# American Semester Program and Exchanges

## Fall 2017 Orientation Schedule

**August 21 - 26, 2017**

| Monday, August 21 |  
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| **All Day** | New American Semester Program (ASP) and Exchange students arrive in East Lansing!  
| **East Lansing Locations** |
| **4:30 pm – 6:00 pm** | Optional for students who are already on campus: Resource Fair  
| **MSU Union Building** |
| **On-campus Dining** | Students who check into their residence hall will receive a conference card that will give access to the residence hall and meals during orientation. Residence halls will be able to provide details about dining options.  
| **If you arrive on campus during a time that** |
| **Dining Halls (that are available this week):** |  
| ➢ The Edge at Akers Hall  
| ➢ Gallery at Snyder/Philips  
| ➢ Brody Square  
| **Hours for the Gallery and The Edge:** |  
| ➢ **Breakfast:** 7:00am to 9:00am  
| ➢ **Lunch:** 11:00am to 1:00pm  
| ➢ **Dinner:** 5:00pm to 7:00pm  
| **Hours for Brody Square:** |  
| ➢ **Breakfast:** 7:00am to 11:00am  
| ➢ **Lunch:** 11:00am to 2:00pm  
| **Limited Menu:** 2:00pm to 5:00pm  
| ➢ **Dinner:** 5:00pm to 8:00pm  
| **Late Night:** 8:00pm to 10:00pm |

| Tuesday, August 22 |  
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| **8:00 am to 9:00 am** | Welcome and Breakfast  
| **Room 115 International Center (IC)** |
| **Business students only (Invited students will have received an e-mail):** |  
| **9:00 am – 11:00 am** | Broad Business School Orientation  
| **Broad Business College, 109 Eppley Hall** |
| Students who should attend this event will receive an e-mail invitation.  
| >> Please come to room 115 IC after this orientation. << |
| **All non-Business students:** |  
| **9:15 am to 9:45 am** | Mandatory: Laws and Safety  
| **Wells Hall B-115** |
Students do not need to check in at the event. Please make sure you let orientation staff know that you are an American Semester student!

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<td>Recommended: Karaoke and Dance Party</td>
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**All other students (and business students after Broad orientation):**

11:15 am to 12:30 pm Lunch Summer Dining Halls

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**Wednesday, August 23**

7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast Summer Dining Halls

9:00 am – 9:30 am Required: Update your Emergency Contact Information in StuInfo! Room 115 IC

- Students need to complete this before the Government Check-in this afternoon!
- Emergency contact in your home country:
  - Name, address, phone number
- Please bring your laptop if you have one.
- Students who have successfully completed this step, do not need to attend this session, but do need to come to 10:00 am session!

9:45 am – 11:00 am Mandatory: ASP and Exchanges Session Part 1 Room 115 IC

We will discuss things like:
- Campus Resources,
- Online Resources,
- Paying Bills at MSU, etc.

And we will have time to answer questions.

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1:00pm  All J-1 students must meet in the International Center Lobby – It is important to be on time!

Mandatory for J-1 students (holders of form DS-2019)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Immigration Basics Presentation (J-1 students)  Computer Center 402
ASP students do not need to check in at the event. Please make sure you let orientation staff know that you are an American Semester student!

2:00pm  All F-1 students must meet in the International Center Lobby – It is important to be on time!

Mandatory for all J-1 (form DS-2019) AND F-1 (form I-20) students
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  Mandatory: Government Check In  Computer Center 210, 403, 415
Be sure to bring the following documents with you for this required session:
• Passport
• Form DS-2019 or I-20 (for J-1 or F-1 visa)
• Your off campus address and phone number if you are not living on campus.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Dinner  Summer Dining Halls

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm  Highly Recommended: Sports Night  IM West
Students should definitely attend this event! This will be a great way to experience the MSU spirit and meet other students. Be sure to wear your MSU gear!

