



# UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

## ADMISSION

An undergraduate at Michigan State may choose a major field of study from among more than 140 programs. To earn a bachelor's degree, students must complete requirements prescribed by the University, their colleges, and their departments. Careful planning of electives and choice of selectives permit design of a program of study around the student's particular interests and abilities.

In recent years many students entering the University as first-time freshmen have taken more than four years to complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree. This is a national trend in all universities and has many causes.

A list of the colleges, schools, and departments of instruction, the programs and areas of study, the degrees offered, and the course designations are shown in *The Academic Program* section of this catalog. Some instructional units do not have programs which lead to degrees for undergraduates, but offer courses, e.g., Aerospace Studies, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Military Science, and Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Information relating to enrollment, payment of fees, credits, changes in enrollment, the grading system, facilities, and other general information is given in the *General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section of this catalog.

### Student Computer Policy

All undergraduate students at Michigan State are required to have a computer that can connect to the Internet using a high speed connection.

All students should check with their prospective major college and department to determine if that program has specific computer requirements for their academic programs. Some programs require all of their students to have a laptop computer. Others strongly recommend using particular computer operating systems.

If there are no specific computer requirements for the student's program of study, then the computer may be either a desktop or a laptop. The student's computer may be any brand running any operating system. Students will want to be sure the computer will run the applications software, e.g. office applications, they will use for their courses. The computer must be able to connect directly to MSU's campus network and the Internet using a high-speed Ethernet connection. Handheld devices, such as Web-enabled personal digital assistants or cell phones, do not meet this requirement.

If a laptop computer is chosen, students should consider having a machine that is equipped not only with an Ethernet card, but also with a wireless card to communicate wirelessly with the MSU network. The MSU wireless network supports all current wireless communication protocols (i.e. 802.11a, b, and g).

It is crucially important that all computers be equipped with virus protection and firewall software, and that the software be installed and running prior to connecting a computer to the MSU network.

Some course sections may be taught with the expectation that students use laptop computers in class. For each section, this is noted in the Schedule of Courses. Therefore, a laptop may provide expanded instructional opportunities for students.

Costs related to this requirement will be included in the calculation of financial aid eligibility for need-based aid or federal or private loans.

For the latest information on MSU computing services, hardware and software, visit: [www.computing.msu.edu](http://www.computing.msu.edu).

## UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

### Admission Application Deadlines

**Regular Applicants.** The application deadline for undergraduate applications is normally 30 days before the beginning of the semester; however, the deadline is subject to earlier closing without notice especially for fall semester. In recent years, the number of qualified freshman applicants has exceeded available spaces. Those persons who qualify for admission after having completed the eleventh grade fill the freshman class initially. For fullest consideration, apply as early as possible during the senior year of high school.

If a person files an application for admission to an undergraduate program at Michigan State University for a specific semester and is accepted but does not enroll for that semester, the application may be reactivated within a period of one year subject to the deadline for filing applications for admission. If after one year the person still has not enrolled at Michigan State, a new application for admission must be filed.

### Application Procedure for High School Seniors

Admission to Michigan State University is open to all candidates on the basis of academic preparation and ability, and the availability of space in the desired academic program, and without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, political persuasion, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, height, weight, veteran status, age, or (in the case of U.S. citizens) financial need.

If you are a high school senior applying for entrance as a freshman, you may either:

1. Apply over the Internet at [www.admissions.msu.edu](http://www.admissions.msu.edu).
  - a. Complete the online application including your personal statement. The application fee is required at the time you submit the online application. Payment must be made using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express, or by online check. Refer to *Costs* in the *General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section of this catalog.
  - b. Print a copy of the High School Counselor Form and give it to your counselor, principal, or headmaster so the remainder of your application may be completed and submitted by the school.
2. Apply using a paper application.
  - a. Complete the applicant portion of the form including your personal statement. Attach the application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to Michigan State University.
  - b. Give the application to your counselor, principal, or headmaster so the remainder of the form may be completed and submitted by the school.

### Application Procedure for Transfer Students

If you have had some college-level work after high school graduation and are applying as a transfer student, you may either:

1. Apply over the Internet at [www.admissions.msu.edu](http://www.admissions.msu.edu).
  - a. Complete the online application including your personal statement. Include courses currently being taken. The application fee is required at the time you submit the online application. Payment must be made using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express, or by using an online check. Refer to *Costs* in the *General Infor-*

*mation, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section of this catalog.

- b. Request transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you have attended and have them sent directly to the Office of Admissions.
2. Apply using a paper application.
  - a. Complete the applicant portion of the form including your personal statement. Include courses currently being taken. Attach the application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to Michigan State University.
  - b. Send the completed application to the Office of Admissions.
  - c. Request transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you have attended and have them sent directly to the Office of Admissions.

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION

A high school student planning to apply as a freshman should submit an application as soon as possible at the beginning of the senior year. There are many advantages to applying early. For example, some programs are filled on a first-admitted basis. Students interested in being considered for merit scholarships should apply by November 1, and all students are strongly encouraged to apply by January 1. Michigan State University recommends that students use the online application available at [www.admissions.msu.edu](http://www.admissions.msu.edu). Hard copy applications are available upon request from the Office of Admissions, 250 Administration Building. Freshman applicants are also required to submit a personal statement, ACT or SAT scores, and an official high school transcript.

The University seeks to admit students who provide evidence of intellectual performance, good character, and potential, which will permit them to profit from programs of the academic rigor of those offered by Michigan State. The admission decision takes into account all available academic data, including grades, test scores, caliber of high school program and principal and counselor comments. The University may consider nonacademic factors in its admission decisions, including information it receives on an applicant's leadership qualities, exceptional talents, conduct and citizenship record. Typically, the most important element in the admissions process is high school academic achievement. Each application receives individual attention. Applicants who are clearly admissible will be granted admission pending confirmation of satisfactory status with regard to final grades and other admission criteria.

Priority is given to applicants who have strong high school records supported by comparable test scores. The chief academic officer of the University has authority to grant waivers of usual entrance requirements.

Admission to the University is conditioned upon the applicant providing accurate and current admissions information and upon the applicant updating such data if circumstances arise that make the previously provided information inaccurate, misleading or incomplete in an important way. Submission of an application authorizes the University to investigate the accuracy of statements made and data provided by the applicant and those who submit materials or information on behalf of the applicant. Falsifications, misrepresentations or omissions in application answers or supporting data may constitute grounds to deny or revoke admission to the University. Admission to the University may be denied or revoked if the University learns that an individual has engaged in conduct that indicates to the University that the individual is not ready to be a responsible member of the University community.

The University encourages all applicants to visit the East Lansing campus. Admissions presentations and campus tours

are available Monday-Friday throughout the year and on most Saturdays during the academic year. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit [www.admissions.msu.edu/visitcampus](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/visitcampus).

### Examinations

Michigan State University requires scores from either the ACT or the SAT for every freshman applicant. Freshman applicants are required to take the writing portion of either the ACT or the SAT. SAT II exams are not required by Michigan State University.

Scores should be sent to MSU directly from the testing agency. MSU's ACT code is 2032; MSU's SAT code is 1465. Information on the ACT is available at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and on the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

### High School Requirements

**Entrance Requirements:** MSU continues to support a multifaceted approach to admissions where factors such as grades, test scores, talent and experience are considered along with a critical component of specific course requirements. MSU recognizes that there will be students who have potential for academic success at Michigan State University, but who have not precisely met the high school course requirements, e.g., high-achieving students, students whose high schools do not offer all of the appropriate courses, non-traditional students, and international students. The absence of any particular component of high school course work should not be an insurmountable barrier to admission. Michigan State University urges all interested individuals to apply for admission.

**High School Curricular Requirements:** MSU recognizes that adequate preparation for collegiate level programs demands comprehensive work in the academic subject matter areas and substantial training in writing. High school course work requirements provide the foundation on which university work is built by providing basic competencies in the following areas.

**English:** *Four (4) years of college preparatory composition and literature courses.* The ability to comprehend what is being read and to read critically is fundamental for success in college. A student must come to college with the basic ability to recognize assumptions, to identify intentions, to recognize the various forms of literary expressions, and to understand and react to the author's message. It is expected that a high school student is familiar with a wide range of literature representing all literary forms and drawn from a variety of cultures.

