“GIVE ME A PLACE TO STAND, AND I SHALL MOVE THE WORLD.”

- ARCHIMEDES
INTRODUCTION

YOUR FUTURE COMES FIRST.

As a Spartan, you’ll have access to incredible opportunities, renowned programs and top-ranked faculty, who are leading the way to new discoveries every day. We call our determination and drive to make a better world Spartans Will.

We’re here to help every step of the way. No matter where you choose to take your MSU journey, you’ll have a strong support network that is invested in your success.

With the resources of a big university at your fingertips and more than 1,000 student organizations, MSU is where you will make friends and make a difference.

Be part of the next generation of Spartans that will lead with courage, find meaningful solutions and put their unique talents to work for a better future.

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,
Amazing things happen here, and not by coincidence. Spartans have perfected the art of pairing collaboration with unconventional thinking to create solutions that make a better tomorrow for everyone — like using transparent surfaces to harvest solar energy, creating the transportation of the future with autonomous vehicles, and challenging assumptions to increase our understanding of our world and each other.

Spartans have imagined all of these things, and then got to work making them a reality. What will you imagine?

Discover Spartan stories at msutoday.msu.edu.
1– ISA OLIVO is a sophomore majoring in comparative cultures and politics at James Madison College, with a double minor in Spanish and LGBT studies. She is an Intercultural Aide and the Racial Justice Educator at MSU’s Gender and Sexuality Campus Center, working to create safe, inclusive, and educational environments. They are proud to support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work.

2– NATE HOWDER is a junior entomology major and president of Bug Club MSU, which they’ve helped grow from less than 10 to 300+ members. As an MSU Bug House volunteer, they create a welcoming, supportive environment for arthropod enthusiasts and work to change public perceptions of bugs to help combat the ongoing collapse of insect biodiversity.

3– DANNY CABALLEDO is leading an effort to revolutionize how physics is taught at the college level. The associate professor helped create a student-first learning model that is attracting international attention while improving STEM courses for students at MSU.

4– RIYA PATEL is a junior majoring in supply chain management and an active member of the business fraternity Phi Chi Theta. She is also the marketing director at VIM Magazine, MSU’s only student-run fashion, beauty and lifestyle publication. She was proud to help launch the VIM Collective, a name rebrand that created a sense of inclusion and community.

5– GEMMA REGUERA is an MSU microbiologist and professor. She and her team are known for discovering superpowers of microbes—from their ability to clean up nuclear waste to their ability to harness energy from wastes and in biofuel production.

6– GERI AULIMUT ZELDES creates Emmy-winning social justice documentaries, involving MSU students throughout the process so they can develop storytelling and investigative reporting skills. The journalist/producer was named among the “100 Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World.”

7– FLORENE MCGOLTHIAN-TAYLOR is an MSU microbiologist and professor. She and her team are known for discovering superpowers of microbes—from their ability to clean up nuclear waste to their ability to harness energy from wastes and in biofuel production.

8– PIOTR PASIK is a professor in MSU’s department of sociology teachingWheelchair Sports. After obtaining three degrees from MSU, he traveled the world for his studies in the rehabilitation counseling program, exploring other cultures’ perceptions of disabilities.

9– RANDOLPH RASCH is a professor in the College of Nursing, a distinguished scholar and family nurse practitioner. Taking inspiration from Yoda and Florence Nightingale, he encourages the next generation of Spartan nurses to be adventurous problem solvers.

10– LAUREN SAWYER is a senior environmental studies and sustainability major and member of the Honors College. As part of the Student Sustainability Leadership Council, she works on different projects with organizations across MSU to make campus more eco-friendly. She hopes to positively impact the world by empowering people to get involved with politics and advocate for their beliefs.

Our will is what unites us — across cultures, disciplines and decades. As we work to create a better future, Spartans use our unique talents and engage in powerful collaboration within our community and across the world.
BUILD YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

From the moment you arrive on the MSU campus, you’ll have the opportunity to pursue distinctive experiences that will shape you as a person and provide you with knowledge and skill sets employers value.

