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Fall Welcome
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Leadership Programs
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Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU)
asmsu.msu.edu
Off-Campus Housing & Commuter Programs
studentlife.msu.edu/off-campus-housing
Student Organizations and Activities/RSO’s
studentlife.msu.edu/student-organizations-activities

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veterans.msu.edu

THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE (DOSO)
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deanofstudents.msu.edu

WOMEN STUDENT SERVICES
(517) 355-8286
wss.msu.edu

Online Resources

STUINFO > stuinfo.msu.edu
Stuinfo is MSU’s online student database. You will use it to view your class schedule; review your course, credit, and GPA history; view your student account, billing history, and information about loans and financial aid.

ADVISING APPOINTMENT SYSTEM >
msu.campus.eab.com
The Student Success Dashboard is where students schedule appointments with their academic advisors. Each college website includes information about academic advising, including how to make an appointment with an academic advisor.

DEGREE NAVIGATOR >
degnav.msu.edu
Degree Navigator (DN) is a web-based advising tool that allows you to track the progress you are making toward your degree, give you a better understanding of degree requirements, and explore the requirements of alternative majors. Many students use this tool to prepare for appointments with their academic advisors.

D2L/DESIRE TO LEARN >
d2l.msu.edu
Many professors use MSU’s online learning management system, D2L. Features of this system include access to the course syllabus, resources, and messages from your course instructor, a calendar tab that allows you to view assignments, tools that provide homework submission and quiz options.

SPARTAN MAIL > spartanmail.msu.edu
Your Spartan Mail account is the only email address that the university uses to send you official communications, including confidential messages from the Registrar’s Office. You must check this email account regularly. Certain messages may be time-sensitive.

MSU CALENDAR >
spartanmail.msu.edu
Your Spartan Mail account offers a calendar feature. All students should use some type of calendar-print, electronic, an app—to keep track of important dates (e.g. when assignments are due, work schedule). Make sure you consult the University’s Academic Calendar on a regular basis.

COURSE ENROLLMENT >
schedule.msu.edu/instructions.aspx
The enrollment system is part of MSU’s Schedule of Courses. This system includes several useful tools, including the “open seat notification”, which allows you to request a text or email alert for an open seat; the “schedule generator”, which generates a number of possible course schedules specific to your needs; and the “textbooks and supplemental materials” tool which indicates what materials are required for each of your courses.

MSU GUIDE > available on Apple Store
This unique mapping app helps all first-year students, staff, and visitors find their way around campus. The app includes a map tool, a search tool, and a wand tool that allows you to point your phone at any building to find out the building name and location of accessible entrances.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (NSO) AND TRANSITIONS
WEBSITE:
undergrad.msu.edu/programs/nso
This site includes information about how to meet other new students, set and achieve your academic goals, plan for your major and career. Students have created resources (vlogs, videos, stories, tips, etc.) based on their college transition, to help you transition to college. Professors, advisors, and other staff have also shared resources and tips. Use this site all year long and share your tips nsobo@msu.edu.
SPARTAN CODE OF HONOR

Academic Pledge
“As a Spartan, I will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. I will practice honesty in my work, foster honesty in my peers, and take pride in knowing that honor is worth more than grades. I will carry these values beyond my time as a student at Michigan State University, continuing the endeavor to build personal integrity in all that I do.”

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WELCOME NEW SPARTANS!

Welcome to Michigan State University! International students move in on Sunday, August 23. New students move in on Thursday, August 27 through Monday, August 31. See the detailed move-in timeline at liveon.msu.edu. Returning students move in on Thursday, August 27 and Monday, August 31 (All move-in times will be assigned). Meal plans begin with breakfast on Saturday morning, August 23, 2020.

We invite you to participate in the Fall Welcome activities planned in residence halls and throughout campus, Thursday, August 27 through Wednesday, September 2. Note: Some activities are required. Please look at the complete Fall Welcome schedule of events in the center pull-out section of this book or online at fallwelcome.msu.edu. To access your personalized Fall Welcome schedule visit the Fall Welcome website at fallwelcome.msu.edu. Your personalized schedule contains all of the times and locations of the Fall Welcome sessions that you are expected to attend.

We are glad that you are here!

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT’S HAPPENING

Take a look at the bulletin boards in your hall, check your MSU email, visit liveon.msu.edu and follow @MSULiveOn on social media to stay in the loop. The State News is a great way to stay current with campus and is available in residence hall lobbies, entrances to academic buildings and online at statenews.com. Your subscription to The State News is included in your MSU registration.

RESIDENCE HALLS

During your time at MSU you will be part of many different communities. You will connect with fellow Spartans on your floor, throughout your residence hall, in your MSU Neighborhood and across campus. Representatives from your hall’s student government and caucuses, as well as hall staff will be happy to answer your questions and help you get settled at MSU.

Residence Education and Housing Services (REHS) and the Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCAT) staff are dedicated to creating a safe, sustainable and inclusive residential environment. These teams are here to help you be academically successful, explore new ideas, experiences and opportunities, nurture your passions, create new traditions, embrace your independence, persist toward graduation and ultimately, have an outstanding Spartan experience.

MAIL AND CARE PACKAGES

Family and friends can send you mail, including care packages, at your campus address:

STUDENT’S NAME (Please use the name on student’s MSU ID card)
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
HALL NAME AND ROOM NUMBER
STREET ADDRESS
EAST LANSING, MI 48825

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

The Division of Residential and Hospitality Services is campus’ largest employer and offers a wide variety of student positions on campus. We offer flexible schedules combined with the convenience of working close to school and home. For more information or to apply online, visit jobs.rhs.msu.edu.

LINEN, LAUNDRY AND YOU

If you live in the residence halls, you are eligible to receive free linen service. A linen package includes two sheets, one pillowcase, and two towels. You can pick up your first package from the Service Center when you check in and then exchange it weekly. You need to supply your own pillow, blanket and comforter. The University Activities Board (UAB) hosts a bedding fundraiser; learn more at uabevents.com/LinensProgram.

Did you know? In addition to free linen service, all on-campus residents have access to FREE laundry! Every hall has a laundry room for the convenience of its residents.
ON-CAMPUS DINING

At MSU, Spartans have access to some of the best dining available on college campuses. Ranked #1 college and dining program in the nation in 2020*, MSU Culinary Services’ team of chefs, bakers and sous chefs strive to meet the ever-changing needs of student nutrition. So, whether you seek grab & go meals, a satisfying sit-down meal, gluten or nut-free options, vegetarian or vegan, we’re able to accommodate you. Dining halls each feature their own unique restaurants. There’s also Sparty’s C-store locations, Sparty’s Market urban style grocery store, and additional retail locations such as food courts so there are plenty of options to suit your taste. Additionally, we’re very proud of our newest all-you-care-to-eat dining hall, Thrive at Owen Hall. It’s an allergen-free dining hall certified free from the Big 8 allergens (eggs, milk, soy, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish), and gluten. MSU Bakers, which provides baked goods to the dining halls, is also nut-friendly.

Dining halls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily, with food service provided until 10:00 p.m. Select retail locations are also open 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., so no Spartan will ever go hungry! For more information about dining at MSU, please visit eatatstate.com.*

SPARTAN CASH

Spartan Cash is a debit program that is available to all students. Accounts can be used at over 100 locations – both on- and off-campus. View a complete list of participating vendors and open your Spartan Cash account online at spartancash.com. Make your MSU ID card work for you!

NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT CENTERS

At MSU, every undergraduate student is a part of a Neighborhood where they have access to resources to succeed academically, gain global perspectives, make connections, learn by doing, and live a healthy life. The Neighborhoods bring MSU resources to where students live and connect. The Engagement Centers are unique spaces located in each neighborhood and serve as the main access points to important resources such as neighborhood advisors, tutors, help rooms, health practitioners, and other resources that can help you navigate through your college career. Services available in the neighborhoods include: academic advising; assistance with math coursework, writing papers, and other academic subjects; recreation and fitness programs; health clinic; intercultural dialogues; and exploring majors and careers. When you have a question, need support or want to connect with other Spartans, visit the Engagement Center in your neighborhood.