Clarity of expression is also important. College programs typically require the ability to organize, present and evaluate information and concepts in written form. A student must be able to use the conventions of written English to convey ideas in an effective and efficient manner. The successful student will be able to write analytically and critically, to construct arguments, and to see relationships between content and form, while reorganizing, revising, and refining to achieve a logical sequence of ideas leading to a conclusion.

**Mathematics:** Three (3) years of college preparatory mathematics, including two years of algebra and one year of geometry. College bound students must understand the language, notation and deductive nature of mathematics and be able to express quantitative ideas with precision. They must have skill in such basics as the solution of equations and inequalities, and the simplification of algebraic expressions. Students who take less than four years of mathematics in high school, or who do not take mathematics in their senior year, often find it necessary to make up a de-

ciency prior to beginning work in their major area of concentration. Students are strongly advised to pursue mathematics courses beyond the three-year minimum required for admission. In particular, it is recommended that a calculus preparatory course be included.

**Biological and Physical Sciences.** Two (2) years of college preparatory science courses from the areas of biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science. As science and technology become increasingly important in everyday life, college bound students, in particular, need an understanding of fundamental scientific concepts. They must know enough about laboratory and field work to ask appropriate scientific questions and to recognize experimental approaches to the solution of such questions. They should understand in some depth scientific concepts and should have some experience in laboratory methods. Additional science courses are highly recommended, particularly if a student is considering a scientific or technical field of study.

**History and the Social Sciences:** Three (3) years of college preparatory work in history and the social sciences with at least one year of history and one year of social sciences (from such areas as anthropology, economics, geography, government, political science, psychology or sociology). Through their study of history, college bound high school students should be able to recognize historical trends and relationships. Students should understand the interactions among peoples of different civilizations, races, and cultures, and know the chronology of major historical events or periods and social movements. It is equally important to understand the underlying political, economic, social, or psychological forces that shape those events. Students should have basic factual knowledge of major social, political and economic institutions within their historical context, as well as introductory knowledge of the content and concepts of the social sciences. A course which shows how the scientific method can be utilized in the social sciences to examine major issues and to address problems will be particularly useful.

**Foreign Languages:** *Two years of college preparatory work in a single foreign language.* Students intending to major in areas that require foreign language are encouraged to complete additional work.

**Additional Recommended Course Work:** The courses noted above constitute minimum preparation for degree programs in the University. To enhance your application for admission and further prepare for academic success at MSU, a minimum of five additional academic college preparatory courses is recommended.

### Advanced Payments and Deposits

Refer to *Costs* in the *General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section of this catalog for information.

### College Achievement Admission Program

The College Achievement Admission Program (CAAP) is an admissions procedure for students who have academic potential but who, because of their economic, cultural, or educational background or environment, would be unable to realize that potential without special supportive services. Michigan State University makes special services available to those needing academic support including first-generation, income-eligible students through the Office of Supportive Services described below.

Students admitted to the University under the College Achievement Admission Program should commit themselves to actively



## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

### Admission

participate in the UGS 101 Freshman Seminar and attending three academic advising sessions per semester during their freshman year. CAAP students are encouraged to seek various campus and community resources which will enhance their educational advancement opportunities.

### Office of Supportive Services

The Office of Supportive Services (OSS), located in Room 209 Bessey Hall, is an academic support unit specifically designed for College Achievement Admission Program (CAAP) students and other MSU students, who, for various reasons, have not had sufficient opportunities to prepare for the rigorous demands of higher education.

OSS assists students in developing their abilities and skills and in planning realistic objectives and goals. Special services designed to facilitate the development of coping and self-management skills in students are available. OSS services include academic advising, tutorial assistance, skill enrichment workshops, social counseling, career exploration, peer counseling, graduate study planning, and orientation programs.

Students are encouraged to utilize the intensive services regularly until they have established satisfactory academic progress and have made the necessary adjustments to the rigorous demands of the University.

### Opportunities for High-Achieving Students

MSU recognizes the educational value of a number of pre-matriculation programs by granting academic credit, waiving requirements, and/or placing students in advanced courses. Please refer to the listed online guides for current information. Other special opportunities for high-achieving students are described in the *Scholastic Honors* section.

### Advanced Placement Program

Credit or advanced standing may be granted to students who have earned specific scores on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

Equivalencies for waivers or MSU course credit are available at [www.admissions.msu.edu/AP\\_Equivalencies.pdf](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/AP_Equivalencies.pdf). Students must have their AP scores sent directly to the Office of Admissions.

### College-Level Examination Program

The College Board also has examinations designed to assess competence usually attained by taking beginning college-level courses. Individuals desiring recognition of CLEP examinations for credit at Michigan State University must present official CLEP Examination reports for all exams taken *prior* to matriculation at Michigan State University. No credit will be awarded for CLEP examinations taken after the student's first enrollment at Michigan State University.

CLEP equivalencies are available at [www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/freshmen\\_AP-IB-CLEP.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/freshmen_AP-IB-CLEP.asp).

### International Baccalaureate Program

Michigan State University accepts the results of the International Baccalaureate Examinations for placement and course credit.

International Baccalaureate (IB) equivalencies are available at [www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/freshmen\\_AP-IB-CLEP.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/freshmen_AP-IB-CLEP.asp).

### Opportunities for High-Achieving High School Students

Michigan State University offers programs during the academic year and the summer for high-achieving high school students to take courses at Michigan State University and earn college credit while pursuing their high school programs. Credits earned in the High Achieving High School status may be applied to an MSU undergraduate degree. For additional information on course applicability see the *Dual Enrollment by High School Students* section of this catalog. Details and admissions requirements for High Achieving High School programs are available at [www.msu.edu/user/gifted](http://www.msu.edu/user/gifted).

A student must complete the Application for Admission for High Achieving High School Student, submit the high school transcript, and be recommended by the high school counselor or principal. Permission to enroll under the High-Achieving High School Students enrollment status is determined by the following criteria: (a) courses in which enrollment is desired represent advanced study for that student at a level not offered by the high school and are approved by the high school counselor/principal and representative of MSU's Honors College as compatible with that student's academic program and qualifications. Performance in these courses will be monitored as a condition of continued high-achiever status; and (b) enrollment of a student as a high achiever does not assure regular admission to Michigan State University upon completion of high school graduation requirements.

Students who enroll in a course are charged lifelong education course fees and receive MSU credit for each course successfully completed. Students who enroll in courses in the semester immediately preceding matriculation as a degree candidate will be charged regular undergraduate tuition and fees for those courses. Students are subject to all University rules and regulations which apply to regularly enrolled students. Coordination of high school class schedules with enrollment at MSU, transportation arrangements to and from the University, and parental approval for participation are the responsibility of the student and the high school.

Students enrolled under the High-Achieving High School Students enrollment status who wish to be admitted as undergraduate candidates must make regular application for their desired degree programs with the Office of Admissions in accordance with established application deadlines. Application information may be found at [www.admissions.msu.edu](http://www.admissions.msu.edu).

### Dual Enrollment by High School Students

High school students who dually enroll for courses at accredited institutions of higher education may receive credit for work taken at these institutions in courses which have been recognized for transfer to Michigan State University according to the following principles. In reviewing transcripts for purposes of assigning transfer credit in cases involving dual enrollment, the Office of Admissions will examine transcripts for completion of courses and units specified in the *High School Requirements* section of this catalog. Courses beyond these basic expectations, and which are transferable, will be considered for credit. Records documenting demonstrably advanced work resulting from advanced beginning levels will receive due consideration. Mathematics courses for high school completion should extend through the level of a calculus preparatory class.

Courses from external institutions of higher education must be offered in sections taught by college faculty and with regular college-level students to be considered for transfer credit. Performance must be documented with course title and grade on an official college transcript from the institution. No individual courses with grades below 2.0 taken under dual enrollment are eligible for transfer. To qualify for application to University-level

requirements, courses must be defined as direct equivalents of the MSU courses. Students may check Michigan State University course equivalencies on Transfer MSU at [www.transfer.msu.edu](http://www.transfer.msu.edu).

Students may pursue the Advanced Placement option if they wish to secure credit for dual enrollment courses that are applied to high school graduation requirements. Most disciplines require AP test scores of 4 or 5 for the award of credit. Students may also take available placement tests to determine advanced college course placements.

## TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSION

A transfer student is a student who has attended any post-secondary institution after high school graduation.

