



“On the Banks of the Red Cedar, There’s a School That’s Known to All...”

AND YOU ARE NOW A PART OF IT!

Congratulations on choosing to be a part of one of the finest institutions of higher education in the nation! Your time at MSU will produce some of the most memorable moments of your life. Whether it is taking a class that captivates your mind, exploring your interests by getting involved in a student organization, sampling the ice cream at the MSU Dairy Store,

cheering the Spartans to victory, or meeting new friends, your time at MSU will indeed be special. The intent of the short articles contained in this newsletter is to provide some information about what you (and your families or guardian) can expect when you arrive on campus. Also, check out [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu) for information on your first few days at MSU!



Dear New Spartan,

MSU is looking forward to your arrival to campus, and we are ready to offer you an experience that can be one of the best of your life! Our world-class academic programs, our many services and resources, our beautiful campus, the quality of our advisors and professors, the exposure to other community members from diverse cultures and backgrounds, and the excitement of Big Ten Conference Athletics, all combine to create an

unequaled pride in the hearts of MSU students.

MSU cares about your success as a student. We hope you will immerse yourself in your academic program, get involved in student organizations, and attend special events and activities to make the most of your undergraduate experience at MSU.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

- MSU Faculty and Staff

Spartan Money Smarts

Tuition, books, recreation, food...it all costs money. There is no single answer to questions about money and how much it costs to be a student at MSU, but there are some general guidelines that may help you in making financial decisions.

**MAKE A LIST OF ANTICIPATED EXPENSES.** From this list, families should decide which are covered by the student, which by the parent/guardian, etc. There is no one right answer to who should pay for which part of college, but knowing ahead of time may alleviate a lot of tension later.

**CREDIT CARDS.** Students will receive countless offers to get a credit card. Some students find credit cards a safe and convenient means of payment. Others, however, (if not careful) find themselves owing significant money to the credit card companies. As such, students and parents are encouraged to discuss credit card use prior

to arrival on campus. In cases where a student obtains credit cards for “emergencies”, everyone should agree what constitutes an emergency. Beware of solicitation and fraudulent card scams. **WORKING WHILE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL.** The decision to work depends on a variety of factors such as class load, job demands, financial needs, and the individual student. Students who are good at time management and take no more than 15 credit hours per semester may be able to work between ten to twenty hours per week. In fact, research indicates that working less than twenty hours per week in an on-campus job helps students become better acquainted with the institution and complements their academic learning. Students are encouraged to make school their top priority. However, with proper time management, students can enjoy sufficient time to prepare for

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Don't miss

Fall Welcome Spartan SPECTACULAR!

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4-8 p.m. at Cherry Lane Field

(the field located on the corner of Shaw Lane & Harrison Rd.) Rain location will be the Breslin Student Events Center & Munn Ice Arena For more information visit [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu)

Arrival Information

FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENCE HALLS AND ON-CAMPUS APARTMENTS:

First-year students can move into the residence halls beginning Sunday, August 25 at 8 a.m. Returning students can move into the residence halls beginning Monday, August 26 at 8 a.m. If you need to move in earlier than your assigned time or an opportunity has been extended for you to move in early, please apply for early arrival in your iLiveOn account. Move in for University Village and 1855 Place residents begins Tuesday, July 30 at 8 a.m. On move in day, staff will provide 20-minute parking passes for unloading. Information regarding long-term parking can be found on the pass. For additional information on move in, please visit [liveon.msu.edu](http://liveon.msu.edu).

FOR COMMUTER/TRANSFER STUDENTS:

If MSU is the first college or university you have attended on a full-time basis and you are a commuter student, or if you are a new transfer student, please plan to attend the Commuter/Transfer Student Meeting on Tuesday, August 27. There will be two meeting time options. The first meeting time is 2:30 p.m. in Brody, 137, 136, 138. The second meeting time is 3:00 p.m. in Brody, Auditorium. Please contact the Department of Student Life at (517) 355-8286 or [stulife@msu.edu](mailto:stulife@msu.edu) with any questions.

their classes, socialize, participate in extracurricular activities, and work.