THE NEIGHBORHOODS

BRODY: Emmons, Bailey, Armstrong, Bryan, Rather, Butterfield, Apartments
NORTH: Abbot, Mason, Phillips, Snyder, Campbell, Gilchrist, Landon, Mayo, Williams, Yakeley, Off Campus Students
RIVER TRAIL: McDonel, Shaw, Owen, Van Hoosen Apartments
SOUTH: Holden, Wonders, Case, Wilson
EAST: Hubbard, Holmes, Akers

STUDENT IDS

Each student of Michigan State University is issued a Spartan Card following initial enrollment which is your university identification (ID) card. This card is valid throughout your entire academic career at MSU.

Library privileges, access to university buildings, facilities and classrooms, and purchase of tickets and entry to athletic and entertainment events may require the possession and presentation of the ID card upon request. The card is also used for meal plans and Spartan Cash. The ID is the property of Michigan State University and is non-transferable.

Covid Update: For those students electing to learn from home, ID cards will be available when you physically return to campus in the Spring.

Alteration, falsification, or misuse of the ID card is a violation of General Student Regulation 5.00 and other regulations as applicable. Each student is responsible for all use of the ID card whether authorized or unauthorized. The ID card should not be loaned or left where it might be used by an unauthorized person.

Your first ID card is issued to you at no cost. Replacement cards are $20.

Students who did not receive their ID card at NSO or need a replacement can go to the ID Office located in the International Center, 427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 427. A government issued photo ID such as a driver’s license, State ID or passport is needed to obtain your ID.

For more information, you can call (517) 355-4500 or send an email to idoffice@msu.edu. Please visit our website: idoffice.msu.edu for our list of current operating hours.

BIKE, BUS, FEET AND SOMETIMES CAR

The question to this answer is: “How do I get around on campus?” Bikes are a great way to move from place to place on campus. They should be registered with the MSU Police Department or the City of East Lansing, if you are living off-campus. You’ll want to
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buy a good lock for your bike—the Community Police Officers at MSU recommend that you buy a U-lock. Some residence halls have indoor storage areas for your bike.

If you are stuck in bad weather while biking or need to get your bike to campus or the River Trail, you and your bike can take a Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) bus. All large buses have bike racks that can accommodate up to three bikes. In a few seconds you can load your bike, board the bus, and be on your way! There is no charge for using the bike rack.

CATA keeps MSU moving with bus service on-campus, 24 hours, seven days a week during fall and spring semesters. An agreement with MSU provides free on-campus service to all students, staff and faculty. Free rides are offered on Routes 30-39 only.

Weekday campus service — Six routes (#30-33, 38 & 39) serve campus Monday- Friday starting at 7:00 a.m. Service runs as late as 2:30 a.m. with some routes concluding earlier in the evening.

Weekend campus service — Three routes (#34-36) operate from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Lot Link is a curb-to-curb service operating 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. weekends. Buses travel between parking lots #80, 83, 89 or 91 and any other campus locations. All rides must start or end at one of the four lots. Service is also available to/from Spartan Village Monday through Friday during regular service hours. Call (517) 432-8888 to request a ride.

Night Owl serves campus when the other routes conclude for the evening. Service operates from 2:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. on the weekends). Rides are curb-to-curb on a request basis by calling (517) 432-8888.

Both Lot Link and Night Owl require a 60-cent student cash fare, $1.25 regular cash fare or bus pass to ride.

Schedules are subject to change without notice. Given the potential for unplanned adjustments in service related to the pandemic, customers are encouraged to visit cata.org for the most current service information.

CATA also has off-campus routes serving campus. You can take buses to class, visit friends, go to the mall, see a movie—just about anything you need to do to learn, work or have fun! Off-campus routes will require a cash fare or bus pass to ride. Students pay $.60 a ride when they show their valid MSU ID. Transfers are free when you ask for a transfer upon boarding your first off-campus bus. If you plan to ride off-campus often, student bus passes are easy and affordable at $50 for a semester pass and $18 for a 31-day pass. Passes are sold online at cata.org, MSU ID Office, and many area merchants.

WAYS TO OBTAIN BUS SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Transit is CATA's recommended app for real-time departures, bus tracking and comprehensive trip planning options. The free app is available on iPhone and Android devices. Trip planning is also available online at cata.org. For next departures, text your bus stop number to 76123 to receive next bus real-time departures from your location. Printed schedules and maps are located in most residence halls and key locations across campus. CATA Customer Experience Representatives are also available weekdays from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on weekends to assist customers. Call (517) 394-1000 or email info@cata.org.

Walking is probably the most common form of transportation on-campus. It is the most reliable mode (no flat tires) and it is great exercise! Freshmen living on-campus can’t have cars. Other students must register their cars with the Vehicle Office of the MSU Police Department. Be sure to read parking policies carefully and pay close attention to signs when you, your family or friends park on-campus.

The MSU/CATA Transportation Center - This indoor public transit facility is the main boarding center for CATA bus routes serving campus. It is located on the ground level of the Shaw Ramp (Ramp 1), between North and South Shaw Lanes, just east of the MSU Planetarium.

Convenient amenities include phone access to CATA Customer Experience Representative and ride request line, printed maps and timetables, direct access to the Shaw Ramp (Ramp 1), comfortable indoor seating areas, ATM, vending machines, and restrooms. The facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Those who drive to campus and park in the Shaw Ramp (Ramp 1) can easily board a CATA bus from the same location for a convenient inter-modal commute.

Transportation for students with disabilities, call CATA at (517) 432-8888 for information on Spec-Tran curb-to-curb transportation. Students must be certified as eligible to ride Spec-Tran at the campus Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD). Call RCPD at (517) 353-9642.

PREVENTION, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Prevention, Outreach and Education (POE) Department is designed to help teach the campus community about sexual and relationship violence prevention. Training for all first-year students, including transfers, are provided to promote safety, improve quality of life and empower them to be active bystanders against violence within their community. Additional trainings are also provided for specialized populations and communities around campus. For more information please visit poe.msu.edu.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

MSU values and promotes participation by people with disabilities in all aspects of campus life. The Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD) upholds a mission to lead MSU in maximizing ability and opportunity for full participation. The RCPD is available to faculty, staff and students to foster understanding of the opportunities and responsibilities under disability-related legislation.

Registration with the RCPD is essential for students and employees with disabilities in order to facilitate timely and effective assistance. Staff at the
RCPD are ready with information, resources, and guidance for the campus community in support of full inclusion. Visit us at rcpd.msu.edu or call (517) 884-RCPD for further assistance.

**STUDENT VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER (SVRC)**

Veterans, active service members, and spouses and dependents enrolled at MSU who are seeking information for both on- or off-campus services, including VA benefits and programs, are encouraged to visit SVRC or call (517) 884-5973 for more information. The SVRC is located in room 8 of the Student Services Building. The SVRC offers a lounge area, computer lab, and conference room for student veteran use. The SVRC also provides information for the family members of service members and veterans. Visit our website for more information at veterans.msu.edu or email veterans@msu.edu.

**Orientation Information**

**ON-CAMPUS HOUSING MOVE-IN**

Residence hall move-in for fall residents will be held by assignment from Thursday, August 27 through Monday, August 31. The detailed move-in timeline is available at liveon.msu.edu.

There will be many Fall Welcome activities offered as students arrive to campus. Please look at the complete Fall Welcome schedule of events in the center pull-out sectio 1 of this book and online at fallwelcome.msu.edu. Hall events will be shared by your Residence Education team.

