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**SEVIS TRANSFER STUDENTS**

**SEIS FEE**

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**CHANGING VISA STATUS**

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RESERVING YOUR PLACE

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STEP 1: Activate your MSU NetID and MSU email account

Activate your NetID and email account at tech.msu.edu/new-students. Activation allows you to submit your Advanced Enrollment Deposit (AED), reserve space in an International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP), and complete a Housing Contract.

Once you have established your MSU email account, you should monitor it regularly, as MSU will send important information to this email address.

STEP 2: Submit the Advanced Enrollment Deposit and receive place for required orientation

All students who plan to enroll at MSU must submit the $250 Advanced Enrollment Deposit by May 1. You can pay the deposit on the web or by credit card or electronic check can be made at admissions.msu.edu/financialaid/apply.

Submitting your deposit reserves your place in the entering class and allows for registration in a required orientation program.

DEADLINES

Freshmen should submit the refundable AED no later than May 1. MSU reserves the right to cancel your admission if you do not submit your AED by May 1.

Transfer students should submit the refundable AED within four weeks of the date of admission.

STEP 3: Complete a Housing Contract

Complete the steps necessary to complete your I-20 or DS-2019 for the Housing Contract. If your potential roommate has not completed the MSUELT upon arrival on campus, the student will not be issued a new I-20 until after the student arrives on campus. You should also monitor your account at beaspartan.msu.edu for important information.

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STEP 4: Choose your arrival date

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Freshmen and Transfer Students

International students must attend an International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP). Orientation for international students includes required government checks, academic advising, class enrollment, and other important information sessions.

You will receive more information about IAOP, including a personalized IAOP schedule, via email. You should also monitor your account at beaspartan.msu.edu for important information.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

If you are a provisionally admitted student, you must take the MSU/English Language Test (MSUELT) upon arrival on campus to determine eligibility to enroll in academic courses. Students admitted provisionally will receive information about registering for the MSUELT prior to arriving at MSU. The results of the MSUELT will determine if you are able to enroll.

If you take the MSUELT and achieve the required level of proficiency, you will receive your admission status from provisional to regular. If you have already issued a new I-20 and the student subsequently meets the English language proficiency based on a new test score, MSU will change the student’s admission status from provisional to regular. If MSU has already issued a new I-20 and the student subsequently meets the English language proficiency based on a new test score, MSU will issue a new I-20 and the student subsequently meets the English language proficiency based on a new test score, MSU will issue a new test for I-20 until after the student arrives on campus.

If you have studied a foreign language and are interested in continuing this course of study (and are not bringing in an AP or IB or similar credit), you need to complete the relevant language test. The test results will determine the appropriate starting level for foreign language study.

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