Thursday, August 24
7:00 am – 9:00 am  Breakfast  Summer Dining Halls

9:00 am – 9:45 am  Mandatory: ASP U.S. College Culture Session  Room 115 IC

Optional for students with majority of classes in the areas below – only needed if you have course/schedule questions!
10:00 am – 11:30 am  Meet advisers  Room 115 IC
• Meeting for students enrolled in any courses in the following areas:
  o Communication Arts & Sciences  (Communications, Advertising, Journalism etc.)
  o Social Science  (Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, History, Geography, etc.)
  o Natural Science  (Mathematics, Statistics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry etc.)
  o Agriculture and Natural Resources  (Animal Science, Food Science, Horticulture, Forestry etc.)
  o Arts and Letters  (English, Languages, Linguistics, Studio Art, Film Studies etc.)
• Please bring:
  o Your laptops (if available)
  o Academic transcripts
  o Additional course selections (for which you meet requirements)
Course descriptions in English for any completed prerequisites!

**Mandatory for students majoring in Engineering only**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm  Meet the Engineering adviser
- This meeting is for students whose academic major is in Engineering!
- Be sure to be on time for this meeting – all students must arrive at 10:00 am.
- Please bring:
  - Your laptops (if available)
  - Academic transcripts
  - Additional course selections
  - Course descriptions in English for any completed prerequisites!

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Lunch  Summer Dining Halls

1:00 pm  Mandatory: ASP F-1 students meet – It is important to be on time!
- F-1 students were issued a form I-20 for their visa.

**Mandatory for F-1 students (holders of form I-20)**

1:20 pm – 1:45 pm  Mandatory: Immigration Basics Presentation (F-1 students)
- ASP students do not need to check in at the event. Please make sure you let orientation staff know that you are an American Semester student!

1:30 pm  All J-1 students meet – It is important to be on time!

1:50 pm – 2:20 pm  Mandatory: Health and Healthcare
- Students do not need to check in at the event. Please make sure you let orientation staff know that you are an American Semester student!

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm  Mandatory: ASP and Exchanges Session Part 2
- We will discuss things like:
  - Finding a Job on campus,
  - Bank Accounts,
  - Michigan Driver’s License and Social Security,
  - Cultural Activities fall 2017, etc.
- And, of course, we will be able to answer questions.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  Dinner  Summer Dining Halls

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Highly Recommended: School Spirit Event with Dairy Store Ice Cream
- Students should definitely attend this event! This will be a great way to experience the MSU spirit and meet other students. Be sure to wear your MSU gear!

**Friday, August 25**

7:00 am – 9:00 am  Breakfast  Summer Dining Halls
### 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Welcome Barbecue Lake Lansing**
- Let’s enjoy an afternoon at the lake!
- Michigan has many large and small lakes to offer and Michiganders love to enjoy the warmer weather taking advantage of these opportunities.
- Lake Lansing is the largest body of water in the area around Lansing and it offers a great opportunity to enjoy some swimming, boating (it is possible to rent paddle boats or row boats) and typical outdoor games.
- A barbecue lunch will be served at the lake.
- Students should bring a towel, bathing suit, sun screen, a hat (or similar) and anything else that would make an afternoon at the lake more enjoyable for you.

### 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm

**Meijer Shopping Trip**
- Meijer is a large supermarket. Students are able to purchase food, water/pop, toiletries, laundry supplies, household items, class supplies, clothes, etc.
- Buses will drop students off at their respective residence halls; buses will be assigned to certain residence halls.
- The time frame listed here includes the travel back to the MSU campus – a departure time from Meijer will be communicated to the group when we arrive at the store.

### 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Dinner – on your own**

**Summer Dining Halls**

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**Saturday, August 26**

**All Day**

Relax and settle in.

Consider optional activities:
- Shopping at the Meridian Mall
- Take a bus to the Frandor Shopping area
- Get to know campus and find locations for your first class sessions.

**Summer Dining Hours still apply today!**

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**Sunday, August 27**

**All day**

Relax and settle in. Explore campus!

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**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Required: Residence Hall Floor Meetings**

Specific Times will be posted in your residence hall!