**FRESHMEN COMMUTER STUDENTS**

New undergraduate students (non-transfer) who will be living off-campus (with parent/legal guardian in approved living units, and other Housing Policy exceptions) are strongly encouraged to attend a session designed especially for them on Tuesday, September 1 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A virtual meeting will be hosted for Commuter and Transfer students via Zoom. You will receive an email inviting you to the meeting. The session will emphasize resources of particular relevance to transfer students. Additionally, the session will allow transfer students to interact with one another and ask questions of University representatives. To access a copy of your personalized Fall Welcome schedule go to the Fall Welcome website at fallwelcome.msu.edu and log-in to print your schedule.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Transfer students (those who have attended another postsecondary institution on a full-time basis) should plan to attend the Commuter/Transfer Student Meeting on Tuesday, September 1 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A virtual meeting will be hosted for Commuter and
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studentparents.msu.edu for information about programs and services, including regular child care, emergency backup child care, sick child care, student parent peer groups, financial assistance, campus and community involvement opportunities, and other resource referrals.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING

The MSU Center for Community Engaged Learning prepares students for lifelong civic and social responsibility. Students may engage with community through academic courses, pre-professional experiences, beyond-the-classroom (volunteering) opportunities, service-focused Registered Student Organizations (RSO), and leadership and recognition programming. The Center offers a variety of resources to foster student community engagement including assistance with transportation, volunteer placements, and orientations/workshops focused on best practices when working with communities. Contact information: Student Services Building, 556 East Circle Drive, Suite 113, email communityengagedlearning@vpsas.msu.edu, Phone (517) 353-4400.

SPARTAN REMIX

Spartan Remix is MSU’s Annual Multicultural Welcome Festival that takes place each fall on the Thursday after Labor Day. This unique event is a celebration of art, music, and culture where diverse communities come together in celebration, education and pride of their communities. The Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions coordinates the event with a diverse group of students who volunteer to be part of the Spartan Remix Planning Committee. This year the event will take place on Thursday, September 10 and will be virtual. For more information, visit ocat.msu.edu/contact-us/spartan-remix/.

LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, GAY, AND TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER (LBGTRC)

The LBGTRC is a student-centered campus resource that works to celebrate, affirm, and empower LGBTQ+ members of the Michigan State University community. Through education, engagement, advocacy, and student support, we work to create an inclusive campus culture for people of all genders and sexual identities. We provide intersectional educational and social programming and collaborate with student leaders and campus partners to build community and increase a sense of belonging. We strive to support LGBTQ+ students’ personal, academic, and professional success by offering mentorship, one-on-one support, and leadership development. Our trainings and workshops provide the opportunity for the exploration of personal identity and in the development of ally practices. All members of the MSU community are welcome at the LBGTRC. Our Center is a place for building community, meeting new friends, learning about gender and sexuality, and just hanging out. Stop by 556 E. Circle Drive, Room 302 to learn more! Phone: (517) 353-9520, email: lbgtrc@msu.edu, website: lbgtrc.msu.edu.

Academic Resources

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you completed enrollment for classes for Fall Semester 2020 at New Student Orientation (NSO), your bill will be available electronically in STUINFO at stuinfo.msu.edu. Please note that bills are not mailed and are only available electronically. You will receive an email informing you when your bill is ready for viewing. Go to the Student Accounts website at ctlr.msu.edu/COStudentAccounts/Default.aspx for information on tuition, payment plans, refunds and other related information.

Enrollment and Registration Procedures: Go to reg.msu.edu and click the Enrollment and Registration link at the top, and then click on Schedule of Courses.

Drop and Add - Fall Semester 2020: If you attended a June or July New Student Orientation program, you can begin to change your schedule on Monday, August 3. You will be able to adjust your schedule online in Schedule of Courses according to the instructions you have been given.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD STUDENT SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE

The Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative (NSSC) is committed to the success of
each undergraduate student at Michigan State University. We help undergraduate students achieve their academic goals, navigate through the university, and engage with other students, faculty, and staff. We provide services through our five Engagement Centers, Neighborhood Advising Team, Collaborative Learning Center (CLC), and our Student Success Initiatives (Dow STEM Scholars, Spartan Success Scholars, and Detroit M.A.D.E. Scholars programs). These services give students access to academic advising, tutoring services, study spaces, fitness programs, job opportunities, intercultural activities and more - right in their neighborhood.

Our Neighborhood Academic Advisors are housed in each Engagement Center across campus. They provide advising for Exploratory Preference students and students potentially changing majors. Our Academic Advisors can assist students with:

• Adjusting to University life
• Guide students in career exploration
• Connect students to other resources and services that the University offers
• Academic coaching to discuss their learning and enhance academic performance

Brody Neighborhood Engagement Center: Brody Hall, Suite 160
(517) 884-6670

North Neighborhood Engagement Center: MSU Union, Room 200,
(517) 884-4050

River Trail Neighborhood Engagement Center: McDonel Hall, C101, E. Shaw Lane,
(517) 884-4080

South Neighborhood Engagement Center: Holden Hall, 234 Wilson Rd.,
(517) 884-6680

East Neighborhood Engagement Center: Hubbard Hall, Room C130,
964 Hubbard Rd., (517) 884-3501

Visit our website at nssc.msu.edu.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

WELCOME SPARTANS!
College of Natural Science

Follow us on:
Instagram: @msunatsci
Twitter: @MSU_NatSci
Facebook: @MSUCNS
LinkedIn: Michigan State University College of Natural Science
Technology at MSU

Need Assistance? We Can Help!

- In-hall Residence Education and Housing Services staff are here to assist you. Talk to your resident assistant, intercultural aide, residence director or community director if you have questions. You can interact with us on social media by following @MSULiveOn or contact the Housing Assignments Office directly by phone at 517-884-5483 or by email at liveon@msu.edu.

If you live off-campus:

Contact the MSU Community Liaison, 556 E. Circle Drive, Room 162, (517) 432-7527 or csl@msu.edu.

- General Information: Student Life staff members, 556 E. Circle Drive, Room 101, (517) 355-8286, are available to answer questions from new students Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Spartan Life Student Handbook and Resource Guide contains information on University services, regulations, and rights and responsibilities for both undergraduate and graduate students. Abridged edition copies are distributed throughout the residence hall rooms, or view the full edition online at splife.studentlife.msu.edu.

- Academic Programs: Contact an academic advisor in the Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative (NSSC) nssc.msu.edu or in the college of your major preference.

- Use Degree Navigator, MSU's visual advising tool, to learn degree requirements in all majors. For more information visit our website at degnav.msu.edu.

- Read the Academic Programs catalog for academic policies, regulations and descriptions of all academic programs on the web at req.msu.edu.

- Access the Descriptions of Courses catalog to view all courses offered by MSU, semester offering, credit hours, and prerequisites by clicking on the course number in the Schedule of Courses.

Technology Assistance

MSU offers a wide range of technology services, help, and support for students. A good place to learn about these options is tech.msu.edu/new-students. To get started, students must use their NetID. Students’ MSU NetIDs and passwords give them access to many MSU technology services, including email, file storage, and connections to the Internet. See netid.msu.edu for more information.

MSU’s Connect to the Internet

Students can connect to the Internet on campus by registering their computers and mobile devices using Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) at dhcp.msu.edu.

Resources for Students

Technology Resources tech.msu.edu
Technology Help and Support tech.msu.edu/support/help
MSU Email - spartanmail.msu.edu
Office Licenses with Spartan Mail tech.msu/Microsoft
File Storage tech.msu/storage
Printing - print.msu.edu
Device Registration for Campus Wired and Wi-Fi Networks dhcp.msu.edu
Campus Wi-Fi tech.msu/wireless
Computer Labs tech.msu/computerlabs
Course Management System: D2L d2l.msu.edu
Spartan 365 - Spartan365.msu.edu

MSU Technology Store techstore.msu.edu
Safe Computing Tips secureit.msu.edu

General Computer and Technology Help

MSU IT is available. For assistance you can contact the MSU IT Service Desk using one of the methods listed below.

- Call the MSU IT Service Desk at (517) 432-6200
- Email ithelp@msu.edu
- Chat live by visiting tech.msu.edu/support/help
- Stop by a Tech Bar, look up a location near you tech.msu.edu/help-and-support/msu-it-tech-bars

Online Course and Library Catalog Help

Distance Learning Services (DLS) provides support for course management systems, as well as help accessing online library resources using MSU’s EZ Proxy Service. The DLS Help Desk is available 24/7 at (517) 355-2345 or (800) 500-1554. Support is also available by emailing reachout@msu.edu.