Admission to the University is conditioned upon the applicant providing accurate and current admissions information, and upon the applicant updating such data if circumstances arise that make the previously provided information inaccurate, misleading or incomplete in an important way. Submission of an application authorizes the University to investigate the accuracy of statements made and data provided by the applicant and those who submit materials or information on behalf of the applicant. Falsifications, misrepresentations or omissions in application answers or supporting data may constitute grounds to deny or revoke admission to the University. Admission to the University may be denied or revoked if the University learns that an individual has engaged in conduct that indicates to the University that the individual is not ready to be a responsible member of the University community.

*Transfer applicants must provide transcripts from all higher education institutions attended.* Acceptance is determined by the applicant's previous academic record and his or her proposed program. All transfer applicants should demonstrate consistent high-quality academic performance. An international student must present an academic record equal to a minimum cumulative grade-point average of "B" (3.0) or better. The chief academic officer of the University has authority to grant waivers of usual entrance requirements.

Students admitted from institutions whose entrance requirements, programs, and grading systems are equivalent to those of Michigan State University may receive full credit for their past work. See *Credits* in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog. Students must take such courses in their programs as have not been covered by equivalent work. An evaluation of transfer credit will not be made until students are admitted to the University and assigned to an Academic Orientation Program. Only grades of 2.0 and above are eligible for transfer credit. Credits in which grades were earned of any designation less than "C" (2.0), such as C minus (less than 2.0), are *not* acceptable in transfer. Grades that are less than 2.0 are not accepted in transfer to Michigan State University regardless of a student's overall GPA.

The maximum number of credits from a two-year institution which may be accepted for transfer is 60 semester credits. All courses from two-year institutions will be evaluated, but no credits will be accepted beyond the 60-credit limit. The University strongly urges students to complete courses that satisfy the Integrative Studies, Mathematics, and Tier I writing requirements and prerequisites to courses in the major prior to transferring.

Selected correspondence and extension work up to 30 credits may be applied toward a Michigan State degree, provided the credit is earned at an institution recognized by Michigan State University. The University will grant credit for certain college-level U.S. Armed Forces Institute courses which are recommended by the American Council on Education. Credits are not granted for achievement on the General Educational Development tests.

Although acceptable courses and credits earned at another institution are recorded on the student's permanent academic re-

cord, grades are not transferred to this record. Only grades and grade points earned at MSU appear on the Michigan State University academic record. Only work completed at this University, including MSU Study Abroad Programs or MSU Co-Sponsored Study Abroad Programs are included in the Michigan State University grade-point average. Credits accepted from another institution are included on the Michigan State University transcript as part of the student's total credits earned. To be eligible for graduation with honor, transfer students must earn a minimum of 50 semester credits at MSU. To be listed in the commencement program, the 50 credits must be earned by the end of the semester prior to graduation.

## Credits

Courses at Michigan State are given on a "semester" basis, and credits earned are semester credits. To convert semester credits to the "term" or "quarter" systems employed in certain other institutions, multiply by 3/2. To convert quarter credits to semester credits, multiply by 2/3.

## Integrative Studies, Mathematics, and Writing Requirements

Transfer students are expected to meet Michigan State University's Integrative Studies, Mathematics, and Tier I Writing requirements which are similar but not identical to general education requirements at other institutions, either by completing appropriate MSU courses or by transferring courses and credits which are evaluated as acceptable equivalents for MSU courses. Michigan State University is a consenting institution of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) general education agreement. Students transferring after earning an appropriate associate degree from one of the consenting MACRAO public junior or community colleges in Michigan will have their courses evaluated to determine if these courses have met any specific Integrative Studies, Mathematics, or Tier I Writing requirements for a degree at MSU.

Students anticipating transferring to MSU should contact their academic advisor and consult the Office of Admissions website, [www.admissions.msu.edu/transfer.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/transfer.asp), during the early stage of their academic work.

## Evaluation of Credits for Transfer Students for Michigan State University Integrative Studies, Mathematics, and Tier I Writing Courses

MSU students may only transfer courses defined as equivalents. Consult with Transfer Credit Evaluation in the Office of Admissions for more information.

Courses from accredited colleges considered as acceptable equivalents that may be used by transfer students for MSU Integrative Studies, Mathematics, and Tier I Writing courses include:

1. **Tier I Writing**, (4 credits)  
May be satisfied by completion of the English composition requirement at another institution.
2. **Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences**, (8 credits)  
May be satisfied by completion of a combination of one biological science and one physical science course, and 2 credits of equivalent laboratory course work.  
A number of science-based programs require alternate tracks with specified disciplinary courses. Consult requirements for the major or contact the Office of Admissions.
3. **Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral, and Economics Sciences**, (8 credits)  
May be satisfied by completion:

## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

### Admission

**200 level:** One course from the disciplines of cultural anthropology, economics, human or economic geography, political science, psychology, or sociology.

**300 level:** Interdisciplinary social science courses from four-year institutions may be transferable. Community college transfers must complete this requirement through MSU.

- Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities**, (8 credits)  
May be satisfied by a completion of one IAH course numbered below 211 or equivalent plus completion of one year of English composition. Completion of this requirement also fulfills the Tier I writing requirement referenced in item 1. above.  
**211-241:** One additional IAH course numbered 211 or higher.
- Mathematics** (3-5 credits)  
May be satisfied by: completion of college algebra and finite mathematics, or college algebra and trigonometry, or precalculus, or calculus, or Statistics 200 equivalent. Mathematics requirements for certain majors are more extensive than the University requirement. Consult requirements for the major or contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

Students intending to transfer to MSU may consult the transfer equivalency database (Transfer MSU) for their institution at [www.transfer.msu.edu](http://www.transfer.msu.edu).

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

Michigan State University is authorized under immigration regulations to enroll nonimmigrant students and welcomes applications from such persons. An international student is defined as a person holding a nonimmigrant visa.

Prospective students are encouraged to begin the application process at least one year prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment. Michigan State University encourages prospective students to use the online application available at [www.admissions.msu.edu](http://www.admissions.msu.edu). Paper applications are available upon request from the Office of Admissions, 250 Administration Building. When admitted, MSU will mail an official letter of admission along with an I-20 Form to the student. All international students are required to present the I-20 Form when applying for an F-1 Student Visa and again at the port-of-entry into the United States. Students applying for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa will need to present a DS-2019 Form. This form is available from the organization/program sponsoring the student, or from the Office of International Students and Scholars at Michigan State University. Applicants enrolled at another U.S. institution with an F-1 Student Visa must be released from SEVIS by their current institution before MSU can issue a new I-20 Form. Details are available at [www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/international\\_immigration.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/international_immigration.asp)

Students from abroad educated in academic systems whose requirements are the same as 12 years in an elementary and secondary college preparatory education program in the United States may apply for admission. An applicant's academic record should be equal to a cumulative grade-point average of "B" (3.0) or better earned at an American secondary school. Individual colleges and departments may require a higher grade-point average.

Admission consideration is based on academic subjects only; technical-vocational subjects are not considered. The chief academic officer of the University has authority to grant waivers of usual entrance requirements.

Official copies of all marked sheets, transcripts, diplomas and certificates from high schools or other academic institutions must accompany the application. These records must show courses taken and grades earned, and must be translated into English if

the original records are in another language. If a translation is supplied, it should be certified as accurate and correct by an appropriate public or school official, or sponsoring agency or government. The original record should also be included.

All International applicants are required to submit adequate evidence of financial support to cover the cost of attendance for at least one full year of study at Michigan State University before the Certificate of Acceptance to the University will be mailed. Students, however, must consider that financial resources will be needed for the entire four- to five-year period required to complete an undergraduate program. PLEASE NOTE: No need-based financial aid is available for international undergraduate students.

Students who enter the United States with an I-20 Form from another institution should be aware that they must enroll at that school before they are eligible to transfer to Michigan State University. Such transfers require both formal admission to Michigan State University and approval of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Only students intending to enroll at MSU should enter the United States with the I-20 Form issued by MSU. Additional up-to-date information concerning immigration guidelines can be found at [www.oiss.msu.edu](http://www.oiss.msu.edu).

## Opportunities for High-Achieving Students

Michigan State University recognizes the educational value of certain pre-matriculation programs by granting academic credit, waiving requirements, and/or placing students in advanced courses. Such programs include the Form VI (A-level work) and those described in the *Freshman Admission* section of this catalog.

Information on A-level equivalences is available at [www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/freshmen\\_AP-IB-CLEP.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/admission/freshmen_AP-IB-CLEP.asp). The SAT or ACT examinations are not required for international students, but are highly recommended. To receive an invitation to and be eligible for merit-based scholarships from the Michigan State University Honors College, SAT or ACT scores are required.

