Academic Orientation Program Information

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Welcome to Michigan State University!
You are officially a member of the Michigan State University Community of Scholars!
Our Students - Our Scholars - Our Stories

We are excited to share with you our story of scholarship and learning, inclusion and belonging, persistence and resilience, and passion and caring.

We are equally excited to learn from you - a scholar who has a unique story. Your scholarly journey begins when you attend your Academic Orientation Program (AOP). After AOP you will continue to author your story as you travel your Spartan Pathway to purpose.

As a scholar your story is part of a larger narrative around issues that will help you see why your work deserves the time and effort you are putting into it.

As a scholar you matter. As a scholar you are valued. As a scholar you belong.

To-Dos Before AOP
Visit the AOT website for more instructions for each checklist item and additional important orientation information.

☐ Visit the AOT Website  
(www.orientation.msu.edu)

☐ Take the Math Placement Test if Required* 
(https://mpsexam.msu.edu/Documentation/)

☐ Take the Foreign Language Placement Test if Required 
(http://flplacement.cal.msu.edu/about.php)

☐ Report Your Immunization Status  
(www.immunize.msu.edu)

☐ Submit Your Spartan ID Card Photo Online 
(http://idoffrice.msu.edu/online-photo/index.html)

☐ Complete the Student Background & Experiences Assessment or SBEA  
(https://admissions.msu.edu/your-account/)

☐ Learn About MSU’s Computer Requirement  
(https://tech.msu.edu/about/guidelines-policies/computer-requirement/)

*This site includes Frequently Asked Questions - including the criteria for being exempt from taking this placement test.
Parking Information

Parking for student orientation is available in lot 62W, the parking lot North of the Spartan Stadium.

• Parking at meters, leased spaces, in areas other than visitor parking lots, or the lot designated for orientation parking will result in a parking violation and/or towing. The Academic Orientation and Transitions Office cannot accept responsibility for parking tickets and/or towing fees.

• Accessible parking and entrances are available at the entrances of Bessey Hall. These spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you need assistance with parking, please ask during check-in. Walk from the Visiting Parking Lot to Bessey Hall.

• To pick up your student from AOP, please park in the lot designated lot for Orientation parking (Visitor Parking Lot) 62W.

Check-In Information

Day/Time: Friday, May 11, 7:45 am

Location: First Floor, Bessey Hall
Michigan State University
434 Farm Lane
East Lansing, MI 48824

NOTE: The first session begins at 8:30 am. Please do not be late. If an extenuating circumstance occurs and you will be late, please contact 517-355-8490.
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Program Expectations and Regulations

Violations of these ordinances, policies, and expectations or any other inappropriate actions as determined by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Director of Academic Orientation and Transitions will result in disciplinary action, which can include dismissal from the Academic Orientation Program (AOP) with a postponement of enrolling for classes until spring semester or a revocation of admission.

- Missing AOP or AOP sessions. Students are required to be on time for and attend all orientation activities.
- Violation of federal, state, and local laws.
- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks, weapons on campus.
- Harrassment of other students or staff, including hazing, bullying, or cyber-bullying.
- Sexual harrassment, sexual abuse, or other sexually inappropriate conduct.
- Harrassment in violation of the University Anti-Discrimination Policy.
- Verbal and physical intimidation or conduct (fighting).
- Tampering with fire alarms or safety or security equipment.
- Malicious damage of university or personal property.
- Theft of personal property or university property.
- Setting fires.
- Use of tobacco in the residence hall and on campus.

Program Attendance

All first-year students, including those who live locally and those who commute to MSU, MUST attend an Academic Orientation Program (AOP). You cannot enroll for classes unless you attend the entire AOP.
Parent/Family Information

Parent/Family members are welcome to attend most sessions with the exception the student college session, advising, and course enrollment.

Emergency Information

It is unusual for a student to have an accident when attending the Academic Orientation Program. If a student is injured while the student is participating in AOP, Michigan State University reserves the right to call for an emergency vehicle, including an ambulance. If it is necessary to transport a student in the ambulance, the student will be responsible for meeting any expenses incurred.

Accommodating Students With Disabilities

• Accommodations at AOP for students with disabilities should be requested at least two weeks prior to your AOP date by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD). Many accommodations require more advanced planning and coordination, thus earlier notification is essential.

• Confidential disability registration: myprofile.rcpd.msu.edu
  Phone 517/884-RCPD
  Website www.rcpd.msu.edu

• Students with disabilities must provide medical/psychological documentation to support a substantial limitation of a major life activity. Visit the RCPD website for a more detailed explanation of required documentation.

If you need accommodations for a short-term condition, please notify the Academic Orientation and Transitions staff in advance of your program date.

Where Families Can Meet After AOP

Students will finish AOP at various times throughout the afternoon. We encourage students to connect with their parents and family members via phone when they finish AOP. Parents and family members can meet their students in 108 Bessey Hall.