Library Services

In addition to maintaining several libraries on campus, MSU Libraries provides many resources online. The online catalog describes the libraries' holdings of millions of volumes of books, bound journals, and government documents, as well as non-print collections including electronic journals, microforms, sound recordings, and maps. Students should visit lib.msu.edu to access the online catalog.

MSU Libraries also provide access to electronic resources, including indexes/databases, online journals and newspapers, electronic books, research guides, and other resources. Students should visit er.lib.msu.edu to access electronic resources.
GUIDELINES AND POLICIES
MSU has several technology guidelines and policies for responsible use of the MSU network, email services, cloud computing services, and copyrighted files. It is expected that MSU students read, understand, and comply with the laws, policies, and guidelines governing the use of information technology at MSU. See tech.msu.edu/about/guidelines-policies for information about MSU’s Acceptable Use Policy along with other MSU guidelines and policies.

MSU’S COMPUTER REQUIREMENT
All undergraduate students at Michigan State are required to have a computer that can connect to the Internet. MSU does not recommend students rely on an Apple iPad, tablet device, mobile phone, or netbook computer as their primary computer due to software limitations. See tech.msu.edu/about/guidelines-policies/computer-requirement.

Some departments and colleges have additional computer requirements. All students should check with their prospective major college and department to see if they have specific computer requirements.

MSU’S EMAIL COMMUNICATION NOTICE
Students are expected to read and understand MSU’s email communications notice. See tech.msu.edu/about/guidelines-policies/student-email-communications for more information.

ILLEGAL FILE SHARING
It is a serious violation of MSU’s Acceptable Use Policy and federal law for students to share copyrighted files online. Illegal file sharing and violations can lead to loss of network access, fees, suspension, expulsion, and/or lawsuits. For copyright information, tips, and policies visit secureit.msu.edu/file-copyright.

SAFE COMPUTING TIPS
Uninstall file sharing programs.
• Don’t share copyrighted music, movies, software, or other files. Use free or paid media services for music, movies, and other copyrighted materials.
• Be cautious about lending your computer or devices to others.
• Make sure your computer, mobile devices, and wireless connection are password protected.

ONLINE STORAGE AND COLLABORATIVE TOOLS
Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 tools (e.g., Office, OneDrive, Skype). These MSU enterprise licenses offer better terms of service to students than using the applications as public individual users. Students can access these tools by using their Net ID and password to log into spartan365.msu.edu.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION
It is not wise for students to post their class schedules online. Not only will people know where students are, but they will know where they are not. Students should take time to consider the potential consequences of posting their whereabouts.

PERSONAL INFORMATION PRECAUTIONS
The following also should not be shared online or in emails with the exception being on a secure site that requires a login.
• Social Security numbers
• Passwords
• Credit card numbers
• Bank account numbers
• Driver’s license numbers
• Names, addresses, and phone numbers in conjunction with other personal information

Leadership & Organizations
One significant way to enhance your education is to participate in student organizations and university committees. Students hold over 100 seats on university committees and register more than 900 student organizations each year. Whether you’re interested in governance, recreation, academic, or career-related groups, this is a great way to meet people and develop leadership skills that will be helpful to your future. If you do not find a student organization that is of interest to you, start your own. Check out the online Student Organization Directory at studentlife.msu.edu/student-organizations-activities.

ASMSU – YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT
The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) is the all-university undergraduate student government at MSU. It is comprised of many parts, one of these is the General Assembly, which brings representatives from each undergraduate college as well as representatives from various other major governing groups, the Council of Progressive Students groups, and the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students groups. Through the efforts of the ASMSU representatives and officers, ASMSU strives to advance student interests at Michigan State University as well as at the city, state, and federal levels of government.
ASMSU provides a variety of student services such as free legal services, Safe Ride, free access to The New York Times, USA Today, Detroit Free Press, and Lansing State Journal via the ASMSU Readership Program, low cost GMAT, GRE, LSAT, and MCAT test prep services, $300 interest free loans, free Red Cedar Log yearbook, funding for student groups through the Student Allocations Board, class representation through the ASMSU Class Councils, free iClicker and graphing calculator rentals, and various other events throughout the year.
Moreover, ASMSU offers undergraduate students a wide range of opportunities to get involved, from paid staff positions that enable you to engage and develop real world work experiences, to elected officer positions that empower you to represent the interests of not only your college, but all students at Michigan State University. In order to get involved as a representative or elected officer be sure to keep aware of the General Assembly elections which are held in the spring semester of each academic year. For more information on elections please contact the ASMSU Chief of Staff at cos@asmsu.msu.edu. If you want to get involved in your college, please contact the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration at vpiia@asmsu.msu.edu.

ASMSU provides free legal services for all tax paying undergraduate students. This service entitles currently enrolled undergraduate students to receive free legal counsel from one of three full time staff attorneys on most misdemeanor legal matters. The Student Legal Services Office is located at 556 E. Circle Drive, Room 320 of the Student Services Building and can be contacted at (517) 355-3716. ASMSU provides all tax paying undergraduate students the Student Rights Advocates Program, which provides advice and counsel for students that are involved in the University’s conduct process. Student Rights Advocates are located at 556 E. Circle Drive, Room 320 of the Student Services Building and can be reached by phone at (517) 355-8266 or by emailing the Director of Student Rights Advocates and Legal Services at dsra1s@asmsu.msu.edu.

ASMSU also provides leadership opportunities for incoming freshmen through the ASMSU Freshman Class Council (FCC). Students with freshman academic standing are eligible to serve on the FCC. FCC, which is part of ASMSU, serves as a voice for freshman students and provides various events throughout the year geared toward empowering the freshman class. Membership in FCC is based on an application and interview selection process. Applications are available online at asmsu.msu.edu. For more information contact the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration at vpiia@asmsu.msu.edu.

RESIDENCE HALLS ASSOCIATION (RHA), HALL GOVERNMENTS, AND CAUCUSES

The mission of the Residence Halls Association (RHA) is to represent the on-campus residents of Michigan State University objectively and to provide a voice for the concerns of our constituents. RHA promotes the interests of on-campus residents to campus partners, departments and the Board of Trustees. We strive to achieve this by assisting hall organizations with publicity, legislation, funding, and also by providing valuable services and opportunities through our programs. Through these initiatives, RHA is committed to continuously improving the on-campus experience at Michigan State University. We provide services such as RHA TV, RHA On-Demand, the RHA Finance Desk, karaoke machine rental, and various campus-wide programs such as live concerts, Campus Center Cinemas, and Health and Safety initiatives. RHA also serves as an advocate for the on-campus undergraduate population by working with university administrators to address student issues and concerns. In addition, RHA provides funding to 47 governments and caucuses in the residence halls. These hall based groups plan and implement programs, address policy issues, and significantly contribute to the quality of life in the residence halls.

RHA, governments, and caucuses all offer excellent leadership opportunities for students. For more information, visit our website at rha.msu.edu, follow us on Twitter @MSURHA, email the RHA President at president@rha.msu.edu, or call (517) 355-8385.

The RHA main office is located in G-7 Holden Hall and its hours are posted on the website.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE (FSL)

The value of Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) for students is the merging of almost every segment of the campus community into one cohesive program that promotes leadership development, academic achievement, community service, alumni relations and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Council (PC) are the governing bodies of Michigan State Fraternity & Sorority Life. We have 62 organizations in our community!

We encourage you to learn more about our Fraternity & Sorority community by finding us on:
MSU ALUMNI OFFICE – CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

The MSU Alumni Office is here for every Spartan — including our current students. Focusing on service, building community and student/alumni connections, we aim to educate current students about the importance of building a lifelong relationship with MSU. Below are a few ways the MSU Alumni Office helps to establish lifelong connections.

• SERVE - Impact communities across the country when you volunteer for local and virtual projects in conjunction with our days of service partnership Saturday, Oct 3, 2020; Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 and; Saturday, April 17, 2021. Visit serve.msu.edu for more information!