## English Language Proficiency Requirement

All international undergraduate applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency. Michigan State University offers provisional admission to applicants who meet the academic and financial requirements, but whose English language proficiency does not meet the levels for regular admission. Provisionally admitted students must take an English Language Center placement test upon arrival at MSU to assess their need for additional language instruction at the English Language Center, and to correct their deficiency within one calendar year. English Language courses taught through the English Language Center will likely delay the start of a student's academic program.

## Minimum Requirement for Regular Admission

All international applicants are required to be proficient in English as a condition for regular admission to MSU. Applicants will be required to demonstrate their proficiency by meeting certain minimum standards on any *one* of the following tests:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).** A total score of 550 (paper version), 213 (computer version), 79 (Internet version) or above with no subscores below 52 (paper version) or 19 (computer version) or 17 (Internet version) is required. Visit [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl) for details.
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB).** An average score of 80 or higher is required. The



MELAB exam is given on the campus of Michigan State University at the Testing Center (phone: 517-355-8385).

3. **Michigan State University English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT).** An average score of 80 to 85 with no subscores below 80, or an average score above 85 with no subscores below 78, is required. The ELPT is given on the campus of Michigan State University at the English Language Center.
4. **Advanced Placement English Language (APIEL)** A score of 4 or higher. Visit [www.apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com) for details.
5. **SAT Verbal.** A score of 480 or higher. Visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for details.
6. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)** A score of 7 or higher. Visit [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) for details. Additional information is available at [www.elc.msu.edu](http://www.elc.msu.edu).

### Minimum Scores for Provisional Admission

International applicants who have acceptable academic credentials may be admitted to MSU on a provisional basis with scores between 450 and 550 (paper version), 133 and 213 (computer version) or 45-78 (internet version) on the TOEFL; or between 60 and 83 on the MELAB; or between 60 and 80 on the ELPT.

Provisionally admitted students may take classes at the English Language Center, and restrictions are placed on the number of academic courses that they may take. Any international student admitted provisionally because of an English language deficiency must correct the deficiency within one calendar year in order to remain enrolled.

### Required English Language Center Attendance

As the language requirement is a University policy, a decision by the English Language Center for a student to enroll in its program is binding and is not negotiable by the student. Students who are required to attend ELC classes are obligated to show good class attendance and make an earnest effort to remove the language deficiency as soon as possible. The ELC program must be satisfactorily completed before regular admission status may be granted.

See *Costs* in the *General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section and the *English Language Center* in the *College of Arts and Letters* section of *Academic Programs* for additional information.

### International Student Accident and Health Insurance

International students are required to have health and accident insurance. Students are required to purchase the MSU Student Accident and Health Insurance Plan unless they have evidence of alternative insurance equal in benefits and provisions to the MSU plan. Fees for the student's insurance are included with the bill for tuition and fees during registration. Waivers to allow purchase of alternative plans must be approved by the Benefits Office, 140 Nisbet Building.

### Orientation

All international undergraduate students are required to register online for the Academic Orientation Program at [www.admissions.msu.edu/aop.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/aop.asp). The Academic Orientation Program will introduce new international students to the services available to undergraduate students and provide academic advising. Academic advising includes the selection of courses, preparation of a class schedule, and registration in classes. Information on orien-

tation, instructions for arrival on campus and tentative orientation schedule is available at [www.oiss.msu.edu/students\\_orientation](http://www.oiss.msu.edu/students_orientation).

### READMISSION PROCEDURE

Any undergraduate student whose enrollment at this University is interrupted for any reason so that he or she has not been enrolled for three consecutive semesters, including the Summer Sessions, who was recessed or dismissed from the University, who was not allowed to continue in his or her major, or who has completed prior courses of study, should submit a readmission application to the Office of the Registrar via the Web at [www.reg.msu.edu](http://www.reg.msu.edu) at least one month prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student intends to resume studies.

Students applying for readmission after academic recess or dismissal should refer to the section on *Readmission After Academic Recess or Dismissal*.

### TRANSFER CREDIT BEYOND SOPHOMORE STANDING

Students who have matriculated at Michigan State University and have achieved junior standing (56 semester credits) may not earn credits from two-year institutions.

Students who have matriculated at Michigan State University and have not yet achieved junior standing (56 semester credits) may earn credits from two-year institutions, up to the 56-semester credit limit.

## ACADEMIC ORIENTATION

### ACADEMIC ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

All new freshman and transfer students are required to attend an Academic Orientation Program (AOP). Freshmen who enter Fall Semester attend a one and one-half day AOP session in the summer. Transfer students who enter Fall Semester attend a one-day session in the summer. Freshman and transfer students who enter Spring or Summer Semester attend a one-day AOP session immediately preceding the first day of classes for that semester.

Prior to attending the Academic Orientation Program, students will take one or more placement tests using the Web. Students will receive instructions for taking these tests, as well as information about academics, housing, and campus life prior to their scheduled AOP session. During AOP, students will see faculty and staff members from the college of their declared major preference or major, meet with academic advisers, receive additional information concerning their transfer credit evaluations (transfer students only), receive assistance in preparing class schedules, and enroll for classes.

Freshman and transfer students are required to register for the Academic Orientation Program online at [www.admissions.msu.edu/aop/signup.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/aop/signup.asp). Instructions are included in the initial student admission packet. Students who do not register for the Academic Orientation Program will have their admission to the University cancelled.

## ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TESTS

Each entering undergraduate student will take one or more placement tests depending on the nature of the student's previous academic program and intended academic program at MSU. The results of these tests will be utilized by the student and the academic adviser in the development of an academic program. Following is a brief explanation of the use of the various placement tests:

### English Composition

Placement in English Composition (WRA) is determined based on relevant ACT or SAT scores. There are three levels of placement in Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures: Honors (WRA 195H); regular (WRA 110–150); and preparatory (WRA 1004/0102). Students placed into WRA 1004/0102 subsequently enroll in any WRA course numbered 110–150. Appeals to the placement require submission of writing samples.

### Mathematics (Algebra)

All freshmen are required to take the Mathematics Placement Test. Those transfer students who must take introductory mathematics or statistics courses to meet University or program requirements are required to take the placement test. Students who are transferring specific college course credit should enroll in the next level course, as appropriate to their program.

Students are urged to take the test via the Web before Academic Orientation, preferably before May 8th. The test can be accessed through [www.mth.msu.edu](http://www.mth.msu.edu). However, a student who wishes to complete the University mathematics requirement by waiver must complete the test in a *proctored* setting at Orientation or one of the MSU Testing Centers to be eligible for the waiver.

Each student whose score on the mathematics test shows a deficiency, and who is required to remove that deficiency in order to fulfill the University graduation requirement in mathematics or degree program requirements, will complete Mathematics 1825. For additional information, refer to the statement on *Remedial–Developmental–Preparatory Courses*. Students who have questions about their placement should consult with the Mathematics representative during the Academic Orientation Program (AOP).

### Foreign Language

A student who has studied a foreign language in high school and (1) wishes to enroll for a course in the language or (2) wishes to use it to meet the graduation requirement in an academic program must take a placement test in that language. However, all students who have studied foreign language in high school are encouraged to take the relevant placement test. Students transferring college credit in a foreign language are not required to take a placement test.

Language placement tests in French, Spanish, and German should be taken online at least one month prior to the student's assigned Academic Orientation Program. These tests are available at <https://ntweb11.ais.msu.edu/FLPlacement/>. A Japanese placement test is available at: [www.msu.edu/~endo/JPN/JplacementT.html](http://www.msu.edu/~endo/JPN/JplacementT.html). For further information regarding these exams and placement in other languages, contact the appropriate department: French, Classics and Italian at [www.fci.msu.edu](http://www.fci.msu.edu) or (517) 432-8305; or, Linguistics, Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages at [www.msu.edu/~linglang/index.htm](http://www.msu.edu/~linglang/index.htm) or (517) 353-0740; and Spanish and Portuguese at [www.msu.edu/unit/spp/](http://www.msu.edu/unit/spp/) or (517) 355-8350.

## REMEDIAL—DEVELOPMENTAL—PREPARATORY COURSES

The policy governing remedial–developmental–preparatory types of courses was established to protect the academic standards of Michigan State University undergraduate degrees while at the same time reinforcing the University's commitment to assist students in remedying their academic deficiencies in fundamental skill areas. The policy serves to motivate students to overcome their deficiencies while ensuring that all students complete a minimum of 120 credits of college level work as a condition of graduation.

