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

– Archimedes
# Highlights

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Whitney Thalheimer, New Zealand, 2018
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 will have a strong support network that is invested in your success.

With the resources of a big university at your fingertips and more than 900 student organizations, MSU is where you will make friends and make a difference.

Be part of Generation Will — the next generation of Spartans that will lead with courage, find meaningful solutions and put their unique talents to work for a better future.
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.
Visual storyteller Lab leader Community collaborator
Top athlete Physics phenom
Lab leader Visual storyteller Community collaborator
Head nurse Migrant advocate Fashion scientist
SPARTANS WILL

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.

1– **PAIGE DUREN** has been a Spartan fan for as long as she can remember. Now a senior — and a cancer survivor — she’s tackling new challenges, like the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She still makes time for her beloved Spartan football team, who cheered her on through her cancer treatments, by working in the program’s office and helping out on game days.

2– **MARCUS BINGHAM, JR.** is a senior majoring in media and information. He is a forward on the men’s basketball team, and one of his proudest moments was being a part of the 2019 Final Four team. He is committed to giving back and helping people. As a first-generation college student, he encourages others to believe in their dreams and do something each and every day to work toward them.

3– **DANNY CABALLERO** 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– **JENIA POWE** is a senior majoring in nutritional science. Her passion for food and health led her to join the Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment, and she’s a regular volunteer at MSU’s urban farm in the Brody Neighborhood. As a Spartan, she’s proud to be part of a community that welcomes progressive and innovative thinkers.

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 instrumental role in harnessing energy from wastes and in biofuel production.

6– **GERI ALUMIT ZELODES** creates Emmy-winning social justice documentaries, involving MSU students throughout the process so they can develop storytelling and investigative reporting skills. The journalism professor was named among the “100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World.”

7– **FLORENE MCGLOTHIAN-TAYLOR** has been a veteran of the police force for 30+ years. She works to create an inclusive culture on campus in her role leading the MSU Police Department’s Inclusion and Anti-Bias Unit, which proactively addresses police and community-related issues associated with bias.

8– **PIOTR PASIK** is an instructor in MSU’s department of kinesiology, teaching Wheelchair 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 the dean of 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– **KIARA ZARATE** is a senior, a child development major and a first-generation college student from a migrant farmworker family. She brings awareness to the hard work of migrant and immigrant farmworkers and advocates for the importance of helping marginalized communities at MSU and beyond.

11– **MADDY EISCHER** is a senior in the Honors College with a double major in apparel and textile design and molecular genetics. Combining her two passions, fashion and science, she launched a successful mask-making business during the pandemic. She enjoys having the freedom and opportunities to explore her diverse interests at MSU.

12– **LAUREN SAWYER** is a junior 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.
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 worldview in meaningful ways.

educationabroad.isp.msu.edu

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

More than ever, our world demands 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.
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 figure out the perfect path, we provide the opportunities and resources to help you succeed.

Not sure what to study? Explore 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.
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-level 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.
At MSU, you’ll find support programs that help students before they arrive on campus and ensure success before and after graduation.

**A NATIONAL LEADER IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Princeton Review ranked MSU in the top 15 on its list of top 50 undergraduate entrepreneurship programs in the nation in 2021, cementing MSU’s position as an entrepreneurial hub and a leading institution for innovation.

**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 the right 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 responsibility 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

**ONE OF THE NATION’S HIGHEST FRESHMAN RETENTION RATES**

91%

**SPARTAN SUCCESS**

spartansuccess.msu.edu

**PLACEMENT RATE for work or graduate school within six months of graduation**

94%
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.

NEIGHBORHOODS
With five distinct Neighborhoods, living on campus puts you at the center of all MSU has to offer. Students can easily access academic resources — including advisers, tutors and learning resource centers — as well as student engagement centers, classrooms, health clinics, dining halls and more.

nssc.msu.edu

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

We’ve 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 and performance venues, Big Ten athletics and recreation sports facilities, MSU puts you at the center of all the action.

