WELCOME TO ON-CAMPUS LIVING AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS TO STAY ON CAMPUS

FLEXIBLE MEAL PLANS • 13 RESIDENTIAL DINING HALLS • 19 SPARTY'S COFFEE SHOPS AND CONVENIENCE STORES • GREAT OPTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER’S CROSSROADS FOOD COURT AND AT THE MSU UNION’S ONE UNION SQUARE • AUTHENTIC INTERNATIONAL CUISINE AT OWEN HALL’S RIVERWALK MARKET • HALAL AND KOSHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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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 5,000 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
Students who have not met the English proficiency requirement and are provisionally admitted must sign up for English language testing at testing.elc.msu.edu/msuelt.

9:00-11:00am
Wells Hall
room C-103

WRITING PLACEMENT EXAM
Undergraduate students with regular admission may take advantage of this opportunity to write a placement essay for writing class placement. Please click here for more information.

12:00pm
Wharton Center

ORIENTATION REGISTRATION
New students will receive orientation packets and be assigned to small groups.

1:00pm
Wharton Center

WELCOME ADDRESS
The OISS staff will welcome you to the MSU campus.

1:50pm
Wharton Center

IMMIGRATION BASICS
Learn immigration information essential to maintaining your status in the U.S.

2:30-4:00pm
Wharton Center

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS
We invite parents of new students to a special information session and reception.
This is the first chance to get your questions answered. Meet other students, share experiences, and form friendships. You will enjoy meeting your group leaders in this small break-out session.

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.

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.

OISS invites new undergraduate students to enjoy an elegant dinner in your honor. Required dinner tickets will be distributed on Monday with the welcome packets and name badges. We regret that dinner tickets cannot be given to parents, spouses or children of new students. Please arrive at 6pm. Doors will close at 6:15pm.
ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FOR LATE ARRIVALS
New students will receive orientation packets and be assigned to small groups.

CAMPUS TOUR/MSU ID’S
Volunteer leaders will take you for a tour of the campus, and you can get your MSU ID card made at this time.

GOVERNMENT CHECK-INS
This session will complete the required check-in process for all international students. There will be different time blocks assigned for check-ins during the day. Students must bring their original passport, I-94 card, and I-20/DS-2019 form to check-in. Please also bring international contact information in case of an emergency. You must stay in your assigned group and attend check-in at your scheduled time.

TB SCREENING
All international students are required to go through tuberculosis screening. You must stay in your assigned group and attend the TB test at your scheduled time.

ACADEMIC ADVISING STAGE I (FOR UNDERGRADUATE REGULARLY ADMITTED STUDENTS)
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.
HOW TO SUCCEED AS A GRADUATE STUDENT
Information about research, writing, useful resources, and other tips for success will be shared with graduate students.

**LOST IN TRANSLATION: ASK THE STUDENT EXPERTS**
For Graduate Students.
Gain an insider’s perspective on university life from experienced graduate students. A panel of students offers advice on classroom etiquette, housing, typical U.S. social atmosphere, and any other questions you may have.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND GAMES
The International Student Association (ISA) 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

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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).
MAKE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

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, 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 for Honors College students.
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS
Required for Academic Scholars students.

10:45-11:15am
Wells Hall
room C-211

LUNCH

1:00-2:00pm
Wells Hall
room C-211

10:45-11:55am

Noon

1. COLLEGE SESSION: PLANNING MY LEARNING EXPERIENCE
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
In order to meet with your academic adviser, you must first attend the College Session at noon. 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.

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING WELCOME FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Faculty, staff, and students of the College of Engineering will be on hand to welcome new international undergraduate students. We will serve light refreshments, provide a brief overview of engineering education in the U.S., expectations of engineering courses and student services, and have a question and answer session. Welcome!
LATE ARRIVAL GOVERNMENT CHECK-INS
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SOCIAL SECURITY SESSION
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INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE U.S.
Olin Health Center and Student Health Insurance representatives will discuss the basics of the U.S. health care system and medical insurance plans.

MONEY MATTERS
Learn tips for managing and saving money in the U.S. Experienced students and experts will teach you how to stretch your dollars and understand the U.S. banking system.

WELCOME FESTIVAL FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITH SPOUSES AND FAMILIES
A welcome event with refreshments, games, and activities will be arranged for all graduate students and students with spouses and/or children. Families are welcome! Spouses of international students and their children will find this fun and informative welcome session very useful. Representatives from several helpful organizations will be available and fun activities will keep your children busy and entertained.
WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL GAME
Come support the volleyball team as they play against Evansville. Free t-shirt for the first 500 fans. International students and their families get in free (you must bring in the volleyball flyer from your orientation packet)!

RESIDENCE HALL/FLOOR MEETINGS
Be sure to check in with your residence hall for specific time.