Remedial–developmental–preparatory course numbers are four digits, rather than the three digits used for all other courses. The fourth or last digit identifies the type of remedial–developmental–preparatory course. For example, Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures 1004 is a Type 4 course.

There are five types of remedial–developmental–preparatory courses.

**Type 1:** Single courses designed to remedy deficiencies identified by MSU placement test scores. The removal of any such deficiencies, either by one retest or by passing the course, is required as a condition for graduation.

Credits earned are included in all University computations except the total number required for graduation.

**Type 2:** Course sequences designed to remedy deficiencies identified by MSU placement test scores. The removal of any such deficiencies, either by one retest or by passing the courses, is required as a condition for graduation. More than the usual number of contact hours may be required.

Credits earned are included in all University computations except the total number required for graduation.

**Type 3:** Courses designed to remedy deficiencies identified by MSU placement test scores. The removal of such deficiencies, either by one retest or by passing the course, is required only as a condition for entry into some degree programs, and is required as a condition for graduation only for students in those programs. More than the usual number of contact hours may be required.

Credits earned are included in all University computations and are included in the total number required for graduation.

**Type 4:** Courses that students place into because of inadequate scores on MSU placement tests that identify relevant skill deficiencies, although they do not measure knowledge in the course material. The removal of skill deficiencies is not part of the course objectives. It is expected that students will be enrolled concurrently in Type I and/or Type II and/or Type III courses for purposes of remedying those deficiencies. More than the usual number of contact hours may be required.

Credits earned are included in all University computations and are included in the total number required for graduation.

**Type 5:** Courses that may be required by departments or colleges for some students. The course may be designed either to prepare the student to handle the subject matter of a required entry level college course, or to improve his or her study skills or ability to make productive use of University offerings in general. More than the usual number of contact hours may be required.

Credits earned are included in all University computations except the total required for graduation.

**Remedial–developmental–preparatory** courses may not carry numbers above the 100 level and may not be offered under variable content numbers.

The removal of academic deficiencies, which would preclude graduation from Michigan State University, should have the highest priority in student program planning. Drops from Type I and Type II courses should not normally be processed except to facilitate transfer between sections. If a course overload requires that a student drop one or more courses in a specific semester, courses in the regular program of studies shall be dropped in preference to those designed to remove deficiencies.

The University Committee on Curriculum controls the number of remedial–developmental–preparatory courses and assures conformity of such courses with existing policy. Upon recommendation by the University Committee on Curriculum, the Academic Council approves remedial–developmental–preparatory courses by type.



## LIVING AND LEARNING

### HOUSING INFORMATION

Information regarding University housing is sent to each freshman and transfer student entering Fall Semester with the letter of admission. Information regarding University housing is sent to each freshman and transfer student entering Spring Semester or Summer session after the letter of admission has been issued. Former students may apply for housing after their applications for readmission have been accepted. All returning students will be accommodated in on campus housing as space is available, regardless of their class standing. See *University Housing Policy* in the *General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section of this catalog, and visit the University Housing website at [www.hfs.msu.edu](http://www.hfs.msu.edu).

### LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Michigan State University pioneered the model for living and learning communities. The Brody Complex, East Complex, and South Complex halls were originally designated as living learning complexes when established in the 1960's. In addition to the usual facilities of traditional residence halls, each complex includes classrooms, lecture halls, faculty offices, an Undergraduate University Division advising office and a Learning Resources Center Evening Tutoring Program.

Each complex provides an opportunity for students to relate to a smaller unit of the University and to participate in various social and cultural activities. A range of University courses is scheduled in each living-learning complex, facilitating student and faculty interaction outside the classroom. Living learning is based on the premise that the cultural and intellectual life of the student is enhanced when the educational process extends beyond the classroom into the total environment of the residence halls.

Students in the Honors College and Academic Scholars program have the opportunity to select honors-only floors. James Madison College, Lyman Briggs School, and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities are highly visible four-year residentially based academic programs. In addition, a range of shorter-term options addressing student academic interests have emerged. These include ROSES, for students interested in engineering or agriculture; RISE, for students interested in the study of the environment; and LaCasa, for students interested in Spanish language and culture.

Entering students may elect placement in classes shared by others in their residence hall to facilitate study groups as well as to forge personal relationships. Residence Life staff are committed to enhancing the living-learning experience by assisting with existing options and building strong learning communities throughout the residential system. See also Living and Learning at [www.admissions.msu.edu/Living-Learning\\_Programs.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/Living-Learning_Programs.asp).

### STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to the statement on *Student Rights and Responsibilities* in the *General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations* section of this catalog.

## UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITY DIVISION

### Office of the Provost

#### *Bonita Pope Curry, Director*

All undergraduate students who have been admitted to Michigan State University with fewer than 56 credits are enrolled in the Undergraduate University Division (UUD), with the exception of lower division students who are enrolled in James Madison College, the College of Nursing, and Lyman Briggs School. The academic responsibility for all students who are enrolled in the UUD rests solely with the UUD. Academic responsibility includes such functions as monitoring students' academic progress and making decisions concerning retention and recess or dismissal. All students who are enrolled in the UUD must select and be accepted for admission to a degree granting college by the time they reach junior standing (56 credits).

The mission of the UUD is to help undergraduate students to achieve their academic goals at MSU. The services of the UUD are provided by the Student Academic Affairs unit and the Learning Resources Center. The staff in these units provides personal attention to students in assisting them to maximize their potential and achieve academic success.

### ENROLLMENT IN THE UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITY DIVISION

Many students come to the University uncertain as to a preferred area of academic interest. Other students find that their academic interests shift or expand as they are introduced to the many and varied academic experiences associated with attendance at the University. Students who are undecided about their fields of study may select the *No-Preference* option at the time of admission or at a later time. Certain major and degree programs specify the completion of particular courses or sequences of courses during the freshman and sophomore years. Students who have not completed such courses or sequences early in their programs of study may need additional time to meet the requirements for those programs. Students with interests in specific fields of study may declare *major preferences* related to those fields.

The *No-Preference* option allows students to investigate the wide variety of majors available at MSU. Advisers in UUD's Student Academic Affairs unit serve as the advisers for students who select the *No-Preference* option. The advisers assist students with major and career advice and course selection.

Students who declare *major preferences* are assigned to academic advisers in the colleges of their major preferences. However, UUD advisers are also available to these students.

### STUDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The advisers in UUD's Student Academic Affairs unit assist and guide students to the selection of a major, monitor their academic progress, provide academic advising, guide students toward activities that are designed to enhance their personal and professional growth, and make appropriate referrals to enable students to take advantage of all of the other resources and services that the University offers. Students are assigned advisers as they enter the University. The advisers are readily accessible in designated residence halls, as well as in the central classroom buildings listed below:

## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Undergraduate University Division

170 Bessey for students living off-campus or in Phillips, Snyder, Mason, Abbot, Williams, Yakeley/Gilchrist, Campbell, Landon, Mayo, and Shaw residence halls. Call 355-3515.

229 East Akers for students living on the East Complex-Akers, Fee, Holmes, Hubbard, and McDonel residence halls. Call 353-6387.

109 Brody for students living in the Brody Complex-Armstrong, Bailey, Bryan, Emmons, and Rather residence halls. Call 353-3863.

S-33 Wonders for students living on the South Complex-Case, Wilson, Wonders, and Holden residence halls. Call 353-1660.

For additional information, email [uud@msu.edu](mailto:uud@msu.edu) or visit [www.msu.edu/unit/uud](http://www.msu.edu/unit/uud).

### LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) offers one-on-one course specific tutoring, study-skills related seminars and workshops, and a fully equipped computer learning lab. The LRC's goal is to assist students in developing strategies and techniques essential to becoming successful students. LRC services are available at the main office in 202 Ernst Bessey Hall, the Computer/Learning Lab in 204 Ernst Bessey Hall and three offsite locations: 229 Akers Hall, 144B Brody Hall and Classroom 1, Wilson Hall.

**Main office** services include:

1. One-on-one course specific assistance with trained tutors.
2. Registration for workshops and seminars.

At the **Computer/Learning Lab**, students may:

1. Use interactive study support software to enhance and develop skills.
2. View classroom materials placed on reserve by instructors.
3. Use online computers with laser printing, scanning and one-on-one technological assistance is available.

At the **residence hall locations**, the following service is available: one-on-one course specific tutoring on a walk-in basis.