To learn more about part-time student jobs, contact Career Services Network, 113 Student Services, (517) 353-9510, or visit their website at [careernetwork.msu.edu](http://careernetwork.msu.edu).

THIS IS THE 1st IN A SERIES OF NEWSLETTERS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE YOUR TRANSITION TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT LIFE WEBSITE [studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu) OCTOBER 22, 2019 JANUARY 14, 2020 and APRIL 8, 2020



# SPARTANS WILL.



GET CONNECTED!





## Fall Welcome Aug 25-27

Fall Welcome is a continuation of your orientation to Michigan State University. Throughout the three days of Fall Welcome, many exciting (and fun) events will occur across campus. By attending these events, you will become better acquainted with the campus, meet other students, and begin forming connections to MSU's faculty and staff members who are here to help you succeed.

For new students who will be living in residence halls, a copy of the 2019 Fall Welcome Handbook will be given to you once you register at the desk. The handbook will provide specific information regarding Fall Welcome activities as well as resources on-campus and in the East Lansing community. For new students residing on campus, Fall Welcome begins on Sunday, August 25. You may begin moving into your new on-campus home at 8 a.m. The first official Fall Welcome activity for on-campus students will take place at 7 p.m. when you will meet the other new students on your residence hall floor for dinner. Following this, hall and floor meetings will be scheduled as a way of providing you with some basic information about your new living community. Events begin at 8:30 p.m. across campus Sunday.

**Fall Convocation and One Book, One Community Presentation** will be hosted on Monday, August 26, 2019 in the Breslin Student Events Center. The event will start at 9 a.m., doors will open at 7 a.m., and you are encouraged to be seated by 8:30 a.m. Students are encouraged to arrive early for the event. Service project opportunities will be hosted by Service and Civic Engagement.

Fall Convocation is the formal ceremony that marks the beginning of each academic year that welcomes the newest members of MSU community to our "pioneer land-grant university." President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., Provost June Pierce Youatt and representatives from each of the undergraduate degree-granting colleges will

extend greetings to you during the event which will also include the One Book, One Community book selection featuring *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* author, Matthew Desmond. As a new student, you are REQUIRED to attend this formal ceremony.

If you are interested in getting involved, check out the list of Registered Student Organizations that is available on the Department of Student Life's website at [studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu). The list has contact information for all of the 900 registered organizations. Interested in meeting some of the organizations' members in-person? Then plan to attend Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular at Cherry

Lane Field (the field located on the corner of Shaw Lane & Harrison Rd.) from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27 to be a part of Sparticulation '19. For more information visit [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu).

## Fill the Bus!

Spartans are generous to others and their community. Be a part of a campus-wide service effort to support organizations in the greater Lansing community. When buying your supplies, buy extra to **Fill the Bus!**

For more information visit [communityengagedlearning.msu.edu](http://communityengagedlearning.msu.edu).

## Billing/Financial Aid Information (517) 355-3343 • (800) 775-4323

The first bill for the fall semester is produced in mid-July. Your attendance confirmation and payment (if any) is due in the first part of August. The specific due date will appear on the billing statement. You must pay at least the minimum amount due, or confirm attendance if no payment is required (credit balance, zero minimum amount due, or zero balance) to become registered. If you have a balance due, you must submit the minimum payment amount, either by mail or on-line using the ePay system, or a late fee will be assessed. You may pay an electronic bill on-line by credit card or ACH funds transfer and confirm attendance at [stuinfo.msu.edu](http://stuinfo.msu.edu).

**STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID AT [FINAID.MSU.EDU](http://FINAID.MSU.EDU)** Your bill will reflect any actual or pending financial aid awarded at the time the bill was created, except for College Work Study awards, which must be earned by part-time work during the academic year. Private scholarship checks should be endorsed and sent to the Office of Financial Aid at 556 E. Circle Dr., Room 252, East Lansing, MI 48824. These checks are disbursed according to instructions received from the donor. Direct (Stafford) or Parent loans are paid directly to your MSU student account once you have completed all required loan actions such as your promissory note and no sooner than 10 days before the start of classes (temporary credits are issued if loans are ready to disburse but there are more than 10 days remaining before class starts). You can view whether you have completed all required actions by visiting [stuinfo.msu.edu](http://stuinfo.msu.edu) and select Financial Aid (Check Your Aid).