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 one you’ve never experienced 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, with 23 Division I intercollegiate men’s and women’s athletic teams. 5. Whether you’re vegan or carnivorous, MSU’s award-winning culinary services team dishes up fresh, thoughtful cuisine at campus dining halls. 6. The 300-member Spartan Marching Band puts on one of the best halftime shows in the country.
7. MSU is home to one of the largest single-campus housing systems in the country. 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 easy for all Spartans to stay active and healthy.

10. MSU’s parklike campus is the perfect setting for an outdoor movie screening.
Stories above: 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 30 best college towns by WalletHub for its social environment and academic and economic opportunities. (Photo: Jordan, '16) 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)
GET SMITTEN WITH THE MITTEN
Michigan is known for its Insta-worthy natural beauty and activities for all seasons, pictured here in images taken by our community. Gather up some friends and find a place that inspires you, from sand dunes to ski slopes to the many bodies of water found throughout the Mitten State.

EAST LANSING
AT THE HEART OF IT ALL
We understand the importance of a great location. And Michigan has many — from Great Lakes shorelines to big city skylines. In the heart of lower mid-Michigan, you’ll find MSU in East Lansing, a globally-minded community that hums with activity and culture. Minutes from the capital city of Lansing, MSU is a car, bus or train ride away from other Michigan jewels like Detroit and Grand Rapids, and a few hours from Chicago.

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)
THE SPARTAN BUCKET LIST

THERE’S A LOT TO DO ON OUR 5,300-ACRE CAMPUS AND IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. CONSIDER THIS THE START OF YOUR MSU BUCKET LIST.

- Feed the ducks in the Red Cedar River
- Paint the Rock
- Walk through Sleepy Hollow
- Take a selfie with Sparty
- Learn the words to the fight song, “Victory for MSU”
- Find the mammoth in the MSU Museum and the polar bear in the Natural Resources Building
- Get lost in the largest library comic book collection in the world
- Take a haunted tour of campus
- Create something new in one of the MSU maker spaces
- Ice skate at Munn Arena
- Challenge yourself to set foot in each of the hundreds of buildings on campus
- Pet Zeke the Wonder Dog
- Try all of MSU’s 9 residential dining halls
- Build a float for the Homecoming parade
- Take in a Broadway show at Wharton Center
- Buy student-grown produce at the campus farm stand
- Bike the 13 miles of the Lansing River Trail during peak fall color
- Get your heart pumping at one of three intramural fitness facilities
- See a special art exhibit at the Broad Art Museum
- Do yoga in the sculpture garden
- Visit the red pandas at the Potter Park Zoo
- Watch cows get milked at the MSU Dairy Cattle Farm
- Take the stage at open mic night at the Union
- Learn how to sail at the MSU Sailing Center
- Explore one of the world’s largest media collections in the MSU Library
- Watch free screenings of new releases at Campus Center Cinema
- Hold exotic insects at the Bug House
- Get inspired at TEDxMSU

- Try every ice cream flavor at the MSU Dairy Store
- Sit under the stars at Abrams Planetarium
- Guard the Spartan statue during Sparty Watch
- Join a student organization during Sparticipation
- Join hundreds of students at the annual Izzone campout
- Stop and smell the flowers in Beal Botanical Garden
- Follow the Spartan Marching Band to the football stadium
- Climb the steps to the top of Beaumont Tower
Pet a reindeer at Winter Glow
Find your new favorite jogging path among the 100 miles of sidewalks
Volunteer with friends during Alternative Spring Break
Meet hundreds of artists at the East Lansing Art Festival
Find out about the legendary status of the cookies made by MSU Bakers
Attend one of the nation’s largest career fairs
Take a selfie under the Michigan Capitol Building dome
Check out the gaming labs to play one of 17,000 console and PC games
Join thousands of Spartans during the annual Global Day of Service
Sign up for one of the 40+ different group exercise programs
Paint your face for a Spartan football game
Order lunch at the MSU food truck
Explore Old Town Lansing during the jazz and blues festivals or Mighty Uke Day
Volunteer with the MSU Student Food Bank
Find peace and quiet at the Baker Woodlot
Join your friends for a hayride during Homecoming weekend
Did we mention Big Ten sports?
Celebrate music, art and culture at Spartan Remix
Watch the light stream through stained glass in the Alumni Chapel
Watch a performance at the Summer Circle Theater on a warm summer evening
Explore the world through education abroad
Kayak the Red Cedar River
Attend a carillon concert at Beaumont Tower
Make best friends for life
Stand arm in arm with fellow students and sing the alma mater, “MSU Shadows”