MSU’s top-ranked programs, high-caliber opportunities, and inclusive, collaborative community enable students to create powerful, personalized paths and to work with the best in the world.

EDUCATION ABROAD
Studying theatre in London, system science in Antarctica, or sustainable agriculture in Sri Lanka — these are just a few of the more than 275 education abroad programs MSU offers in more than 60 countries on all continents. Students who study abroad can look forward to forming lifelong friendships and broadening their worldviews in meaningful ways.

educationabroad.isp.msu.edu

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
More than ever, our world needs creative thinkers and doers. Students who participate in undergraduate research become just that — gaining experience, building key skills and working side by side with faculty. Choose from hundreds of individual and group research and creative activities or create your own independent project.

urca.msu.edu

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Across campus and beyond, MSU’s expanding entrepreneurship opportunities — from business incubators and endowed funding sources to new academic programs and partnerships — are ensuring that Spartan undergraduates from all disciplines are prepared to lead and solve problems creatively.

entrepreneurship.msu.edu

MAKER SPACES
Maker spaces across campus provide tools, resources and people that can help bring students’ ideas to life. Explore campus and find 3-D printers and scanners, laser cutters, workshops, entrepreneurial co-working spaces, green screen studios, a state-of-the-art theatre scene shop and more.

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MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES

Picking a major sets you on a course that can change your life. At MSU, you can create your own path that accommodates all of your interests, even if they change. Whether you’ve already discovered your passions or you still need time to explore, we provide the opportunities and resources to help you succeed.

Not sure what to study? Check out the career interest areas below — rather than majors, these are general categories that include majors. (You can also choose exploratory as a major on the MSU application.) To keep exploring, visit go.msu.edu/academics.

ART, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT
- Advertising creative
- Advertising management
- Apparel and textile design
- Apparel and textiles
- Arabic
- Art education
- Art history and visual culture
- Arts and humanities
- Chinese
- Communication
- Communication leadership and strategy
- Communicative sciences and disorders
- Composition
- Digital storytelling
- English
- Experience architecture
- Film studies
- French
- Games and interactive media
- German
- Global studies in the arts and humanities
- Graphic design
- Interdisciplinary humanities
- Interior design
- Japanese
- Jazz studies
- Journalism
- Linguistics
- Marketing
- Music
- Music education
- Music performance
- Philosophy
- Professional and public writing
- Public relations
- Russian
- Scandinavian
- Studio art
- Theatre

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
- Accounting
- Admissions creative
- Advertising management
- Agribusiness management
- Animal science
- Applied economics
- Economics
- Environmental economics and management
- Finance
- Food industry management
- Food science
- Hospitality business
- Human resource management
- International relations
- Management
- Marketing
- Packaging
- Public relations
- Quantitative risk analytics
- Supply chain management

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES
- Biological science — secondary education
- Child development
- Education (elementary)
- History education
- Human capital and society
- Human development and family studies
- Humanities — prelaw
- James Madison College
- Music education
- Political science — secondary education
- Political science — general
- Political science — prelaw
- Public policy
- Social work
- Special education — learning disabilities
- Urban and regional planning

HEALTH SCIENCES
- Biomedical laboratory science
- Communicative sciences and disorders
- Dentistry
- Human biology
- Kinesiology
- Neurology
- Nursing
- Nursing — accelerated second degree program
- Nursing (online program) — RN license required
- Nutritional sciences
- Physiology
- Preprofessional programs
- Preprofessional programs
- Preprofessional programs
- Preprofessional programs
- Preprofessional programs
- Preprofessional programs
- Physical science
- Physical science — secondary education
- Physics
- Physiology
- Plant biology
- Quantitative risk analytics
- Statistics
- Zoology