EVENING ACTIVITIES
Bowling and Billiards at the MSU Union (9:00-11:00pm)
Bingo at the International Center (9:00pm-midnight)

ICE SKATING AT MUNN ICE ARENA
SECRETARY OF STATE
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CONVOCATION/UNIVERSITY WELCOME AND ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of each academic year. President Lou Anna K. Simon, Provost Kim Wilcox and representatives from each of the undergraduate degree-granting colleges will welcome you to the “pioneer land-grant university.” Additionally, the Spartan Dischords (student a cappella singers) will perform and special guest Dave Eggers, author of *Zeitoun*, the One Book One Community book will address you, the newest members of the MSU community.

OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES (OSS) WELCOME DAY

WOW!
Welcome Orientation Workshop, The Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD), dinner included.
GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA) AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER (LGBT) RESOURCE CENTER FALL WELCOME INFORMATION SESSION
Participants will have an opportunity to meet new and returning Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Ally (LBGTA) students. Learn about campus resources and opportunities for LBGTA students and discuss the climate here at MSU. Snacks will be provided.

U-FEST
This is a free event hosted by the MSU Union and the University Activities Board. Come enjoy live music, outdoor activities, free stuff, and much more. FOUR FLOORS OF ENTERTAINMENT.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SHOPPING SPREE
Moonlight Madness provides you a great opportunity to explore some of the stores, services, and resources the greater East Lansing Area has to offer. New MSU students can walk together to the downtown East Lansing area or hop onto a complementary CATA (Capitol Area Transit Authority) bus to local Meijer stores. While you don’t have to spend money to join in the fun, more than 50 retailers are open for business to help students complete their residence hall room decorating, buy last minute school supplies, stock-up on snacks for their rooms or purchase a donation for the “Fill the Bus” project.
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COLLOQUIUM WITH YOUR COLLEGE
Please see the colloquium schedule for times and locations.

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. Check personalized schedules for locations and times.

HONORS COLLEGE CONVOCATION
All Honors College students are invited and **expected** to attend this brief welcoming ceremony. The Convocation will be followed by a reception and an opportunity to sign up for Honors College student organizations and meet other Honors College students and Honors advisers.
SPARTAN EVENT NIGHT
4:00-10:00pm Munn Field
4:00-10:00pm The “Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular”
4:00-8:00pm Fall Welcome Cookout
5:00-8:00pm Sparticipation
9:45pm Fireworks

CLASSES BEGIN
5:00-9:00pm The Rock on Farm Lane
GREEK FALL WELCOME
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.

SPARTAN REMIX...WELCOME RECEPTION
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.

EAST LANSING WELCOMES THE WORLD
International students are invited to this fun event to learn about the City of East Lansing and to mingle with other members of the community. Mayor Vic Loomis will be on hand to offer comments and to officially welcome students to the city. Food, refreshment and music will round out this first-time event!
**Social Security Session**

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- Responsible Conduct of Research .... grad.msu.edu/all/respconduct.htm
- Thesis/Dissertation Requirements ..... grad.msu.edu/graduation.htm#doctoral
  and more!
Some research resources for graduate students (see links at grad.msu.edu):

- Responsible Conduct of Research Workshops
- Guidelines for Graduate Student Advising and Mentoring Relationships
- Career Development Workshops

Research opportunities for undergraduates:
See www.urca.msu.edu/

MSU research is conducted around the world:

- Mark Axelrod and Brian Roth, assistant professors of fisheries and wildlife, study effects of globalization and changes in trade policies on resource management, including fishing, in India.
- TB and brucellosis are frequently transmitted among humans, livestock, and wildlife in Uganda with serious outcomes. John Kaneene, director of MSU’s Center for Comparative Epidemiology, develops ways to reduce that transmission.
- Reza Nassiri, director of MSU’s Institute of International Health, leads researchers working in the Dominican Republic to establish a model for HIV/AIDS care that can be exported to other resource-limited countries.
- Centralized agricultural control in the former Soviet Union left large swaths of single-crop land with depleted soil and water resources and pesticide resistance. Karim Maredia, director of MSU’s World Technology Access Program, leads a team addressing those issues.

Many developing countries use underprepared contract teachers to meet teacher shortages as millions of new children enroll in schools. Amita Chudgar, assistant professor of educational administration, studies the impact of such teachers in Africa.
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- Study in Africa, including at African Universities
- One of the largest Africana Library Collections in the U.S.

African Studies Center....The African Studies Center at MSU is one of the most comprehensive in the United States. Established in 1960, the Center specializes in research in Africa and education and outreach concerning Africa to educators, scholars, schools, media, business, and government agencies throughout the nation. The Center is designated as a federal National Resource Center on Africa by the U.S. Department of Education and receives a portion of its funding under Title VI of the Higher Education Act.

The Center’s main function is to encourage graduate and undergraduate instruction and research concerning African society, politics, economy, history, languages, literature, health, communication, education, and agriculture. The Center links more than 150 faculty on campus who have conducted research, taught, and offered development assistance in Africa.

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CASID and the Gender, Development and Globalization Program (GDG) within the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) at MSU have been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Resource Center in International Studies and receive funding under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. CASID also serves as the host unit for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program at Michigan State University.
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