**REFUNDS OF FINANCIAL AID** — If you have completed registration and have excess financial aid, which has been finalized as of August 17, 2019, a refund will be processed for you the week of August 20. If you have signed up for direct deposit, the funds will be transferred to your bank account. Otherwise, a check will be mailed to your local address, if one is available. If you have no local address on file, checks are mailed to your permanent address. For students who complete registration after August 17, refunds are produced nightly starting on August 20 and mailed the following workday through August 31, and then weekly thereafter. Students may enroll in direct deposit on-line at [stuinfo.msu.edu](http://stuinfo.msu.edu).

Questions about your bill or payment? Students with questions about their bill or payment may contact the Student Accounts Office, which is a part of the Controller's Office, 426 Auditorium Rd., Room 140, (517) 355 3343 [ctrlr.msu.edu](http://ctrlr.msu.edu).

## Student ID Cards

Students who did not receive their ID card at New Student Orientation or need a replacement can go to the ID Office located in the International Center, 427 N. Shaw Lane, Rm 170. A government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, State ID or passport is needed to obtain your ID. Hours of operation are M-F, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. For more information, you can call (517) 355-4500 or send an email to [idooffice@msu.edu](mailto:idooffice@msu.edu). Your first ID card is issued to you at no cost. Replacement cards are \$20.

## Contact MSU

University directory and information services (ContactMSU) staff are available to help you navigate campus, find the information you need, learn about events, or connect you with departments, individual staff or students with published numbers. Their service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You may reach them at [contactmsu@msu.edu](mailto:contactmsu@msu.edu), (517) 355-1855 or by dialing 0 from campus phones. The directory that the ContactMSU staff utilize is also populated by the contact information stored within the University's staff and student databases.

## Education Abroad Expo

Are you thinking about participating in an education abroad program? Now's your chance to come and browse virtually all of MSU's programs at the 2019 Education Abroad Expo on Thursday, October 3 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Breslin Student Events Center.

Sponsored by the Office for Education Abroad, the expo offers you the opportunity to explore your options among the more than 275 programs offered at MSU and begin planning ahead for your own experience abroad. It will feature programs representing a variety of academic fields and locations.

You can talk with program directors, representatives from partner institutions, former participants, and academic advisers. The expo provides a "one-stop shopping" experience for everything you need to know





about choosing an education abroad program.

Staff from the Office for Education Abroad will be on-hand to answer questions and help you understand what you need to know before going abroad. Representatives from other support units will also be available to help with questions about travel logistics, funding opportunities, health issues and more. Academic advisers can offer assistance about individual degree requirements.

Watch your email for updates or check the web at [educationabroad.msu.edu](http://educationabroad.msu.edu).

## Confidentiality of Student Records

Many students and parents assume that parents have the same access to their children's education records, such as grades and disciplinary records, in the same way as they did in high school. This is not the case.

Once a student reaches the age of 18 or attends a postsecondary educational institution, a parent's rights with respect to their children's education records transfer to the student. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law otherwise known as FERPA ([reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/PrivacyGuidelines.aspx](http://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/PrivacyGuidelines.aspx)), protects the privacy of a student's education records. FERPA requires

that the University, with certain exceptions, obtain the student's written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the student's education records. However, the University may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless the student has advised the University otherwise. The University has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name;
- Student's local address (if listed);
- Student's local phone number (if listed);
- Student's permanent address (if listed);
- Student's permanent telephone number (if listed);
- MSU NetID email address (if listed);
- Current enrollment status or dates of attendance;
- Program level (undergraduate, graduate, professional);
- Class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, etc.);
- Major field of study;
- Current term candidacy for degree and/or teacher certification;
- Employment status as a graduate teaching or research assistant, office address and office phone number;
- Information pertaining to awards and honors achievements;
- Degree(s) earned from MSU and effective date(s);
- Participation in officially recognized University activities and sports, including weight and height of athletic team members;
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended;
- The registration documents of student organizations which contain the names and addresses of the officers

and the statement of purpose of the organization.