SPECIAL CULTURAL STUDIES
- African American and African studies
- Anthropology
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Comparative cultures and politics
- Economic geography
- English
- French
- German
- Global and international studies
- Global history
- Global studies in the arts and humanities
- History
- History education
- History, philosophy and sociology of science
- Human capital and society
- Human development and family studies
- Human geography
- Human resource management
- Humanities — prelaw
- Interdisciplinary humanities
- Interdisciplinary studies in social science
- Interdisciplinary studies in social science
- International relations
- James Madison College
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Political science — general
- Political science — prelaw
- Political theory and constitutional democracy
- Psychology
- Public policy
- Religious studies
- Russian
- Social relations and policy
- Social work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Urban and regional planning
- Women’s and gender studies
- World politics

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES
Residential colleges offer the best of both worlds: a small college environment at a Big Ten research university. You can study topics like public policy, natural science, and the arts and humanities while living and learning alongside students with similar interests. MSU’s three degree-granting residential colleges are James Madison College, Lyman Briggs College, and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH).

HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College offers unparalleled academic freedom and flexibility. Students have access to challenging upper-division courses accompanied by a range of special programs, research projects alongside top faculty, international study options, cultural and social activities, and community service opportunities.

ALYSSA SPACE, ’16
After graduating with a degree in chemistry from the College of Natural Science, alumna Alyssa Space used her knowledge and lifelong passion for creating beauty products to become founder and CEO of her own business. In 2018, she launched ForHerCosmetics, a line of vegan, cruelty-free makeup designed for women of color. Space also visits schools to promote entrepreneurship and science, sharing chemical experiments and processes that occur in the cosmetic industry.
WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK

At MSU, you’ll find support programs that help students before they arrive on campus and ensure success before and after graduation.

CAREER SERVICES
MSU’s Career Services Network engages you from the start of your college experience. With career service professionals located in college-based and centralized career centers across campus, the network can help you select your major, explore career options, find a part-time job or internship, prepare for an interview and more!

careernetwork.msu.edu

RESOURCE CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MSU is committed to removing barriers for all Spartans so they can achieve their full potential. The Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities provides solutions and resources to students, faculty, staff and visitors of all abilities throughout their experience at MSU.

rcpd.msu.edu

SERVICE-LEARNING
The Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement prepares students for lifelong civic and social responsibilities in an increasingly diverse and complex global society. Every year, thousands of students participate in community-engaged learning and service opportunities. These experiences give students new skills and a greater understanding of the world.

servicelearning.msu.edu

STUDENT SERVICES
At MSU, you’ll have numerous opportunities to connect with important academic, cultural, LGBTQIA2S+, diversity, inclusion and health and safety resources on campus, in the community and beyond.

JORDYN CASTOR, ’15
MSU alumna and Apple engineer Jordyn Castor is on a mission to develop accessible software for fellow persons with visual impairments. During her time at MSU, Castor was unstoppable, thanks in part to support from MSU’s Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, which provided the latest assistive technology as well as Braille textbooks. She earned a scholarship for a competitive internship on Wall Street and later interned at Apple, where she now works full time to bring meaningful digital experiences to all.
PICTURE YOURSELF HERE
MSU’s home city of East Lansing has been listed among the 10 best college cities in the nation by Forbes, and named the most Instagrammed spot in Michigan by USA Today and BuzzFeed. Home to botanical gardens, art museums, performance venues, Big Ten athletics and recreational sports facilities, MSU puts you at the center of it all.
Scan the QR code to see more!

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME
MSU is one of the biggest, greenest campuses in the nation. Once you experience MSU in person, you’ll understand why Spartans continue to think of the university as “home” long after they leave.

Stories above: 1. There are several ways to get around campus, including cars, bikes, buses, mopeds, electric skateboards and more! 2. Celebrate your culture or learn about more cultures at the annual Spartan Remix celebration. 3. Stay healthy by taking advantage of the three intramural facilities on campus. 4. Big Ten sports are a big-time event at MSU. 5. Whether you’re vegan or carnivorous, MSU’s award-winning culinary services team dishes up fresh, thoughtful cuisine at campus dining halls.