• BUILD YOUR SPARTAN COMMUNITY – In partnership with MSU student organizations, departments, alumni clubs and alumni around the world, students can participate in programs that strengthen their relationship with MSU. A few of the opportunities available include community-based learning, leadership development and introductions to the broader MSU alumni community.

• CELEBRATE - Show your Spartan pride by participating in virtual homecoming activities, Sept. 21-26. Visit alumni.msu.edu/homecoming for more information.

• DONATE - Participate in Give Green Day Saturday, March 16, 2021 by donating to one of the many funds that assist students just like you. Graduating students can also obtain the official philanthropy cord to wear at commencement by giving to the senior class campaign. Visit go.msu.edu/scc for more information. Additionally, we provide opportunities for student organizations and programs to coordinate crowdpower campaigns. For more information or to submit a crowdpower project request visit givingto.msu.edu/crowdpower/request.cfm.

• CONNECT – When you graduate you become a member of the global Spartan family. Our network encompasses nearly 500,000 alumni, and includes more than 90 regional alumni clubs across the globe. Visit alumni.msu.edu/alumniclubs to locate the alumni club in the area you are moving, or would like to move to post-graduation, and we would be happy to connect you with them.

Make the most of your Spartan experience. Get involved with the MSU Alumni Office’s campus engagement initiatives today by visiting alumni.msu.edu/students.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

We believe that everyone has the potential for leadership, at any point in their college experience. Our goal is to help you create an integrated and coherent leadership experience that enhances your knowledge and leadership experience that is connected to your academic course of study.

Our leadership development programs are a combination of experiential learning opportunities, skill development, and self-assessment programs. We believe that once a student leader understands and knows themselves and their leadership style, they then have the potential to exert great influence on their organizations, work environments, and future communities. Visit our website at studentlife.msu.edu/leadership-development.

Fun and Recreation

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO DO

The MSU Union is the heart of MSU’s campus. It has an abundance of helpful resources, including: personal and group study spaces, computer labs, the North Neighborhood Engagement Center, Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS), bookable meeting rooms for student organizations, a MSU Federal Credit Union location, and many tutoring options. In addition, the MSU Union is home to many retail and dining options, such as the food court, MSU Dairy Store, Biggby Coffee, Sparty’s Express, and the Spartan Spirit Shop. The home of the University Activities Board (UAB), the MSU Union is bustling with events, activities, live music and other ways to connect and unwind with fellow Spartans. MOSAIC Multicultural Unity Center, and MSU Union Art Gallery are also available for everyone to enjoy. The MSU Union provides a central home for campus to gather, enhances the student experience and cultivates an enduring connection to Michigan State University. It’s where Spartans belong. Follow the MSU Union on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook (@MSUUnion) and visit msuunion.com for more information.

The Abrams Planetarium offers students the opportunity to view a number of exciting programs about our sky and universe. You can call (517) 355-4672 for more information or visit our website at pa.msu.edu/abrams.

Want to play some golf? Forest Akers Golf Course is waiting for you. Special rates on greens fees are available for students. Visit golf.msu.edu or call (517) 355-1635 for more information. Enjoy our all-weather heated/covered practice facility and hit golf balls year round.

These are just some of the options available to you for entertainment at MSU.

SPARTAN MARCHING BAND

One of MSU’s great traditions! The Spartan Marching Band rehearses in the fall and is viewable by the public. Stop by the turf field at Munn Field any day between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to see a rehearsal. Join the band on home football Saturday’s 90 minutes before kick-off for a pregame concert on Adams Field. The Spartan Marching Band “March To The Stadium” is one of the greatest fall spectacles in all of collegiate pageantry. Make the
Spartan Marching Band part of your fall tradition. For more information about Spartan Marching Band or our Spartan Brass Athletic Band (performs at volleyball, hockey, and basketball games), please visit spartanband.net or contact (517) 355-7654.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES BOARD

The University Activities Board (UAB) is a student-department and offers a variety of programs encouraging on-campus involvement. Hosting more than 190 campus events annually, UAB strives to provide unique, high-quality experiences that contribute to student growth. Some of our core values are inclusion, collaboration, flexibility, accessibility, and development.

UAB events are FREE and open to all MSU students with a valid ID. FREE virtual programs include music, comedy, craft nights, open mics, homecoming week events, and special events such as escape rooms, ice skating, dodgeball tournaments, arts and crafts shows, and much more!

Get involved at MSU with UAB! Membership is FREE and open to all MSU undergraduate students all year long. Members gain valuable leadership skills that apply to all areas of study and have a positive impact on any career path.

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @MSU_UAB or “like” our page at facebook.com/UBatMSU and use Facebook tag @MSU_UAB. You can also visit uabevents.com for more information.

HOMECOMING 2020: SPARTANS INSPIRE SUCCESS

The MSU Alumni Office is gearing up for a unique year and excited to announce that we will be celebrating homecoming, September 21-26.

For many, home is a mindset. It is familiarity; shared experiences; a place that’s defined by memories and traditions, rather than a location on a map. Regardless of where we are in the world, we are united by a common thread this Homecoming season: being Spartans. It’s a label that knows no boundaries. While we come from different places, industries and walks of life, we are one community.

Through our virtual Homecoming celebrations this year, we look back on our MSU legacies as we create our own traditions for the future, making ripples of impact along the way. And somehow, when we’re apart, we can end up feeling closer than ever.

No, we aren’t physically coming home to East Lansing this year. But we are sharing the energy of East Lansing — the energy that has led us to where we are today.

Happy homecoming, Spartans. From East Lansing, with love.

For a detailed list of virtual Homecoming week activities or information on how to “Glow Green,” visit alumni.msu.edu/homecoming.

BRESLIN STUDENT EVENTS CENTER

The Breslin Student Events Center showcases a wide variety of entertainment, athletic, and academic events for MSU students and the greater Mid-Michigan Community. The proud home of MSU’s Men’s and Women’s Spartan Basketball teams, the Breslin Student Events Center has also hosted concerts/performers including Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, Kanye West, Bernie Sanders, Cirque du Soleil, Kevin Hart, Carrie Underwood, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, as well as signature sporting events such as the MHSAA’s Boy’s & Girl’s State Basketball Championships. The Breslin Student Events Center offers numerous year-round student employment opportunities in production and guest relations. Visit our website at breslincenter.com for hiring information and a schedule of upcoming events. For general information, contact our administrative office at (517) 432-1989.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND FITNESS SERVICES

Recreational Sports and Fitness Services is here to provide you with the opportunity to continue your sport of choice or try a new one. We know how important it is to take that study break and exercise. Research shows that students who participate in our programs earn a higher GPA and finish more classes.

Rec Sports has an activity for everyone. We have fitness centers at IM West and IM East for weight training and cardio workouts and group exercise classes. Try an intramural sport league you can join with your friends, indoor pools for swimming, an indoor track for running, open recreation time for pickup games, and a lot of open hours to fit your busy schedule.

There are three facilities on the main campus, IM East on Shaw Lane near Hagadorn Road, IM West next to Spartan Stadium, and IM Circle on the north side of the river from IM West. We also have a Sailing Center on Lake Lansing with lessons and kayak, canoe and stand up paddleboard rentals.

Be part of a team by signing up to play an intramural league. It’s easy just go to imleagues.com and register under Michigan State University. We offer basketball, soccer, football, volleyball and a whole lot more! Check the website for the entire list! Programs for persons with disabilities can be found on the website under Adaptive Recreation at recsports.msu.edu.

Try a Club Sport. There are over 28 sports like water polo, rugby, lacrosse, pompon, ultimate frisbee, crew, sailing and many more.

Need a job? With all these games, we need referees and umpires! With all these pools we need lifeguards and swim instructors! Do you know self defense? We need instructors for that too!

Check us out at recsports.msu.edu or like us on Facebook at MSU Recreational Sports and Fitness Services. Call us at IM West at (517) 355-5250 or IM East at (517) 353-3136. Get in here — it’s time to play!

PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS

Wharton Center for Performing Arts is home to the best of Broadway and performing arts. The 2020-2021 season including hits such as Mean Girls, Jesus Christ Superstar, Pretty Woman, Frozen, and CATS. Add to that some of the world’s best dance
companies, jazz artists, classical musicians, lecturers and world music artists. You’ll also find there are new dramatic theatre works and contemporary artists and concerts. Wharton Center is also home to MSU Department of Theatre, College of Music and Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

MSU students receive substantial discounts to many Wharton Center performances, including most Broadway shows and performing arts attractions. Students are encouraged to visit Wharton Center’s Student Ticket page on our website - whartoncenter.com/student-tickets - to create an account and register their APID. Doing this will ensure discount pricing, when available, as well as notice of added performances and opportunities.

Wharton Center houses two theatres: the intimate (600 seat) Pasant Theatre and the beautiful Cobb Great Hall with 2251 seats. Both theatres are accessible; Wharton Center offers a wide range of accessibility options, such as sign language interpretation, audio description, open captioning, and sensory-friendly performances. Please visit whartoncenter.com/plan-your-visit/accessibility for more detailed information.

Wharton Gifts, inside our lobby, is open Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with great gifts for friends or family interested in unique, creative, or performing arts-related gifts.

Many job opportunities, volunteer positions and internships are available to MSU students. Email wharton@msu.edu for more information.

**MSU Student Health & Wellness**

**HEALTH SERVICES**

Primary care medical services are available on-campus year-round at Olin Health Center (463 E. Circle Drive). Neighborhood clinics, located in Brody, Holden, Hubbard, and McDonel halls, are open during fall and spring semesters.

- Appointments are required, and students should call (517) 353-4660 to schedule.

- The phone nurse is available 24/7 for health-related questions and medical decision-making, call (517) 353-5557.
- Olin also houses a laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, women’s health clinic, and allergy and immunization clinic.
- Neighborhood Clinics are for minor illness or injury and preventive care (limited lab testing, and no on-site radiology).
- Limited Saturday clinic hours are available for students who are ill and need to be seen during the weekend.
- A Courtesy Van provides free transportation to and from Olin for patients who, because of illness or injury, are otherwise unable to get there. Request the Courtesy Van service when making your appointment or call (517) 353-4700.
- The first three medical office visits are at no charge for enrolled MSU students each academic year. (Lab, medical procedures, prescriptions, and more will incur a charge.) MSU will bill insurance or the patient for the fourth and subsequent visits as well as other charges.

Health insurance is required for international students. It is highly recommended for all other students. MSU ID and insurance information should be presented at the time of the visit (visit olin.msu.edu/insurance for participating plans). Patients without insurance are welcome to use Student Health Services and they will be billed for services. Visit olin.msu.edu or call (517) 353-4660 for more information.

**HEALTH PROMOTION**

The Health Promotion Department offers individual consultations, programming, and presentations on a variety of health topics meant to educate, engage, and inspire students to increase their capacity to be successful students. Services include:

- Free individual counseling with a registered dietitian nutritionist
- SPARTANfit Fitness & Wellness Program including comprehensive fitness assessments and wellness coaching
- Sexual Wellness programs including anonymous HIV counseling and testing
- Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) educational counseling and support
- The Collegiate Recovery Community and other student support options are also available

The main Health Promotion office is located at 345 Student Services Building. Visit healthpromotion.msu.edu or call (517) 353-0718 for more information.
COUNSELING & PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES (CAPS)

CAPS is committed to honor the unique needs and concerns of each student. CAPS offers registered MSU students support for a wide range of concerns, including: depression, anxiety, stress management, homesickness, adjustment or acculturation, relationships, issues around race, gender and sexual orientation (LGBTQ), substance abuse, traumatic experiences, eating or body image concerns, and other personal mental health concerns.

• CAPS has a diverse staff engaged in multicultural and collaborative approaches to provide quality care with a wide range of clinical expertise and lived experiences. Their goal is to help students address their concerns and to improve their sense of wellness, connectedness, identity, meaning, and motivation - oftentimes in the context of academic success.

• Services include short-term individual counseling, group counseling, intensive clinical services, psychiatric care and support with clinical coordination and referral.

• Counseling services are confidential and at no charge, as are the first three psychiatry visits. The 4th and subsequent psychiatry visits are billed to insurance (patients concerned about potential cost should mention this to their provider).

• CAPS is providing remote crisis services 24/7/365. Students can call us at (517) 355-8270 and press “1” at the prompt to speak with a crisis counselor. Other prompt options are available for those not in crisis.

• During the COVID-19 pandemic, CAPS offices on-campus will remain closed for routine follow-up and drop-in services to continue to promote safety for students and staff.

• CAPS counseling and psychiatric staff are working remotely to provide telemental health services to students. This allows for both the clinician and student to see each other’s face and not to have to wear a mask during their session, critically important for non-verbal communication and therapeutic processes. Alternative options for services will be available for students who for privacy and/or technological reasons are not able to engage in telemental health services - please inform CAPS if you have this need.

• To access Counseling Services, go to caps.msu.edu/phone/.
  o Phone requests will result in a scheduled telemental health consultation screening to discuss your needs and assist with connecting you with available resources.

• Established psychiatry patients can contact their provider through the MyMSUHealth patient portal at mymsuhealth.hc.msu.edu (patients concerned about potential cost should mention this to their provider).

•設備 or mixed drink. Drugs that are odorless and tasteless can easily be slipped into an open can or mixed drink.

• Be aware of others and who may be vulnerable. If you witness someone taking an intoxicated person off to a bedroom or other private area, stop them or intervene in some other way if you can safely do so.

• Seek consent for all sexual contact.

WHILE THESE PREVENTION TIPS CAN MAKE YOU FEEL SAFER, PLEASE KNOW THAT IT IS NEVER YOUR FAULT IF YOU DON’T TAKE THESE SUGGESTIONS.

PREVENTION TIPS

• Trust your instincts and intuition. It is important to listen to any feelings of discomfort or uncertainty that you may have.

• Pay attention to how someone is interacting with you. Are they disrespectful or pressuring you to do things you don’t want to do? Communicate your sexual boundaries CLEARLY and respect the boundaries set by others.

• Go to events or parties in groups and return with everyone. Tell your friends where you are going anytime you leave the group area to be alone with someone or to go somewhere else.

• Alcohol or other drugs are often used to facilitate sexual assault. A person who is incapacitated cannot give consent. It is not okay to use alcohol or drugs to convince someone to have sex.

• Don’t drink any beverage from any container you haven’t opened yourself. If you leave a beverage unattended, replace it with another. Drugs that

UNDERSTANDING CONSENT AT MSU

Consent cannot be given by someone who is:

• sleeping;
• unconscious, unaware, or otherwise mentally or physically helpless because of drugs, alcohol, or other contributing factor (“incapacitated”);
• unable to understand the nature of the sexual activity due to a mental disease or condition (“mentally incapable”); or
• under duress, threat, deception, coercion, misuse of professional authority/status, or force.

Consent must be clear and communicated by mutually understandable words or actions.

Visit caps.msu.edu or call (517) 355-8270 for more information.

MSU TESTING OFFICE

The Testing Office, a certified member of the National College Testing Association, offers testing services to MSU and the greater community. Services include:

• Make-up exams for traditional
courses and exams for online courses taken at MSU or other colleges and universities.

• Computer-based tests such as GRE, MCAT, GMAT, MTTC, and many others.

• Employment certification exams through vendors such as Pearson, Kryterion, Comira, and Performance Assessment Network.

• Exams for college credit via CLEP and DSST.

• Proctored versions of the Math and Foreign Language Placement exams.

• Paper-based exams such as ACT, SAT, LSAT, and GRE subject tests on national test dates throughout the year.

• Proctors for in-class exams and/or consultation on best practices for academic integrity and exam security.

For more information, please visit testingoffice.msu.edu or call (517) 355-8385.

**MSU CENTER FOR SURVIVORS**

Student Services Building, 556 East Circle Drive, Suite 207, East Lansing, MI 48824

Office Phone: (517) 355-3551

Website: centerforsurvivors.msu.edu

24-hour Sexual Assault Hotline: (517) 372-6666

**Mission Statement:** We believe in the strength and resiliency of all people impacted by sexual violence. We stand with survivors against all forms of social injustice by promoting individual healing and building an empowered, inclusive community.