Students also have the option to request that the University not disclose directory information without their prior written consent. Students must notify the Office of the Registrar in writing or online at [reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/PrivacyGuidelines.aspx](http://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/PrivacyGuidelines.aspx) if they desire to opt-out of disclosure of directory information.

Questions about the release or disclosure of a student's education records under FERPA should be directed to the Office of the Registrar at (517) 355-3300, email [reg@msu.edu](mailto:reg@msu.edu) or visit [reg.msu.edu](http://reg.msu.edu).

## Personal Problems

No matter how experienced, mature, and emotionally stable students are, there will be times when feelings and thoughts associated with life issues may become uncomfortable for students to handle alone. If students don't feel they are making progress toward resolving it in a few weeks, they may want to talk to someone about it.

Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) includes time-limited individual and group counseling and crisis intervention for all registered students. Our clinical services are confidential, and there is no charge for the majority of these services. We

## MSU Sustainability Be Spartan Green

At Michigan State University, green is more than a color. It's an attitude of personal responsibility and hard work that is shared by students, faculty, and staff who, through both small steps and big collective actions, show how daily intentional actions can make a big impact – and a better world.

Today, MSU is one of the world's top research universities and one of the nation's top sustainable campuses. And every day—through teaching, research, outreach, and campus innovation—Spartans are working to improve the quality of life at MSU and in communities around the globe.

Our actions are powered by more than a century-and-a-half commitment to empowering ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Working together we can move mountains—or preserve them for future generations.

There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in sustainability at MSU; visit [bespartangreen.msu.edu](http://bespartangreen.msu.edu) to see how you can Be Spartan Green!

also offer workshops, skills-based groups, and class presentations on a variety of topics. We have a caring, diverse, and international/multilingual staff with a wide range of clinical expertise. Our goal is to help students address their concerns and to improve their sense of well-being, connectedness, identity, and purpose in the context of reaching their academic goals. Contact CAPS at (517) 355-8270 or check out their website at [caps.msu.edu/](http://caps.msu.edu/).



**My SSP:** 24/7/365 counseling support made easy at MSU, visit [caps.msu.edu/services/ISSP.html](http://caps.msu.edu/services/ISSP.html). **My SSP** app is available 24 hours a day to have access to a professional counselor at all times.

**REMEMBER: WEDNESDAY August 28, 2019**  
*attend Monday Classes*





## Campus Bus Service

The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) provides bus service to all of the greater Lansing area and to MSU. Campus service operates 24/7 during fall and spring semesters with service beginning Monday, August 26, 2019. Free on-campus bus service will be provided to all MSU students, faculty and staff. The fare-free rides apply to Routes 30-39 only. A cash fare or bus pass will be required to ride Lot Link, Night Owl or any off-campus route. Lot Link and Night Owl are on-demand services that operate on campus in the evening and early morning. Rides are requested by calling (517) 432-8888. Students pay \$.60 a ride when they show their valid MSU ID on these services. Students wanting to purchase a bus pass instead of paying for each ride not included in the free-fare campus service have several bus pass options. Passes may be purchased online at [cata.org](http://cata.org) or at the MSU ID Office located in the International Center. For specific information regarding CATA's routes and bus pass information, please call (517) 432-2282, visit CATA's website at [cata.org](http://cata.org) or email us at [info@cata.org](mailto:info@cata.org).

## Parking On Campus

New students with freshman academic standing who are residing in residence halls generally are **not** permitted to have vehicles on campus. Commuter students who plan to drive to and park on campus must register their vehicles with the MSU Police. Questions related to parking should be directed to the MSU Police, (517) 355-8440. The MSU Police website, [police.msu.edu](http://police.msu.edu), also contains useful parking-related information.