For additional information, or to schedule appointments or make seminar and workshop reservations, call 355-2363 or visit [www.lrc.msu.edu](http://www.lrc.msu.edu).

## ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Each student is responsible for knowing University, college, and department or school requirements as stated in the catalog and in college and department or school printed materials.

To assist the student in interpreting policies and requirements, academic advisement is provided through the colleges and the Undergraduate University Division. Each college will provide students with information about its advising system. Students are strongly encouraged to consult regularly with an adviser. Students may also check their progress toward a degree by using Degree Navigator, available at [www.degnav.msu.edu](http://www.degnav.msu.edu).

The advising programs in the several colleges vary in specific details. Each student is assigned to an adviser, or to advisers in an advisement center, for academic advice and educational and career planning within the area of his or her field of study. A *No-Preference* student is advised in a Student Affairs Office of the Undergraduate University Division. See the *Undergraduate University Division* and the *Admission to a Degree College* sections of this catalog for further information.

Academic advising in all colleges is a continuing process in which a student and adviser discuss possible educational options, in the student's total educational program; in specific fields of study; and in potential careers, in order that the student may make informed choices. Academic advising also includes interpretation of the MSU catalog and guidance materials provided by the student's college and department or school and referral to other University resources for academic, career, and personal assistance as needed.

### Degree Navigator

Students may check their progress toward a degree by using the online advising tool, Degree Navigator, available at [www.degnav.msu.edu](http://www.degnav.msu.edu). Individually and with their advisers, students may explore degree program requirements and experiment with different scenarios to learn how their past and current course work might apply to many other majors.

### ADMISSION TO A DEGREE COLLEGE

Students may be admitted as freshmen to James Madison College, Lyman Briggs School and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities. Students may be admitted to the College of Engineering as soon as they have completed the college entrance requirements. Students who have completed the prerequisite courses for admission to the College of Nursing may apply during the freshman year for subsequent admission. Any student who has reached junior standing by earning 56 credits must be admitted to a degree-granting college to continue as a student at Michigan State University.

**ACCEPTANCE BY A DEGREE COLLEGE.** A student will be accepted by a degree college provided he or she:

1. Has earned a minimum of 56 credits,
2. Is in good standing (see *Academic Standing of Undergraduate Students - ASUS* - for additional information),
3. Has the required grade-point average in designated combinations or sequences of courses within the 56 credit minimum (see *Requirements for Admission to the College as a Junior* in the appropriate college section of the catalog), and
4. Is selected for admission by the duly established selection committee in any department, college, or school where a specific limitation on enrollment has been established.

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION.** For information about teacher certification opportunities, options, and requirements, refer to the statement on *Teacher Certification* in the *Department of Teacher Education* section of this catalog.

**REFUSAL OF ACCEPTANCE BY A DEGREE COLLEGE.** By the fifth day of the next semester, students who fail to meet the requirements for admission to the degree college of their choice but have earned a minimum of 56 credits and are in good standing must:

1. Apply for acceptance by another degree college, or
2. Transfer to an appropriate program in the College of Arts and Letters, Social Science, or Natural Science.

# ENROLLMENT

## ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is the selection of courses for a fall, spring, or summer schedule based on the student's Academic Progress Plan previously developed and continually reviewed with the academic adviser.

## CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

For purposes of enrollment and determining eligibility for certain student activities, a division of students by class is made by the Office of the Registrar at the end of each semester on the basis of the number of credits earned and according to the following schedule:

Credits Earned	Class
less than 28	Freshman
28 to 55	Sophomore
56 to 87	Junior
88 and above	Senior

Students who have matriculated at Michigan State University and have achieved junior standing (56 semester credits) may not earn credits from two-year institutions.

Students who have matriculated at Michigan State University and have not yet achieved junior standing (56 semester credits) may earn credits from two-year institutions, up to the 56-semester credit limit.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is the process of securing classes for which one has enrolled by payment of charges due. Completion of this process generates official University and class records for use by faculty and staff.

## PERIOD COVERED BY REGISTRATION

Refer to the statement on *Period Covered by Registration* in *The Academic Program* section of this catalog.

## SEMESTER CREDIT LOAD

All undergraduate programs of study require a minimum of 120 credits. Most programs are designed so that a student starting a program as a freshman may finish it in 8 semesters by satisfactorily completing an average of 15 credits a semester. In practice, students usually carry from 12 to 18 credits a semester depending on personal circumstances and the chosen program of study. Students with less than a 2.50 grade-point average (GPA) the preceding semester should not enroll for more than 15 or 16 credits except when required by the specific program. Only under unusual circumstances will a student be permitted to carry more than 20 credits.

A student with less than satisfactory academic performance may be required to take a reduced credit load as a condition of continued registration in the University.

## Full Time Students

Students must carry at least 12 credits a semester in order to:

1. Participate in intercollegiate athletics.
2. Qualify for the Dean's List for the semester.
3. Qualify for most scholarships, awards, and financial aids. Most of these are limited to undergraduate students carrying at least 12 credits a semester excluding credits for any course carried as a visitor. Students should determine the specific requirements from the appropriate agency or contact the Office of Financial Aid.
4. Be certified in full-time status to loan agencies and other external entities.

Students participating in authorized forty hour/week internships or cooperative work programs are considered full time for all the purposes listed above.

## SELECTING A MAJOR

Selection of a field of study as a major preference may be made at the time the application for admission is submitted. Any student entering the University with fewer than 56 credits may choose to enter without a major preference, *No-Preference*. A *No-Preference* student defers declaring a major preference or major until there has been an opportunity to sample courses from a variety of fields under special academic advising directed by a Student Affairs Office of the Undergraduate University Division. A major must be selected before junior standing (56 credits) is reached.

Certain academic programs which specify particular courses or sequences of courses during the first two years may require more than eight semesters for completion of the degree program.

## CHANGING A MAJOR

**FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES.** Students (except James Madison, Lyman Briggs and Nursing students) with 55 or fewer credits initiate changes of major preference either in the office of the associate dean of the college major or in the appropriate Undergraduate University Division Student Affairs Office noted above.

**JUNIORS AND SENIORS.** A student wishing to change a major in one degree college to a major in another degree college (or within the same college) must initiate the change in the office of the associate dean of the college to which the student wishes to transfer.

*The student must meet the requirements for graduation given in the catalog current at the time the change is effective. Twenty credits must be completed while enrolled in the major in the college in which the degree is to be earned.*

## GUEST STATUS AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION

MSU students may attend other institutions as *Guest Students* or *Non-matriculated Students* for short periods, either during the regular academic year or in the summer, for the purpose of earning credit for transfer to Michigan State University.

Students planning to attend accredited Michigan institutions should use the Michigan Uniform Undergraduate Guest Application form available on the Web at [www.reg.msu.edu](http://www.reg.msu.edu). Students who wish to attend non-Michigan institutions should obtain application forms from the host institution. The completed form should be taken to the host school.

A student wishing to take courses at another institution should consult an academic adviser or the Transfer MSU course equivalency table on the Web at [www.transfer.msu.edu](http://www.transfer.msu.edu) to assure transferability.



## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

### Enrollment

A minimum of 2.0 must be earned in each course in order for the credit to be transferred to Michigan State University.

**Michigan State University students beyond sophomore standing may not earn credit in two-year institutions for transfer to Michigan State.**

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

### RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) ARMY AND AIR FORCE

The ROTC programs provide preprofessional preparation for future Army and Air Force officers. They are designed to develop men and women who can apply their education to their initial assignments as commissioned officers. In order to receive a commission, ROTC cadets must complete all requirements for a degree in accordance with University requirements, as well as complete certain courses specified by the Department of Military Science or the Department of Aerospace Studies. Depending on the student's program of study, such courses may supplement or serve as electives with the approval of the appropriate academic unit.

For details on the Air Force or Army ROTC program, refer to *Department of Aerospace Studies* or *Department of Military Science* in the *Other Departments and Offices for Research and Services* section of this catalog.

### PRELAW STUDY

The *Prelaw Handbook*, the official law school guide published by the Association of American Law Schools, emphasizes that there is *not* a prescribed course of study which can be recommended to all students seeking to enter law school. The two most important law school admission criteria, according to the *Handbook*, are the student's undergraduate grade-point average and his or her score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The admission policies of various law schools, and the degree to which they utilize other criteria as well as the above, are described in the *Prelaw Handbook* which may be examined in the University Library or the Counseling Center, or purchased in most bookstores. The prelaw student is urged to study that handbook carefully and to discuss it with an adviser in the college of his or her choice.

