondary Education majors should attend the college session of the Teaching Major, not the College of Education.
- Pre-Medical majors should attend the Natural Science presentation.
- A music audition is necessary for music majors.

2. ACADEMIC ADVISING
Students must see their academic advisers to plan next year’s course schedule.
*Some students may receive a personalized advising schedule during the previous session.*
3. ENROLL FOR CLASSES AND ACTIVATE YOUR MSU E-MAIL ACCOUNT
Enroll for your courses after consulting with an academic adviser.

4. CHECK OUT OF WELLS HALL
In order for us to have a record of your participation in Orientation, which is a condition of enrollment, you must check out of the program.

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR
OISS will host a welcoming Coffee Hour for new students. This tradition continues every Friday during the fall and spring semesters. Please join us for free coffee and tea and great conversation. Those required to attend AOP must complete that program before attending Coffee Hour.
LATE ARRIVAL GOVERNMENT CHECK-INS
This session will complete the required check-in process for all international students who arrive after orientation. There will be different time blocks assigned for check-ins during the day. Students must bring their passport, I-94 card, and I-20/DS-2019 form to check-in. Please also bring contact information in case of an international emergency.

HALL/FLOOR MEETINGS
Specific time and location will be posted in your residence hall. New hall residents will meet fellow residents of their floor and begin to get acquainted with the resources available in the residence halls.

FREE ACTIVITIES
Bowling and Billiards
Ice Skating
Bingo Game
CONVOCATION/UNIVERSITY WELCOME AND ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
All new students are expected to attend. This is an opportunity to meet with other students, meet MSU staff, and hear a presentation by Steve Lopez, author of The Soloist.

LUNCH AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT EVENT
Students will engage in a collective cultural engagement activity.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS
Students are invited to attend a series of information sessions on topics related to getting started at MSU. You are strongly advised to attend three sessions of your choice.

WELCOME FOR INTERNATIONAL SPOUSES AND FAMILIES
Spouses of international students and their children will find this fun and informative welcome session at the Spartan Village Community Center very useful. Representatives from several helpful organizations will be available and fun activities will keep your children busy and entertained. Don’t miss it!

WOW!
Welcome orientation workshop and dinner for students with disabilities.
7:00-10:00pm  
**MSU Union**

**U-FEST**  
This is a free event hosted by the MSU Union and the University Activities Board. Come enjoy live music, prize giveaways, and entertainment.

8:00pm-midnight  
**CATA Bus Stops**

**MOONLIGHT MADNESS SHOPPING SPREE**  
Catch a CATA bus at U-fest or near your residence hall to local Meijer stores; or walk to local downtown merchants and enjoy great deals on the things you need to make your residence hall room or apartment feel like home. Free food, prize giveaways, and great deals...don’t miss it!
September 1st

9:00am-noon
Engineering Bldg
room 1145

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION / SECRETARY OF STATE
Students who wish to obtain a Social Security Number, Michigan Driver’s License, or Michigan Identification Card may start their administrative processing at a convenient on campus location. Please visit http://oiss.msu.edu/students_employ_ssn.php for more information on what is required.

9:00-11:30am
Location by Major

COLLOQUIUM WITH YOUR COLLEGE
Check personalized schedules for locations and times. You are REQUIRED to attend this session that completes your introduction to your college and major. Each college will offer sessions where new students will learn more about activities in the college and have a chance to talk in small groups with faculty and instructors about expectations and strategies for success in the particular field of study. The Undergraduate University Division will meet with “no preference” students.

1:00-5:00pm
Bessey Hall
Erickson Hall

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS
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1:30am-4:30pm
Engineering Bldg
room 1145

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**Honors College Convocation**
Honors students are expected to attend.

**Spartan Event Night**
Please enjoy a Fall Welcome Cookout, Outdoor Concert, Sparticipation, Spartan Spirit, and Grand Finale, which will include fireworks or a laser show!

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**Spartan Remix**
MSU students host this event for new and returning students, faculty and staff. This event brings diverse communities together to both honor traditions of various communities while jointly creating a celebration of all communities.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION / SECRETARY OF STATE

9:00am-noon
International Ctr
room 302

1:30-4:30pm
International Ctr
room 302

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September 15th
Tuesday
DRIVER’S LICENSE TESTING
In order to get a local driver’s license, a written test is required to understand the regulations. Students can take their written test during this session. Please sign up to take the test at the Resource Fair on August 24.

noon-5:00pm
International Ctr
room 302

September 17th
Thursday
DRIVER’S LICENSE TESTING
In order to get a local driver’s license, a written test is required to understand the regulations. Students can take their written test during this session. Please sign up to take the test at the Resource Fair on August 24.

9:00am-1:00pm
International Ctr
room 302