TAPAN “TOPS” KATARIA, ’19

First-generation immigrant, business founder and alumnus Tapan “Tops” Kataria is also an investor in 30 startups with a history as an innovative entrepreneur. In 10th grade, he created a successful business working as a DJ at Indian weddings, which paid for his college tuition. At MSU, Tops developed his passion for the venture space and graduated from the Eli Broad College of Business. After running accelerators for top brands like Techstars and Backstage Capital, he is now investing in the next generation of entrepreneurs building the future. He also sits as a venture partner at Republic.co, a leading equity crowdfunding platform.

MORE TO EXPLORE

900+ student clubs and organizations
150+ concerts annually
12 miles of bike paths
20,000+ bicycle parking spaces
9 on-campus dining halls
30+ express cafes and food courts
3 intramural athletics facilities
23 Division I intercollegiate athletic teams
27 club sports
30+ intramural sports teams
4,500+ intramural games played per year
READY FOR THE TOUR?
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

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
THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING
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.
When you become a Spartan, you will be on your way to earning a degree that pays dividends for life. Take the first step.

**STUDENT COMMUNITY**

49,659 total students
38,574 undergraduates

Students from 140+ countries
20% of students are from outside of Michigan

Men: 48.4%
Women: 51.6%

16:1 student-faculty ratio

**Fall 2021 university enrollment**

American Indian/Alaska Native: 67
Asian: 2,818
Black/African American: 2,802
White: 26,078
Hispanic/Latino: 2,352
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 23
Two or more races: 1,417
Other/not reported: 797
International: 2,220

**FALL 2021 FRESHMAN PROFILE**

(Middle 50% of enrolled freshmen)

Incoming students are from 82 of 83 Michigan counties, all 50 states and 126 countries.

- Entering class: 9,065
- High school GPA: 3.5–4.0
- Composite ACT: 23–29
- Total SAT: 1,110–1,310

Michigan: 79.8%
Non-Michigan: 20.2%
Domestic: 14.4%
International: 5.8%

First-generation students: 21.2%
Students of color: 26.9% of domestic entering class

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**BECOME A SPARTAN**

32nd among the nation’s top public universities
—U.S. News & World Report, 2021

A Top 100 global university
—Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings, 2021

37 undergraduate and graduate programs in the top 25 nationally
—U.S. News & World Report, 2021
NEXT STEPS

HOW TO APPLY

1. Applications for admission are available at admissions.msu.edu/apply as well as through the Coalition Application and 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. Have your ACT or SAT score sent to MSU by the testing agency. MSU’s ACT code is 2032; the SAT code is 1465. NOTE: Freshman applicants for fall 2023 will have the option to apply without a test score.

4. International students seeking application information should visit: admissions.msu.edu/apply/international

GET SOCIAL WITH US

Join current students on our Instagram account and see inside their daily lives on campus. @michiganstateu

Have admissions questions? Connect with us on Facebook — SpartanAdmissions

admissions.msu.edu/contact-us

GET READY

The application for admission will open in August for fall 2023 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.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

• Academic performance in high school
• The strength and quality of your curriculum
• Recent trends in your academic performance
• Class rank
• ACT or SAT results
• Leadership, talents, conduct and diversity of experience

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID

Merit-based scholarships
All admitted students are automatically considered for scholarships. Scholarship selection criteria vary, and students can search all MSU scholarships through admissions.msu.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/freshman.

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.

IN-STATE FRESHMAN

Tuition and fees: $14,914
Room and board: $10,676
Total for two semesters: $25,590

NON-MICHIGAN FRESHMAN

Tuition and fees: $40,726
Room and board: $10,676
Total for two semesters: $51,402
International students may have additional fees and expenses.