6. MSU’s park-like campus is the perfect setting for an outdoor movie screening. 7. MSU’s 27 undergraduate residence halls are grouped into five Neighborhoods to offer students an abundance of living and dining options. 8. Spartans appreciate the beauty of Michigan’s four seasons. 9. MSU’s intramural sports and fitness program — one of the largest in the nation — makes it convenient for Spartans to stay active and healthy. 10. The 300-member Spartan Marching Band puts on one of the best halftime shows in the country.
1. From kayaking and water skiing to kiteboarding and surfing, the Great Lakes are home to a plethora of water sports.

2. The Capitol building in Lansing, a mile from campus. (Photo: Emily, ’18)

3. East Lansing ranks in the top 100 best college towns by WalletHub for its social environment and academic and economic opportunities. (Photo: Jake, ’20)

4. Fall in Michigan means apple picking, hayrides, and pumpkin carving. (Photo: Monica, ’16)

5. Michigan summers are famous for warm days and cool nights best enjoyed outdoors. (Photo: Katie, ’19)

6. Arch Rock stands 146 feet above Lake Huron on Mackinac Island, between Michigan’s Upper and Lower peninsulas. (Photo: Greg, ’99)

7. The MSU Outdoors Club scales the ledges of nearby Grand Ledge, home to ancient sandstone rock formations that overlook the Grand River. (Photo: Vanessa, ’17)

8. The ice caves in Munising, Michigan, draw brave explorers in search of natural beauty. (Photo: Nancy, MSU staff)

9. Downtown East Lansing is a great place to explore and take walks in the summer. (Photo: Ella Signs, East Lansing community development specialist)
Learn the lyrics to the fight song, “Victory for MSU”
Find the mammoth in the MSU Museum and the polar bear in the Natural Resources Building
Take a class for fun
Get lost in the world’s largest library comic book collection
Explore MSU’s haunted halls
Get inspired at TEDxMSU
Create something new in one of the MSU maker spaces
Showcase your work at the annual UURA event
Ice skate at Munn Arena
Attend Midnight Madness
Challenge yourself to visit each of the hundreds of buildings on campus
Order MSU Bakers cookies
Pet Zeke the Wonder Dog
Eat at every dining hall
Build a float for the Homecoming parade
Take a photo with the Spartan Statue
See a Broadway show at the Wharton Center
Shop the student organic farm stand
Bike the 13 miles of the Lansing River Trail
Visit the Broad Art Museum
Do yoga in the sculpture garden
Visit the red pandas at the Potter Park Zoo
Volunteer with the MSU Student Food Bank
Watch a cow milking at the MSU Dairy Cattle Farm
Take the stage at open mic night at the Union
Request a song on Impact 89 FM
Attend at least one game for each sport
Learn how to sail at the MSU Sailing Center
Explore one of the world’s largest media collections in the MSU Library
Watch a movie at Wells Hall
Hold exotic insects at the Bug House
Pet a reindeer at Winter Glow
Explore Old Town Lansing during the jazz and blues festivals or Mighty Uke Day
Find your new favorite jogging path among the 100 miles of sidewalks
Go on an Alternative Spring Break
Attend one of the nation’s largest career fairs
See the Alumni Chapel’s stained glass
Meet hundreds of artists at the East Lansing Art Festival
Explore the world through education abroad
Take a selfie under the Michigan Capital Building dome
Check out the gaming labs to play one of 17,000 console and PC games
Join thousands of Spartans during the Global Day of Service
Sign up for a group fitness class
Paint your face for a Spartan football game
Find your favorite study spot at the MSU library
Venture to Lansing’s REO Town for pop-up events and shows
Walk among the 22,000 trees on campus
Experience the Global Festival
Join your friends for a hayride during Homecoming weekend
Did we mention Big Ten sports?
Watch a show at the Summer Circle Theater
Kayak the Red Cedar River
Attend a carillon concert at Beaumont Tower
Make lifelong friends
Stand arm in arm with fellow students and sing the alma mater, “MSU Shadows”
GETTING TO CAMPUS
There are many convenient ways to get to Michigan State University. The Capital Area Multimodal Gateway adjacent to campus welcomes visitors via rail and city, regional and national bus lines. The Capital Region International Airport is less than 20 minutes from campus and the Michigan Flyer bus service transports visitors to and from Detroit Metropolitan Airport.
admissions.msu.edu/visit/travel-accommodations

