



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

AMERICAN SEMESTER PROGRAM & EXCHANGES

Spring 2019 Orientation Schedule
January 2 - 6, 2019

Wednesday, January 2

8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Arrivals and Pick-Ups	East Lansing locations
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brody Square • The Edge at Akers Dining hours (prior to semester start): Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Dinner: 5:00 – 7:00 PM <p>Students must check-in with their residence hall to receive the wristband for meals. Dining hall staff will need to see the valid wristband.</p> <p>MSU map (find printed map in your welcome package):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://maps.msu.edu/ • If you look this website up on your smart phone, you will find a mobile friendly map! <p>NOTE: If you do not arrive on time for the dinner on campus, please see the last newsletter for options!</p>	On your own

Thursday, January 3 – Participation is Mandatory!

Important documents to bring!	Be sure to come prepared with your: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport • Visa form (DS-2019 or I-20) • Welcome Letter (necessary information on page 2) 	
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Welcome Meeting and Breakfast (MANDATORY) We will go over the schedule and any initial questions you may have.	International Center Rm 115
9:00 am to 11:00 am	College of Business students ONLY: Business School Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please bring documents mentioned above. • Be sure to come and get your MSU ID <u>after</u> the orientation session in the Broad School of Business <p>NOTE: Students will receive an e-mail invite for this. Be sure to check your MSU e-mails daily! This meeting is MANDATORY for invited students.</p>	109 Eppley Center
9:00 am – 10:30 am	MSU Overview and Campus Resources (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
10:30 am – 11:15 pm	Get your Spartan ID Card (MANDATORY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Passport 	1st floor International Center

- **PID**, which can be found on **page two of the welcome letter** you received.

Before you head to lunch!!

Students with **questions about their course schedule**, should please come see Doreen (exchange students) or Nick (ASP students) before going to lunch. One adviser is only available this afternoon and **we can help determine how your question should be addressed.**

>> Advisor for Communication Arts and Sciences (Advertising, Journalism, Communications etc.) is only available this afternoon and you must check in with Nick or Doreen for instructions.

11:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch – on your own

On Campus

Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester:

- Brody Square
- The Edge at Akers

1:00 pm

Free time to get to know the area and settle into your room in the residence hall

See the ASP & E team for hand-outs on how to get to Meijer, the Meridian Mall or the Frandor Shopping Center

- Possible options are:
 - Meijer (supermarket that offers a wide selection of products including food, clothing, household necessities, personal care products etc)
 - Meridian Mall
(<http://www.meridianmall.com/directory>)
 - Frandor Shopping Center
(<http://www.shopfrandor.com/Stores>)

See the ASP & E team for hand-outs on how to get to these places!

Of course, you can also use the afternoon to just relax, catch some sleep or check out on campus facilities (like the gym or the library – check hours for these places though). We are offering an outing to an outlet mall on Saturday as well (see Saturday schedule).

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner – On your own

On Campus

Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester:

- Brody Square
- The Edge at Akers

Friday, January 4 – Participation is Mandatory!

Important Documents to bring!

Students who still have course questions should bring the following:

- Your laptop if you brought it with you
- Your most recent academic transcript
- Additional course selections (look for available seats)

Course descriptions for prerequisite courses completed at home

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Breakfast – on your own

On Campus

Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester:

- Brody Square
- The Edge at Akers

8:45 am - 9:00 am

Walk to International Center for 9:00 am meeting!!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Orientation meetings are mandatory. Please make sure to allow for plenty of time to arrive at the International Center before 9:00am!

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Academic Resources Presentations (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
10:15 am - 11:15am	Required Immigration Check-in for J-1/F-1 Visa Holders – Students will visit OISS in small groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please bring passport and DS 2019/I-20 form You will need your physical address on campus for this meeting. Please make sure you have this information. <p>This meeting is MANDATORY for all F-1 or J-1 visa holders!</p>	International Center Room 105
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch – On your Own Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brody Square The Edge at Akers	On Campus
1:15 pm	Welcome and Announcements (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
1:30 pm	Laws and Safety (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
1:50 pm	U.S. Culture Presentation (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
2:30 pm	Health Care and Health Insurance (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
3:15 pm	Immigration Basics Presentation F-1 ONLY (MANDATORY)	International Center Rm 115
3:15 pm	Immigration Presentation for J-1 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This meeting is MANDATORY for all J-1 and F-1 students. Students must complete the Immigration Check-In after the session! 	International Center Rm 303
4:00 pm	Campus Tours Our student ambassadors will take you for a brief campus tour to learn more about your surroundings from a student's perspective	Start from International Center Lobby
6:00 pm	Dinner – with Campus Tour Groups Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brody Square The Edge at Akers 	On Campus

Saturday, January 5

8:00 am	Breakfast – On your own Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brody Square The Edge at Akers 	On Campus
9:00 am to 6:00 pm	Shopping trip to Great Lakes crossing Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will allow you to purchase items you may have forgotten at home or look for things you may need for your semester at MSU We will depart campus from the International Center 	Meet in the International Center Lobby

- Check out the mall website for a map of stores:
greatlakescrossingoutlets.com
- For lunch, a food court is available in the mall

6:00 pm

Dinner – On your own

On Campus

Dining halls that are open before the start of the semester:

- Brody Square
- The Edge at Akers

Sunday, January 6

Settle in and prepare for the first day of classes!!

The campus tour this afternoon will help in finding your bearings around campus and getting an idea of where you need to go for your classes on Monday.

Monday, January 7

Classes Start!

Follow Your Course Schedule ☺

Add-Drop Period

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

Please do not delay!

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

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm
(noon)**

Optional for Engineering Students

Room 1415 Engineering Building

Engineering Advising walk-in hours – Meeting with Dr. Amanda Idema

**12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
(or by appointment)**

Walk-In Hours -- Completely Optional and for students who have questions!

International Center

Room 12F – Nick Schrader

Room 108 – Doreen Sheridan (speak with a peer adviser to let them know you want to meet with Doreen)

Including:

Health Insurance Waiver Questions

For Health Insurance Waiver Questions please bring:

- Your laptop
- Your Health Insurance letter and documents related to your health insurance coverage
- Your health insurance waiver questions

Please note: The ASP and Exchanges office does not process health Insurance Waiver requests. In some instances, students may need to work directly with the HR Solutions Center at MSU for additional help.

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Optional for Engineering students

Room 1415 Engineering Building

Engineering Advising walk-in hours – Meeting with Dr. Amanda Idema

Tuesday, January 8

**12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
(or by appointment)**

Walk-In Hours and Health Insurance Waiver Questions

>>For students who have questions<<

International Center

Room 12F – Nick Schrader

Room 108 – Doreen Sheridan (speak with a peer adviser to let them know you want to meet with Doreen)

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Wednesday, January 9

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
(or by appointment)

Walk-In Hours and Health Insurance Waiver Questions
>>For students who have questions<<

International Center
Skype ONLY – Nick Schrader (add Nick on Skype: schrad53@msu.edu)
Room 108 – Doreen Sheridan (speak with a peer adviser to let them know you want to meet with Doreen)

Add-Drop Period

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

Be sure to ask for course approvals early to allow time for processing!

All courses you wish to add need to be approved by 4:00pm on Friday, January 11. Students must meet prerequisites and seats must be available in the desired classes.