**Therapy Services:** The MSU Center for Survivors provides free and confidential individual and group therapy services to MSU student survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. If you are interested in therapy call (517) 355-3551 to schedule an intake appointment.

**Advocacy Services:** MSU Center for Survivors Advocates meet with survivors to provide resources, support, and information about reporting options. All interactions are free and confidential.

Advocates are available to accompany survivors to police interviews, Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) interviews, PPO Hearings, meetings with the Prosecuting Attorney, or University based programs such as RCPD or academic units. Advocates help survivors to navigate complicated systems. If you are interested in institutional, personal, academic, and/or criminal justice advocacy, you can contact (517) 355-3551 to schedule an appointment with an Advocate.

**Clamant Representatives:** Clamant Representatives provide assistance and representation to claimants participating in the Title IX Hearing process. A Clamant Representative will review and prepare documents to support a Clamant’s assertion of harassment, discrimination, sexual assault, relationship violence, and/or stalking. Clamant representatives represent the clamant at University adjudicatory hearings. To access a Clamant Representative call (517) 355-3551 and speak with the Advocacy Team Supervisor.

**Crisis Chat:** Log onto our website, centerforsurvivors.msu.edu, from any device that can access the Internet to chat with a confidential Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Advocate. Crisis Chat Advocates are not professional counselors, but rather are trained volunteers here to support survivors and direct them to helpful resources. Crisis Chat is not a replacement for in person therapy. However, it is a way to get immediate support and access to resources.

**MSU SEXUAL ASSAULT HEALTHCARE PROGRAM**

Student Services Building, 556 East Circle Drive, Suite 237, East Lansing, MI 48824

Website: centerforsurvivors.msu.edu

24-hour Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Phonne: (517)353-2700

Opening FALL 2020

The MSU Sexual Assault Healthcare Program will be staffed 24/7 by specialized forensic nurses. Sexual Assault Healthcare Program Services are FREE and available to adults who have been sexually assaulted within the last 5 days. Nurses will conduct a specialized examination that includes collection of medical history, a physical examination, treatment for injury, emergency contraception, preventative treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and recommendations for follow up care. If a patient agrees, forensic evidence is also collected through the use of a sexual assault evidence kit (commonly referred to as a rape kit). Advocates from the Center for Survivors will be available to support the patient and assist with connecting them to resources and supportive services.

Parking is available for patients of the Sexual Assault Healthcare Program in designated spots on Farm Lane. After hours, use the buzzer at the East entrance on Farm Lane to be let into the building or call (517) 353-2700.

**RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE**

MSU Safe Place is a confidential relationship violence and stalking program on campus that offers free counseling, support groups, advocacy, emergency shelter, and referrals, as well as community education programs to anyone wishing to learn more about these two issues. Relationship violence is a pattern of behavior used in current or former intimate relationships to gain or maintain power and control over others. It can include emotional, physical, economic and/or sexual abuse within heterosexual or same-sex relationships, or between people of any gender and gender identity. Stalking is defined as two or more unwanted contacts that would cause a reasonable person to feel threatened, harassed, or fearful.

For more information call (517) 355-1100, visit our website at safeplace.msu.edu or email us at noabuse@msu.edu.
THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE (DOSO)

DOSO advances student success by supporting a civil and inclusive learning environment, and community standards for behavior in and out of the classroom. To this end, we ensure students’ rights and responsibilities related to personal and academic integrity, and assist students with conflict resolution. Lastly, we support the health and wellbeing of students experiencing challenges with physical and mental health through the medical leave process and collaborative intervention efforts. deanofstudents.msu.edu.

Financial Aid

Many people think “financial aid” only means scholarships. However, the term actually includes work study programs, student and parent loans, as well as scholarships and grants. The MSU Office of Financial Aid (OFA) is the department that oversees the awarding of various forms of financial aid funded by the University, the State of Michigan, and the federal government. We also disburse monies that are donated by many private and civic organizations. Our goal is to help you meet your financial obligations while in college.

To apply for federal and state aid, as well as aid administered through MSU, you need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You must reapply each year.

You may apply online at fafsa.gov. Once your FAFSA has been reviewed and financial aid has been awarded, you can access it online at stuinfo.msu.edu under the Financial Aid (Check Your Aid) link.

If you have questions concerning your financial aid, you are encouraged to first follow the steps on the web at StuInfo (stuinfo.msu.edu). You must have your MSUNet ID and password and agree to eConsent in order to use StuInfo.

The following information is available on StuInfo Financial Aid (Check Your Aid):

- your application status.
- the awards you have for the academic period.
- whether or not you must accept loans and complete online promissory notes.
- problems that require you to take action.

If you use StuInfo, you may never need to phone or visit the Office of Financial Aid. If you do need to make contact, however, call (517) 353-5940, email finaid@msu.edu, or visit us at 556 E. Circle Drive, Room 252. Please be sure to check our website at finaid.msu.edu for our hours of operation before you call or visit.

In order to receive financial aid for summer semester, you must complete a request for summer aid. You can do so by going to Financial Aid (Check Your Aid) in StuInfo and click the Summer Aid Application button on the Overview tab. Please note that the application button is not available until late fall semester. It is recommended that you apply for summer aid between January 1 and March 1, 2021. You must also have completed the 2020-21 FAFSA.

Career Services Network

The Career Services Network (CSN) is a seamless connection of career service professionals located in college-based and centralized career centers across campus. Whether you are interested in selecting the right major, exploring career fields and industries, looking for a part-time job or internship, preparing for an interview, or networking with alumni and employers, our team is here to help you.

Our services include:

- Virtual advising appointments with general and discipline-specific career advisors
- Career assessments for students exploring majors and career paths
- Career education resources to help with your career exploration and planning process
- MSU Connect, a platform connecting the Spartan community through mentorship and purposeful connections
- Handshake, a career management platform with thousands of internship and job postings
- Hundreds of career events aimed at exploring fields and connecting with alumni and employers
- 12+ in-person or virtual career fairs every academic year, allowing you to network with employers that hire Spartans
- Data on First Destination Career Outcomes for Spartans, published annually

Schedule an appointment, learn about upcoming events and connect with our team by visiting careernetwork.msu.edu.

Questions? Call us at (517) 355-9510 or email: careerservices@csp.msu.edu.

WHERE CAN I FIND A PART-TIME OR WORK STUDY JOB?

Each year, MSU employs thousands of students for on-campus work. Part-time jobs are a great way to meet people, explore career possibilities and build transferable skills. Research indicates that students who work 10-15 hours a week often do better in their classes.

If you have work-study or student employment listed in your financial aid package, it means you need to find a part-time job to earn that amount of money. The majority of on-campus jobs are work-study eligible.

Most MSU departments use the Handshake job posting system when hiring students. Visit careernetwork.msu.edu and log in to Handshake using your MSU NetID and password to explore options, complete your profile, upload a resume and apply for positions. When logged into the system, click on “Jobs” in the top navigation bar, and enter “MSU” into the search box to locate opportunities.

Questions? Contact the Career Services Network at careernetwork.msu.edu, (517) 355-9510 or careerservices@csp.msu.edu.
Join us for the “Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular” an event hosted over five days

Hosted on Easy Virtual Fair

Join us for Spartan Spectacular, an event hosted over five days from Monday, August 31 to Friday, September 4, starting with our Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular Kick-Off event followed by an innovative and virtual edition of SPARTICIPATION highlighting hundreds of student organizations, departments, programs, and sponsors. The event will also feature Spartan Showcase, a talent showcase event. We will also host Spartan Spirit, our pep rally event kicking off our athletic season highlighting our athletic teams, MSU marching band, and Sparty. The event will feature some new and spectacular components in addition to our traditional Spartan Spectacular events. A platform engagement tutorial demonstration will be hosted at the start of the event each day to provide strategies on navigating the virtual event platform.