EXPERIENCE OUR ICONIC CAMPUS
Imagine a campus that’s more like a giant park, with 5,300 acres of breathtaking natural beauty, cutting-edge academic and sports facilities, state-of-the-art performance spaces and much more. Now see it for yourself! Students can sign up for in-person tours or explore virtual campus tours and programs.
admissions.msu.edu/visit

READY FOR YOUR TOUR?
When you’re a Spartan, you’re part of something bigger: an unstoppable force for good that will change your life and our world for the better. More than half a million strong worldwide, we proudly call ourselves Spartans.

JOIN US.

Joan Rose, one of the world’s leading experts in water and public health microbiology, leads students in an examination of samples taken from MSU’s Red Cedar River.
When you become a Spartan, you will be on your way to earning a degree that pays dividends for life. Take the first step.

A Top 100 global university —Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings, 2022

STUDENT COMMUNITY

50,023 total students
39,021 undergraduates
Students from 130+ countries
27.3% of students are from outside of Michigan
Men: 48.3%
Women: 51.7%
16:1 student-faculty ratio

Fall 2022 university enrollment
American Indian/Alaska Native: 93
• Asian: 3,044 • Black/African American: 2,590 • Hispanic/Latino: 2,358 • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 26 • White: 26,300 • Two or more races: 1,593 • Other/not reported: 857 • International: 2,340

Fall 2022 first-year profile
(Middle 50% of enrolled first-year students)
Incoming students are from 82 of 83 Michigan counties, all 50 states and 138 countries.
• Entering class: 11,054
• High school GPA: 3.5–4.0
• Composite ACT: 23–29
• Total SAT: 1130–1350

Michigan: 72.7%
Non-Michigan: 27.3%
Domestic: 22.7%
International: 4.6%
First-generation students: 18.8%
Students of color: 25.7%
of domestic entering class

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID

Merit-based scholarships
All admitted students are automatically considered for scholarships. Scholarship selection criteria vary, and students can learn about MSU scholarships through admissions.msu.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/first-year.

Students should apply by Nov. 1 for maximum scholarship consideration. Awarding continues until mid-April.

Need-based aid
It is challenging for many families to pay full educational costs from current income or savings. If you require financial assistance, your first step is to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online as soon as possible after Oct. 1 of the year before you plan to enroll.

For more details, visit finaid.msu.edu/loans.asp.

Contact us
Have questions? Reach out to our office or contact your admissions counselor, and we’ll be happy to help you!
admissions.msu.edu/contact-us

How to apply
The application for admission will open in August for fall 2024 applicants. Admission to Michigan State University is competitive, but there are no minimum requirements. MSU strongly encourages a college preparatory curriculum in high school. Students are also advised to apply early.

1. Applications for admission are available at admissions.msu.edu/apply as well as through the Common Application. MSU has no preference for one type of application over another, but it’s important that you submit only one per admissions cycle.
2. Have your official transcripts sent to MSU.
3. ACT/SAT optional: Students will indicate on the application whether they would like SAT or ACT exam scores included in their evaluation. MSU’s ACT code is 2032; the SAT code is 1465.

Get social with MSU
Join current students on the MSU Instagram account and see inside their daily lives on campus. @michiganstateu