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**OPTIONAL Evening Activities:**

- **9:00 pm to 11:30 pm**
  - Bowling
  - MSU Union Building

- **9:00 pm to 10:30 pm**
  - “Hawaiian Luau” Spartan Splash Party and Activities
  - IM West

- **9:30 pm**
  - University Activities Board (UAB) Outdoor Movie
  - Adams Field

- **10:00 pm to 11:30 pm**
  - Ice Skating
  - Munn Ice Arena

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**Monday, August 28**

**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Optional: ASP and Exchanges walk-in advising**

Be sure to let us know if there are any questions or uncertainties. It is best to address things as early as possible and we look forward to seeing you in our office!

Room 12 International Center
- Nick – Room 12F
- Doreen – Room 12J
Health Insurance Waiver Questions? Come see us in the Office and we will determine the best course of action with you.

Please note: The ASP and Exchanges office does not process the waiver requests. We will do everything we can to support all of our students with the health insurance waiver, but may in some instances need to direct you to the HR Solutions Center at MSU for additional help (contact information below).

9:00 am to 11:00 am Optional: Fall Convocation and One Book One Community Presentation
➢ Doors open at 7:30am
➢ You MUST be seated by 8:45am

The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of each academic year. President Lou Anna K. Simon, Provost June Pierce Youatt and representatives from each of the undergraduate degree-granting colleges will welcome you to the “pioneer land-grant university”.

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Optional: LBGT Resource Center New Student Welcome

Student Services Building, Rm 6

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Recommended: Annual U-Fest

MSU Union Building
✓ Enjoy various activities, food and drink samples and giveaways.

8:00 pm until Midnight Recommended: Moonlight Madness Shopping Spree

Catch the special CATA bus for free
✓ Opportunity to explore two area Meijer stores.
✓ Free CATA bus rides from campus and back.
   o Pick-ups at most campus bus stops begin at 8:00pm and continue until 11:15pm.
✓ No need to spend money to join the event – free food, giveaways, music and interactive activities until midnight.
✓ Also, there are special deals (10% off most purchases).

Tuesday, August 29
8:30 am to 12:30 pm Optional: ASP and Exchanges Walk-in advising

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<td>- <strong>Fall Welcome Cook-Out</strong> (ends at 8:00pm)</td>
<td>(Rain: Event inside Breslin Center)</td>
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<td>This is a great way to <strong>learn about over 350 student organizations and other opportunities</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>Spartan Spirit Event</strong></td>
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**Wednesday, August 30 -- Fall semester begins!**

**Required:** Go To Class!

- **Classes follow a Monday Schedule today!!**
  - Students will attend those classes that usually meet on Mondays.
  - This change applies only today – all other days follow their normal schedule.

  _If you encounter difficulties with your courses or your schedule in general, be sure to contact the ASP office today!_

**Add-Drop Period**

- **Important Note:** The add-drop period runs for the first week of courses only!

  >> If you are planning to change your schedule, please contact the ASP office as early as possible so that there is enough time to communicate with advisers in the colleges. **Most professors will not allow any kind of enrollment after the first week of classes has concluded.** <<

**Thursday, August 31**

**Required:** Go To Class!

- **Classes will follow a normal Thursday schedule.**

  _If you encounter difficulties with your courses or your schedule in general, be sure to contact the ASP office today!_

**Friday, September 1**

**Required:** Go To Class!

- **Classes will follow a normal Friday schedule.**

  _If you encounter difficulties with your courses or your schedule in general, be sure to contact the ASP office today!_

**Tuesday, September 5**

**3:00 pm to 7:00pm**

- **Optional: Greek Fall Welcome BBQ**
  - Open to all students – food, games and entertainment.
  - The Rock on Farm Lane

**Thursday, September 7**

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

- **Optional: Cultural Transitions Student Welcome Reception/Spartan Remix**
  - This is a cultural festival of music, art, and culture that is a great opportunity to find out more about the MSU community, how you can participate and how to make connections.
  - Auditorium Field by the Rock

**Saturday, September 9**

**Tentative**

- **ASP and Exchanges Tailgate - we will send an update soon.**
  - TBD