## Quick Contacts

**CAMPUS OPERATOR**  
(517) 355-1855

**COUNSELING**  
Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS)  
(517) 355-8270  
[caps.msu.edu](http://caps.msu.edu)

**CULTURAL ISSUES**  
Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCAT)  
(517) 353-7745  
[ocat.msu.edu](http://ocat.msu.edu)

Mosaic: The Multicultural Unity Center  
(517) 432-7153  
[mosaic.msu.edu](http://mosaic.msu.edu)

**EAST LANSING HOUSING CODES**  
Code Enforcement & Neighborhood Conservation  
(517) 319-6870  
[cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com)

**FALL WELCOME**  
Department of Student Life  
(517) 355-8286  
[fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu)

**FINANCIAL AID**  
Office of Financial Aid  
(517) 353-5940  
[finaid.msu.edu](http://finaid.msu.edu)

**FRATERNITIES/ SORORITIES**  
Greek Life - Fraternity & Sorority Life  
(517) 355-8286  
[greeklife.msu.edu](http://greeklife.msu.edu)

**GENERAL QUESTIONS/INFO**  
Department of Student Life  
(517) 355-8286  
[studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu)

**HEALTH**  
MSU Student Health & Wellness Services  
(517) 884-6546  
[olin.msu.edu](http://olin.msu.edu)

**LIBRARY**  
MSU Libraries  
(517) 353-8700  
[lib.msu.edu](http://lib.msu.edu)

**OMBUDSPERSON**  
Office of the Ombudsperson  
(517) 353-8830  
[ombud.msu.edu](http://ombud.msu.edu)

**ON-CAMPUS HOUSING OPTIONS**  
Residence Education & Housing Services  
(517) 884-5483  
Toll Free (877) 954-8366  
[liveon.msu.edu](http://liveon.msu.edu)

**PARKING**  
MSU Police  
(517) 355-8440  
[police.msu.edu](http://police.msu.edu)

**RECREATION**  
Recreational Sports and Fitness Services  
IM Circle (517) 355-4710  
IM East (517) 353-3136  
IM West (517) 355-5250  
[recsports.msu.edu](http://recsports.msu.edu)

**RENTAL HOUSING**  
MSU College of Law Rental Housing Clinic  
(517) 336-8088  
[law.msu.edu/clinics/housing.html](http://law.msu.edu/clinics/housing.html)

**LEGAL QUESTIONS**  
ASMSU Legal Services  
(517) 353-3716  
[asmsu.msu.edu/services/legal-services/](http://asmsu.msu.edu/services/legal-services/)

**SAFETY**  
MSU Police (non-emergency)  
(517) 355-2221  
[police.msu.edu](http://police.msu.edu)

**SPORTING EVENTS**  
Athletic Ticket Office  
(517) 355-1610  
[msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com)

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**  
Career Services Network  
(517) 355-9510  
[careernetwork.msu.edu](http://careernetwork.msu.edu)

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**  
Department of Student Life  
(517) 355-8286  
[studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu)

**SUMMER COURSES OFF-CAMPUS**  
MSU Summer Study  
(517) 355-3300  
[reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/summerstudy.aspx](http://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/summerstudy.aspx)

**WHARTON CENTER EVENTS**  
Wharton Center Box Office  
(517) 432-2000  
[whartoncenter.com/events-tickets](http://whartoncenter.com/events-tickets)

## Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence (SARV) Workshop

The SARV Prevention Program is a required workshop for all first-year and transfer students. The program offers a forum for students to engage in conversation and be educated about college social life, and allows these students to become active members in keeping the Michigan State community safe. Register online for your workshop at [poe.msu.edu/programs/online\\_education\\_program.html](http://poe.msu.edu/programs/online_education_program.html).

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## Report your immunization history



The University requires all new undergraduate students to complete the Immunization Self-Report form at [immunize.msu.edu/](http://immunize.msu.edu/). Failure to complete this requirement will affect your ability to register and enroll. This information is helpful to the University in the delivery of routine healthcare and in the unlikely event of a disease outbreak.

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