

Fall Semester 2009 Tentative Orientation Schedule

Monday, August 17- Sunday, August 23, 2009

9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

An Early Arrival Center will be set up with informational handouts for students who will arrive a few days earlier than the scheduled orientation program. Please stop by the “hospitality table” to get information about things you can do before the orientation.

All new students will be provided welcome packets and a detailed schedule with instructions for the orientation program at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, 2009 in B-108 Wells Hall. All students will be assigned to a group, and their group leader will guide them through the individual group schedules.

The following sessions and activities will take place during the orientation program. The times and locations will be provided to students in the schedule book.

Sunday, August 23

MSU-ELT sign up and testing:

English Language Testing:

(Students need to sign up with English Language Center office at A-714 Wells Hall before coming for the test)

International Student Orientation will start at 1:00 p.m. at B-108 Wells Hall

1:00PM-1:30PM Orientation Registration

Wells Hall
Room B-108

1:30-1:45PM

Wells Hall
Room B-108
Room B-104

Welcome Address:

The OISS staff will welcome you to the MSU campus.
For Undergraduate Students
For Graduate Students

2:00-2:40PM

Wells Hall
Classrooms

Getting to Know you:

In this session students will be assigned to a small group and will spend time with volunteer group leaders for sharing experiences and answering questions.

2:00-3:00

International Center
3rd Floor

Parent Information Session:

This session is for parents who will be accompanying their child. The session will offer information and interaction with staff from OISS, housing, accounts, etc.

2:45-4:00PM

Erickson Kiva

Immigration Basics for Graduate Students:

This session will provide information about rules and regulations that international students have to follow while they are staying in the U.S.

Wells Hall
Room B-108

Lost in Translation for Provisional and Undergraduate Students:

This session is an opportunity to gain an insider's perspective on university life from your own peers. Students offer advice on classroom etiquette, academics, housing, and social atmosphere.

4:15-5:30PM
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Monday, August 24

MSU-ELT sign up and testing:

English Language Testing

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9:00-10:30AM

Orientation Registration for Late Arrivals

Wells Hall
Room B-108

10:00 AM- 12:00PM Writing Placement Exam

**Bessey Hall
Room 108**

Undergraduate students with regular admission may take advantage of this opportunity to write a placement essay for writing class placement. Please see the flyer in your packet for more information.

10:30AM-12:00PM

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Wells Hall
Room B-108

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Erickson
Kiva

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Wells Hall
Lab 100-A/C/E

Government Check-ins for Graduate Students:

This session will complete the required check-in process for all international students. There will be different time blocks assigned for check-ins during the day. Students must bring their passport, I-94 card, and I-20/DS-2019 form to check-in. Please also bring international contact information in case of an emergency. You must stay in your assigned group and attend check-in at your scheduled time.

- International Center Library **TB Testing (Graduate Students)**
All international students are required to go through Tuberculosis screening. You must stay in your assigned group and attend the TB test at your scheduled time.
- 1:00-4:00PM**
Wells Hall Lab 100-A/C/E **Government Check-ins for Undergraduate Students and Provisional Students:**
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- International Center Library **TB Testing (Undergraduate Students)**
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- 1:00-3:00PM**
Campus Tour:
Volunteer leaders will take you for a tour of the campus, and you can get your MSU ID card made at this time.
- 1:30-3:00PM**
Wells Hall Room B-108 **Immigration Basics for Provisional Students and Late Arrivals:**
This session will provide information about rules and regulations that international students have to follow while they're staying in the U.S.
- Erickson Kiva **Lost in Translation for Provisional Students and Late Arrivals:**
This session is an opportunity to gain an insider's perspective on university life from your own peers. Students offer advice on classroom etiquette, academics, housing, and social atmosphere.
- 3:00-4:00PM**
Wells Hall Classrooms **Still Confused? (Small Group Time)**
Small groups will have an opportunity to debrief the information gathered throughout the day and to have time for a question/answer session.
- 4:00-6:00PM**
Breslin Event Center **Resource Fair:**
Representatives from different resources such as apartments, cell phone carriers, banks, health insurance carriers, the driver's license office, entertainment venues, and many others are brought together in one place to help you gather information about the MSU campus and the Lansing community.
- Breslin Event Center **Student Organizations Fair:**
MSU has more than 25 international student organizations. Representatives from these groups will come together at this fair to meet you and welcome you to their group and to campus.
- 6:00-8:00PM**
Breslin Event Center **Welcome Dinner:**
OISS invites new students to enjoy an elegant dinner to honor new

students. Required dinner tickets will be distributed on Sunday and Monday when the welcome packets and lanyards are distributed. We regret that dinner tickets cannot be given to parents, spouses or children of new students.

