## American Semester Program and Semester Exchange Student Arrival Guide January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Through a voucher system, when students arrive at the Lansing Capital Airport, Michigan Flyer station at the East Lansing Marriott, or Trowbridge Bus/Train station our office has purchased codes through the rideshare company Lyft to help students get to their residence halls or apartment. Instead of issuing incoming students taxi coupons upon their arrival during the arrival weekend, we will be covering the transportation cost for students arriving between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> (assuming some flights may get delayed and arrival would be after midnight) by providing them with a \$20 value Lyft promo code that they can use upon their arrival via the Lyft rideshare app.

A \$20 value Lyft promo code is only valid for a specific period of time and is geo-fenced to limit pick-up locations to Lansing Capital Airport, Michigan Flyer station at East Lansing Marriott at University Place, or the Amtrak Station on Harrison & Trowbridge. Each student can only use the code once, and must pay for the difference in the cost of the ride if it exceeds \$20 (via a credit card linked to the Lyft rideshare app).

The Lyft promo code for International New Student Orientation 2020 is: ASPESPRING20



Your Lyft event will likely display something similar to this. To access the ride, you must be within 0.5 miles from one of the arrival destinations below

# If you have a working cell phone number, a smartphone, and a credit/debit card, you CAN use Lyft!

If you would like to take advantage of the Lyft service, you must have a working cell phone number (US phone number preferred, but not required; an international working cell phone number could<sup>\*</sup> work too), a smartphone, and a credit/debit card linked to a major bank.

STEP 1: Get Lyft prior to your arrival (recommended).

\* *If you DO NOT have a working US cell phone number*, but have a working cell phone number from your country of origin, you may start installing the Lyft app and creating an account before your departure to the US.

• Lyft has mentioned to us that some international users have trouble receiving the verification code to create an account. If this is the case, please contact your phone service provider directly and ask them to enable the following short codes: 46080 & 55074. This will help ensure the text arrive.

\* *If you DO have a working US cell phone number, or need to activate your US cell phone number upon your arrival to the US,* you may want to download the Lyft app prior to your departure to the US, and sign up for a Lyft account upon your arrival to the US.

### How to install:

- 1. Use your phone to go to your app store (the iOS App Store for iPhone and Google Play Store for Androids)
- 2. Search for "Lyft" and install the free Lyft app



<sup>\*</sup> Not all working international cell numbers will work on the app, it depends on the country. Still, try to set up an account prior to your departure.

#### Sign up for a Lyft account:

1. Tap "Get Started"



2. Type your cell phone number (click the USA flag on the left to change the country code) **What's your number?** 

We'll text a code to verify your phone

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3. Lyft will then send a verification code via text to your phone number. Type the 6-digit verification code on your phone.

What's the code?				
Enter the code sent to	[Your phone number]			

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4. Type your fist and last name and click the purple arrow on the bottom right corner



5. Type your email address and tap the purple arrow on the bottom right corner



6. Agree to Lyft's Terms of Service and Privacy Policy by tapping onto the "Yes" button on the bottom Do you agree to Lyft's



7. Fill in your credit card information and click "Next". You can tap the flag icon to change the



8. You have successfully created your Lyft account when you see the screen below on your app. You may click "Skip" or "Get ready to ride later" to add promo code onto your account. Proceed "STEP 2" below for instructions to add promo code.

Skip





#### STEP 2: How to add promo code

1. Tap the main menu icon on the top right corner of your screen



2. Tap "Promos"



3. Tap "Enter Promo Code" and add your code: ASPESPRING20



4. Tap "Apply" after you have checked spelling of the code to finish



5. After you have added a promo code, you will see if the MSU INSO code is valid for your account. You will also see the promotion amount, expiration date, and other terms.



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#### STEP 3: How to request a ride

- 1. Open the Lyft app
- 2. Tap "Search destination" and enter your final destination. You can enter an address or search for a location.



- 3. Ensure your Pickup location is accurate. Pickup location will automatically set to your current GPS location, and you may change it if needed:
  - $\circ$  ~ Tap "Current location" at the top of the screen



- Enter an address, or tap "Set on map" and drag the location pin to the right spot (see screenshot on right) [Akers Hall is just an example, please select YOUR residence hall in the drop-off box.]
- $\circ$  ~ Tap "Set pickup" to confirm your pickup location ~





- 4. Select Lyft ride modes (Economy: Lyft or Lyft XL; Extra Seats: Lyft XL) based on your needs and confirm that the MSU INSO promo code has been applied.
  - "Promo applied" should show up right below the map and "Promo" should show up right above the "Select Lyft" button. (see screenshot on right)
- 5. Tap "Select Lyft" to request a ride after you have confirmed that both pickup and drop-off locations are accurate.
- 6. Relevant information will appear on the screen, including the following:
  - o Car Color
  - o Car Model
  - o Car License Plate Number
  - o Driver's Name
  - o Driver's Expected Time of Arrival to Pick up location



## **Rideshare Safety Tips**

- 1. Confirm details when the car arrives. Pay attention to the following details and make sure it is consistent with the description provided to you via the rideshare app before getting into the car:
  - Car Color
  - Car Model
  - Car License Plate Number
  - Driver's Name (and Photo)
- 2. Ride in the back seat. This would provide you and the driver more personal space and ensure that you are able to get out on either side of the car to avoid traffic.
- 3. Do not share private information with your driver, including your personal phone number.
- 4. Do not give your driver cash or provide credit card information. All payment transactions should be done via the rideshare app—including the option to tip driver if you would like to.
- 5. Wear your seatbelt.

#### **Optional: Add or update payment information:**

(This is an optional step if you have another credit card that you would like to save onto your Lyft account as payment method.)

1. Tap the main menu icon on the top right corner of your screen



4. Fill in your alternative credit card information and click "Save"