Although the *Handbook* does not single out specific courses or majors as being especially suitable for prelaw studies, it does call attention to certain skills and insights which the student should seek to develop, and which the LSAT attempts to measure. These are the ability to think carefully and critically, to comprehend the thoughts of others and express one's own with accuracy and clarity, and to understand critically the human values and institutions with which the law deals.

The development of these abilities is not the monopoly of any one subject area, department, or school. While the *Prelaw Handbook* does discuss specific areas of study and the potential contribution each can make to prelaw education, it prefaces its discussion by insisting on the importance of a prelegal education of the broadest scope. *Thus, a prelaw student may major in virtually any discipline, provided that the major is made part of a rigorous and broad education.*

The following colleges at Michigan State University have defined prelaw programs and advisers: Arts and Letters, Business, Communication Arts and Sciences, James Madison, and Social Science. Page references to these programs may be found in the

*General Index*. Additional information may be obtained from the office of the associate dean of these and other colleges.

### STUDY ABROAD

Michigan State University is the national leader in study abroad, offering more than 200 programs, on all continents and in over 60 countries. Programs are offered every session, including winter break, and range from two weeks to an academic year. In many instances, costs do not exceed a semester's study on campus on a per credit basis.

Over 20 percent of current MSU students participate in study abroad and the program continues to grow. An increasingly common component of excellence in higher education today, study abroad is quickly becoming an expected and integral part of the undergraduate experience at Michigan State University.

Programs are offered in many academic disciplines, including programs in the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Business, Communication Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, James Madison, Natural Science, Nursing, Social Science, and Veterinary Medicine. Students understand that studying abroad helps them develop the academic/intellectual, personal, professional, and intercultural skills and attitudes required to become effective and competitive in the global environments they will encounter after graduation.

Students are encouraged to explore study abroad opportunities early. They may start by visiting the Study Abroad Web site at [www.studyabroad.msu.edu](http://www.studyabroad.msu.edu), by calling 517-353-8920, or by visiting the Office of Study Abroad in 109 International Center.

For additional information, see the *Guest Status at Another Institution* section of this catalog.

### CO-SPONSORED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Co-sponsored programs are study abroad programs which are proposed and sponsored by an academic unit at MSU, implemented by a foreign host partner institution, and staffed by non-MSU faculty. Co-sponsored study abroad programs may include exchange programs, direct enrollment in a foreign university, and consortial or other provider programs. Co-sponsored programs are comparable in quality to regular MSU study abroad programs; they constitute an area or field of study that is encompassed as part of the sponsoring academic unit(s) at MSU. Co-sponsored programs, upon approval, yield MSU credit and grades. Although the "co-sponsored" designation and benefits do not automatically extend to all the academic offerings of a host institution, there may be multiple areas of study within the host institution that are recognized as MSU co-sponsored programs. Multiple MSU academic units may decide to pursue co-sponsored programs with selected high quality universities.

For advice on how to incorporate study abroad or co-sponsored study abroad into your undergraduate program, see your academic adviser.

### CIC TRAVELING SCHOLAR PROGRAM FOR HONORS UNDERGRADUATES

The Traveling Scholar Program for Honors Undergraduates is sponsored by the Big Ten Universities and University of Chicago through the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). Juniors and seniors who are members of the honors programs at CIC universities or, where no formal honors program exists, are performing at an honors level, may apply for admission to the program. The program enables selected students to take advantage

of special educational opportunities available on the campus of one of the participating universities, but not on the home campus. Such opportunities include special course offerings, library collections, and facilities. Students participating in this program are limited to two semesters or three quarters on another campus.

Qualified undergraduate students at Michigan State University are eligible to apply for admission to the Traveling Scholar Program for Honors Undergraduates. A CIC traveling scholar from Michigan State University will be registered on the MSU campus, and fees will be collected and kept by this institution. No additional fees will be charged. Credit for work taken will be accepted at this University.

Members of MSU's Honors College who are interested in this program should contact the Dean of The Honors College for additional information.

## ACADEMIC STANDING

### ACADEMIC STANDING OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

#### Introduction

The statement on ACADEMIC STANDING OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (ASUS) was designed to create an early warning system to prevent students from getting too deeply into academic difficulty. The University requires a cumulative grade–point average (GPA) of 2.00 or above for graduation. The statement on ASUS establishes a system whereby at the end of any semester that a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.00, the student is assigned to a warning status designated as probation.

Under the statement on ASUS, the term "probation" is the functional equivalent of an academic warning. Students placed on probation retain the right to participate in all University activities and retain all of the rights and privileges available to any student who is not currently subject to academic recess or dismissal.

In addition to the criteria contained in this statement on *Academic Standing of Undergraduate Students* (ASUS), undergraduate students who wish to be considered for federal financial aid must be making satisfactory progress toward the bachelor's degree as defined in the *Financial Aid for Undergraduates* section of this publication.

#### Good Standing

A student is in good standing if the student is a new student, or the student's cumulative grade–point average is at least 2.00.

#### Probation

A student is on probation if during the most recent previous semester in attendance, the student had been in good standing, but at the end of that semester the cumulative grade–point average was below 2.00. Grades of I and ET are not considered in computing this grade–point average. The period of probation is one semester. (If in the special case that there are grade changes during that semester which result in the student's cumulative grade–point average increasing to at least a 2.00, the student is returned to good standing.)

Students on probation may be required to see an academic adviser. If they do not, a hold may be placed on their registration. If at the end of that semester, the cumulative grade–point average is

at least 2.00, the student is returned to good standing. If not, the student will be put on final probation or recessed.

#### Final Probation

A student is on final probation if during the most recent previous semester in attendance, the student was on probation and at the end of the semester the cumulative grade–point average was still below 2.00 and the semester grade–point average was at least 2.00. (Students with fewer than 30 credits earned at MSU must have a semester grade–point average of 1.5 or higher.) Grades of I and ET are not considered in computing the cumulative or semester grade–point average. The period of final probation is one semester. (If in the special case there are grade changes during that semester which result in the student's grade–point average increasing to at least a 2.00, the student is returned to good standing.)

Students on final probation may be required to see an academic adviser. If they do not, a hold may be placed on their registration. At the end of the semester on final probation, the cumulative grade–point average must be at least 2.00 or the student will be recessed. An exception to this can be made for students with 30 or fewer credits earned at MSU. If such a student has shown substantial progress during the semester and the evidence suggests that the student would attain good standing in one more semester, the student may be granted one additional semester on (extended) final probation at the discretion of the associate dean of the student's college.

#### Warning for Repeats

At the discretion of the associate dean of the student's college a student is normally put on warning for repeats after repeating between 10 and 14 credits. Students on warning for repeats may be required to see an academic adviser before enrolling for any subsequent semester. If they do not, a hold may be placed on their registration. At the end of the semester in which 21 or more credits have been repeated, the student is dismissed.

#### Warning for Lack of Satisfactory Progress in the Major

If at the end of a semester an upper division student is not making satisfactory progress toward the degree requirements stated in the catalog (e.g., a student is not taking courses in the student's major or the student's grade–point average in courses in the major is below the required major grade–point average), or the student's semester grade–point average is below 2.00, the student may be put on warning for lack of satisfactory progress in the major at the discretion of the associate dean of the student's college. Such students must be given a written statement of the criteria they must satisfy to progress satisfactorily. Students on warning for lack of satisfactory progress in the major may be required to see an academic adviser before enrolling. If they do not, a hold may be placed on their registration. If a student has been on warning for lack of satisfactory progress and is not making satisfactory progress in any subsequent semester, the student will normally be recessed. However, if lack of satisfactory progress is due to poor grades in the major courses and the student is otherwise in good standing, the student would be permitted (even encouraged) to remain at MSU if the student changed to a more appropriate major.

#### Recess

1. If in any semester a student receives all semester grades of 0.0 or I where numeric grades have been given and there are at least 6 credits of 0.0, the student will be recessed unless

## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

### Academic Standing

there are compelling reasons certified to the record by the associate dean of the student's college. If recessed, the student must remain out of MSU for at least one full academic year.