Tuesday, August 25

9:00AM-12:00PM Government Check-ins for Provisional Graduate Students and Late Arrivals:

Wells Hall
Lab 100 A/C/E

This session will complete the required check-in process for all international students. There will be different time blocks assigned for check-ins during the day. Students must bring their passport, I-94 card, and I-20/DS-2019 form to check-in. Please also bring international contact information in case of an emergency. You must stay in your assigned group and attend check-in at your scheduled time.

International Center
Library

TB Testing (Provisional Students and Late Arrivals)

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1:00-2:30PM
Erickson Kiva

How to Succeed at MSU for Graduate Students:

Information about research, writing, useful resources and other tips for success will be shared with graduate students.

Academic Advising: Stage 1 (For AOP Eligible Undergraduates Students Only)

This session will provide an introduction to academic advising at MSU. Topics will include graduation requirements, an overview of the U.S. system of undergraduate education, and tips to help with the planning process for a successful four year program.

Wells Hall
Lab 100 A/C/E

Government Check-ins for Provisional Undergraduate Students and Late Arrivals:

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3:00-5:00PM
Spartan Village
Crescent Park

Welcome Picnic:

A welcome picnic, refreshments, games and activities will be arranged for all students. Families are welcome!

Wednesday, August 26

9:30-11:00AM
Wells Hall

Healthcare, Insurance and Tuberculosis Testing

Olin Health Center and Student Health Insurance representatives will

Room B-108 discuss the basics of the U.S. health care system, the TB test, and medical insurance plans.

11:00AM-12:00PM Introduction to Banking system in the U.S.

Wells Hall This session will offer information on the U.S. banking system.
Room B-108

1:30-2:30PM Meet the MSU Admissions office:

Wells Hall The Office of Admissions plays a major role in your coming to MSU;
Room B-108 meet the staff to share your experiences about the admissions process.

2:40-4:00PM Meet the MSU Housing Office and the Office for International Students and Scholars:

Wells Hall The Housing and OISS staff would like to welcome you to MSU. They
Room B-108 will answer your questions and address your concerns.

Time TBD Ice Cream Social / Bowling / Billiards

MSU Union

Thursday, August 27

7:00 a.m.

Wells Hall
Northeast Lobby

The Academic Orientation Program (AOP), which is required for all eligible undergraduate students, will be held in Wells Hall. You must have a copy of your green sheet in order to check-in. Students with a B1, B2, and C green sheet are eligible to attend AOP. For more information, check the AOP web site:

<http://www.orientation.msu.edu/international.html>

4:00-6:00PM

International Center
Spartan Rooms B/C

International Coffee Hour:

OISS will host a welcoming Coffee Hour for new students. This tradition continues every Friday during the fall and spring semesters. Please join us for free coffee and tea and great conversation.

Friday, August 28

8:00AM-5:00PM

International Center
Room 105

Late Arrival Government Check-ins:

This session will complete the required check-in process for all international students who arrive after orientation. There will be different time blocks assigned for check-ins during the day. Students must bring their passport, I-94 card, and I-20/DS-2019 form to check-in. Please also bring contact information in case of an international emergency.

Monday, August 31

3:00-5:00PM **Welcome for International Spouses and Families** Spartan Village
Spouses of international students and their children will find this fun and Community Center informative welcome session at the Spartan Village Community Center very useful. Representatives from several helpful organizations will be available and fun activities will keep your children busy and entertained. Don't miss it!

Tuesday, September 1

9:00AM-12:00PM **Social Security Administration/ Secretary of State**
Engineering Building Optional session - Students who wish to obtain a Social Security Number, Room 1145 Michigan Driver's License, or Michigan Identification Card may start their administrative processing at a convenient on-campus location. Please visit http://oiss.msu.edu/students_employ_ssn.php for more information on what is required.

1:30-4:30PM **Social Security Administration/ Secretary of State**
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Friday, September 11

9:00AM -12:00PM **Social Security Administration/ Secretary of State**
International Center Optional session - Students who wish to obtain a Social Security Number, Room 302 Michigan Driver's License, or Michigan Identification Card may start their administrative processing at a convenient on-campus location. Please visit http://oiss.msu.edu/students_employ_ssn.php for more information on what is required.

1:30-4:30PM **Social Security Administration/ Secretary of State**
International Center Optional session - Students who wish to obtain a Social Security Number, Room 302 Michigan Driver's License, or Michigan Identification Card may start their administrative processing at a convenient on-campus location. Please visit http://oiss.msu.edu/students_employ_ssn.php for more information on what is required.

Tuesday, September 15

1:00-4:00PM **Driver's License Testing:**
Wells Hall In order to get a local driver's license, a written test is required to Room c307 understand the regulations. Students can take their written test during this session. Please sign up to take the test at the Resource Fair on August 24.

Thursday, September 17

9:00AM-1:00PM

International Center
Room 302

Driver's License Testing:

In order to get a local driver's license, a written test is required to understand the regulations. Students can take their written test during this session. Please sign up to take the test at the Resource Fair on August 24.