Fireworks Display will be live streamed at 9 pm (EST) at https://livestream.com/wkar/spartanfireworks

For Spartan Spectacular event updates please check the fallwelcome.msu.edu website.
East Lansing is Spartan Country

Welcome to East Lansing, the proud home of Michigan State University. We hope you will take some time to get to know your new community. Visit cityofeastlansing.com to find the latest information on rental properties, ordinances, the city’s full slate of recreational offerings, and more.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Whether you live on- or off-campus, you are likely a resident of East Lansing. Some off-campus addresses have an East Lansing mailing address but are located in other municipalities. This is important, because it means you can vote locally in local, state and national elections. Register to vote by stopping in at the City Clerk’s office, located in East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road. If you’re in the wrong jurisdiction, the staff will guide you to the correct clerk. As for on-campus students, many voting precincts are located inside residence halls, making it very convenient to cast a ballot. If you have questions, contact the City Clerk’s office at (517) 319-6914. For general voter information, including details on absentee ballots, please visit: michigan.gov/vote.

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR SAFETY

Whether you are living on- or off-campus, you are protected 24 hours a day, seven days a week by multiple public safety agencies, including East Lansing Fire and Police Departments (ELPD) and MSU Police Department (MSUPD), among others.

The city asks that students look out for their personal safety and the safety of others by being smart about the amount of alcohol they consume. Off-campus students should be mindful of the city’s open alcohol and minor-in-possession laws, which are strictly enforced. Drunk driving is also strictly enforced by both ELPD and MSUPD. Students should know the warning signs for alcohol poisoning and call 911 at any time there is a concern. Medical amnesty laws protect callers seeking help: olin.msu.edu/healthpromo/atod/partysmart.htm.

Students should also remember to lock their doors and windows at night and when not in their residence. Students should remember to keep all valuables, such as cell phones, purses, laptops and similar items out of sight when hosting social events.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

East Lansing is proud to be a university community. According to the 2010 Census, East Lansing’s population was 48,579, with students consisting of more than half of the population.

As a new resident, we encourage you to take advantage of the many services the city offers. Many students find the East Lansing Public Library, located at 950 Abbot Road, to be a nice, quiet place to study. Visit elpl.org to learn more about this wonderful East Lansing amenity.

The East Lansing Hannah Community Center (ELHCC), 819 Abbot Road, is just a quick, five-minute walk from the MSU campus. ELHCC includes a fitness room with exercise machines and weights, an open gym, a pool for lap swimming/play and a 520-seat performing arts theater. ELHCC also features a wide variety of fitness and art classes as well.

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Fall Convocation

Monday, August 31

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of each academic year that welcomes the newest members of the MSU community to our “pioneer land-grant university”. President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., Provost Teresa K. Woodruff, Vice-President and Associate Provost, Denise B. Maybank, Ph.D., Vice President and Associate Provost for Student Affairs and Services, and Mark Largent, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education & Dean of Undergraduate Studies will extend greetings to you during the event. As a new student, you are REQUIRED to attend this formal ceremony. MSU Fall 2020 Convocation Streaming live Monday, August 31 at 10 a.m. at https://msu.edu/fall-2020-convocation.
MSU students are welcome to use the center for all their leisure and fitness needs. Membership information can be found online at cityofeastlansing.com/824/EL-Hannah-Community-Center.

Community amenities surround the centrally located, vibrant downtown of East Lansing. Both traditional and modern, the downtown includes an eclectic mix of retail, restaurants and art galleries. National chains are situated right next door to a mix of one-of-a-kind, locally owned shops. Offering the best in eclectic cuisine, East Lansing dining includes HopCat East Lansing, Black Cat Bistro, El Azteco, Potbelly Sandwich Works, Dublin Square, Beggar’s Banquet, The Peanut Barrel, Omi Sushi, Crunchy’s, Cottage Inn Pizza and much more. Find a complete list of downtown businesses at downtownel.com.

In addition to East Lansing’s community amenities and vibrant downtown, a full schedule of free community events is hosted each year. Students are welcome at any and all of these events. Visit cityofeastlansing.com to learn more.

Getting around to the various amenities in East Lansing is easy on the CATA bus system. CATA routes connect the entire community with the MSU campus. Visit cata.org to learn more.

OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

All students who move off campus are encouraged to take a minute to think about the lifestyle they desire and what it takes to live alongside neighbors in local neighborhood settings. For some students, a residence hall or apartment may be a better choice.

MSU students and permanent East Lansing residents are at their best when they celebrate the university and community together. It takes cooperation, patience and understanding. Lifestyles are often very different though - with one person’s bedtime sometimes being another person’s playtime. Local ordinances support keeping neighborhoods livable for all residents.

STAY CONNECTED

The city encourages students to visit the East Lansing website, cityofeastlansing.com, and to stay connected on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; facebook.com/cityofeastlansing, twitter.com/CityofEL, instagram.com/cityofeastlansing. Students can sign up to receive emergency alerts from the East Lansing Police Department at local.nixle.com/city/mi/east-lansing. You may also add other jurisdictions such as Ingham County at the NIXLE website.

Global MSU

EDUCATION ABROAD

Participating in education abroad provides an opportunity for students to invest in their future by developing meaningful skills that add value to their MSU degree and position them for a successful career.

At Michigan State University, more than 2,500 Spartans can be found in classrooms, research labs, field stations, and internship sites throughout the world. They understand that combining their academic and professional desires with the opportunity to engage in cultures different from their own provides unparalleled learning experiences.

With over 275 programs in more than 60 countries, MSU offers a broad range of opportunities for students to engage and learn around the world. Courses are available in every undergraduate college as well as additional opportunities in Human and Osteopathic Medicine, Law and Veterinary Medicine. Credits count toward graduation and may include Integrative Studies requirements, electives or classes in a specific major. Many programs also offer Honors options.

The cost of programs will vary so it’s important for students to make sure they do their research for a program that suits them academically and financially. Financial aid and scholarships are available, and most scholarship, grant, and loan amounts students receive on campus can be applied to education abroad.

To learn more, students should visit the Education Abroad website (educationabroad.msu.edu) or come to the Education Abroad Advising Center in room 108 of the International Center. The Advising Center is staffed by Peer Advisers who already participated in a program abroad and have been trained to answer a variety of questions.

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

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Michigan State University is proud to host an international community of over 9,000 students, scholars, and their family members from more than 140 countries. The international community greatly enriches the cultural, intellectual, and social life of the University. Advisors in the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) are aware of the demands associated with studying, working, and living in another country and are available to assist students, scholars and their families in matters related to their immigration status, employment, housing, health insurance, medical care, social security, financial aid, and personal concerns.

The following services are provided by OISS to international students and scholars as of the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester:

**Live Chat Advising:** OISS advisors are available to chat with students and scholars Monday–Friday, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. without an appointment to answer questions or to provide general information. Students and scholars can access the Live Chat system through this link: [msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Mnaax7angXMGGx](msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Mnaax7angXMGGx).

**Zoom Appointments:** Appointments with advisors are available to students and scholars with more involved questions or issues. Students can schedule an appointment through this link: [msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Mnaax7angXMGGx](msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Mnaax7angXMGGx).

**OISS Website:** Obtain information on how to maintain immigration status in the U.S., employment authorization requirements, adjusting to life on campus and in the U.S., events and activities, and much more on the OISS website at [oiss.msu.edu](oiss.msu.edu).

**OISS Social Media:** Follow OISS on Facebook ([facebook.com/oissmsu](facebook.com/oissmsu)), YouTube ([youtube.com/oissmsu](youtube.com/oissmsu)), Instagram ([@oissmsu](@oissmsu)), and WeChat (MSUOISS).

**OISS Weekly E-newsletter:** Read the OISS Weekly email, sent to international students and scholars each Friday, for important immigration reminders and fun events on campus and in the community.

**OISS Email:** OISS uses email as the official form of communication with international students and scholars regarding their personal immigration status and other important information. Email questions or comments to [oiss@msu.edu](oiss@msu.edu).

OISS, MSU, and the East Lansing community welcomes you to MSU!