2. If at the end of a semester during which the student was on probation the cumulative grade–point average is still below 2.00 and the semester grade–point average is below 2.00 (1.5 for students with less than 30 credits earned at MSU), the student will be recessed. The student must remain out of MSU for at least one full academic year.
3. If at the end of a semester during which the student was on final probation the cumulative grade–point average is not at least 2.00, the student will be recessed. The student must remain out of MSU for at least one full academic year.
4. If a student has previously been put on warning for lack of satisfactory progress in the major and at the end of any subsequent semester the student is not making satisfactory progress, the student will be recessed. A student recessed for lack of satisfactory progress in the major must remain out of MSU for a least one full academic year.

After a recessed student has been out of MSU for the prescribed period, the student may be readmitted to MSU at the discretion of the appropriate associate dean. If readmitted, the student will be put on probation, final probation, or warning for lack of progress in the major, and the associate dean may impose specific conditions in writing that must be met. A second recess is dismissal.

#### Dismissal

1. If a student has previously been recessed or dismissed, readmitted, and again meets one of the criteria 1–4 for recess or has failed to comply with the specific written conditions imposed at the time of readmission, the student will be dismissed.
2. At the end of a semester in which 21 or more credits have been repeated the student will be dismissed.

Students who have been dismissed must remain out of school for at least two years. After that period, they may be readmitted only if a convincing case can be made to the associate dean of the admitting college that circumstances have changed so that there is a reasonable probability of success. Students will be readmitted on probation, final probation, warning for repeats, or warning for lack of progress in the major as appropriate, and specific conditions in writing will be imposed.

## READMISSION AFTER ACADEMIC RECESS OR DISMISSAL

### After Academic Recess

The recessed student is normally allowed a second chance to demonstrate satisfactory academic performance. Therefore, he or she may apply for readmission to be effective at the conclusion of the specified period of recess. The student may be required to submit a report of activities during the period of recess. The report may be used as one kind of evidence regarding readiness to return. If the student has attended another institution while on recess, he or she must submit an official transcript and have earned at least a 2.00 grade–point average (GPA), or its equivalent, to be considered for readmission.

### After Academic Dismissal

Academic dismissal does not imply future readmission nor does it mean that the person is forever barred from enrollment at Michi-

gan State University. After a period of at least two years, a student dismissed for academic reasons may apply for readmission. The applicant must be prepared to submit evidence of growth in maturity and responsibility indicative of capacity to perform university level work. Declarations of good intentions are not sufficient. Each application will be considered on its merits. If the student has attended another institution while on dismissal, he or she must submit an official transcript to be considered for readmission.

For additional information, see *Readmission Procedure* in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

To be recommended for a bachelor's degree, a student must:

1. Complete one year's work, normally the year of graduation, earning at least 30 credits in courses given by Michigan State University. A senior who has earned sufficient credits from this University and met the minimum requirements as stated below, through prior arrangement with the associate dean of the college and the registrar, may be permitted to transfer not to exceed 10 of the last 30 credits from an accredited four–year college or university.
2. Earn at least 27 credits on the East Lansing campus after reaching junior standing.
3. Complete at least 20 credits at Michigan State University while enrolled in the major in the college in which the degree is to be earned.
4. Remove any deficiencies identified by MSU placement test scores, as described in the *Academic Placement Tests* and *Remedial–Developmental–Preparatory Courses* sections.
5. Complete the University mathematics requirement, as described below.
6. Complete the University writing requirement, as described below.
7. Complete the University Integrative Studies requirement, as described below.
8. Complete satisfactorily an approved program of study in a college.
9. Complete a minimum of 120 credits with at least a 2.00 grade–point average. Note that certain programs require more than 120 credits. See program degree requirements for specific totals.

Note: A maximum of 6 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL) 220, 221, 222 or 223 may count towards the 120-credit minimum.

### Mathematics Requirement

Each student must complete the University mathematics requirement by fulfilling one of the two options below:

1. Waiver through a *proctored* placement examination yielding a score which would result in placement in Mathematics 132 (calculus).  
For additional information, refer to the statement on the Mathematics placement test.
2. Completion at MSU or transfer equivalent of *either*:



- a. One of the following courses: Mathematics 110, 112, 116, 124, 132, 152H, 201; or Statistics and Probability 200, 201.
- b. Mathematics 103 and 114.

Mathematics 103 and 114 combined are equivalent to Mathematics 116. The completion of Mathematics 103 and one of the courses referenced in item 2. a. may satisfy the University mathematics requirements.

New freshmen who have taken a College Board Advanced Placement Examination in Mathematics should consult the statement on *Academic Placement Tests*. Transfer students should consult the statement on *Transfer Student Admission*.

For students who are enrolled in Lyman Briggs School, the completion of Lyman Briggs School 117 or 118 satisfies the University mathematics requirement.

## Writing Requirement

Each student must complete the University's writing program requirements as follows:

1. The Tier I writing requirement that consists of *either* a. or b. below.
  - a. one of the following 4-credit Tier I writing courses during the first year: Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 195H; and Arts and Letters 192 and 192H;
  - or*
  - b. the developmental writing courses: Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures 0102 and 1004 and one 4-credit Tier I writing course during the first year.
2. Based on the English placement mechanism, a student may be required to complete the developmental writing courses prior to enrolling in a Tier I writing course. The developmental writing courses are administered by the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. For additional information, refer to the statement on *Academic Placement Tests*.
3. New freshmen who have taken the College Board Advanced Placement Examination in English should consult the statement on *Academic Placement Tests*. Transfer students should consult the statement on *Transfer Student Admission*.
4. For students who are enrolled in James Madison College, the completion of James Madison College 111 and 112 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement.

For students who are enrolled in Lyman Briggs School, the completion of Lyman Briggs School 133 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement.

For students who are enrolled in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, the completion of Residential College in the Arts and Humanities 111 and 112 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement.

5. A student who completes the Tier I writing course with a grade of 0.0 must repeat the course. A student who completes the Tier I writing course with a grade of 1.0 or 1.5 must enroll in the 2-credit writing tutorial (AL 201) concurrently with any IAH course below 211.
2. The Tier II writing requirement for the student's academic major and degree program. This requirement involves writing in the student's discipline and is met by completing *either*:
  - a. one or more 300–400 level Tier II writing courses as specified for the student's academic major and degree program, *or*
  - b. a cluster of 300–400 level courses that involve writing experiences and that are approved as the Tier II writing

requirement for the student's academic major and degree program.

## Integrative Studies

Integrative Studies is an important component of Michigan State University's unique approach to liberal general education, offering a core curriculum that complements specialized work by students in their majors. Integrative Studies courses integrate multiple ways of knowing and modes of inquiry and introduce students to important ways of thinking in the three core knowledge areas: the Arts and Humanities, the Biological and Physical Sciences, and the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. They assist students early during their study to develop as more critical thinkers. They also encourage appreciation of our humanity and creativity, human cultural diversity, the power of knowledge, and our responsibilities for ourselves and for our world.

Courses in Michigan State University's Integrative Studies Program are aimed at developing intellectual abilities, including critical thinking and interpretive skills. They help increase knowledge about other times, places, and cultures, key ideas and issues in human experience, and the scientific method and its usefulness in understanding the natural and social worlds. They are expected to enhance appreciation of the role of knowledge, and of values and ethics, in understanding human behavior and solving social problems. Finally, they help students recognize responsibilities and opportunities associated with democratic citizenship and with living in an increasingly interconnected, interdependent world.

The Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities in the College of Arts and Letters has primary responsibility for the Arts and Humanities area of Integrative Studies at Michigan State University.

The Center for Integrative Studies in General Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences has primary responsibility for Integrative Studies courses in the Biological and Physical Sciences at Michigan State University.

The Center for Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences in the College of Social Science has primary responsibility for Integrative Studies courses in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences at Michigan State University.

## Requirements for the Integrative Studies Program

The completion of a minimum of 26 credits in Integrative Studies is required for each student. The disposition of 2 of the 26 credits is currently under discussion. Until a decision is reached, students may use these as elective credits.

Each student must earn at least the specified number of Integrative Studies credits in each of the following three areas: Arts and Humanities (8 credits); Biological and Physical Sciences (8 credits); and Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (8 credits).

1. In the **Arts and Humanities** area, students must complete one IAH course numbered below 211 and one other IAH course numbered 211 or higher. Completion of the Tier I writing requirement is the prerequisite for any IAH course below 211. Any IAH course below 211 serves as the prerequisite for any IAH course numbered 211 or higher.
2. In the **Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences** area, students must complete a sequence of two courses: one 200-level course and one 300-level course. The 200-level course is the prerequisite for the 300-level course.
3. In the **Biological and Physical Sciences** area, each student must complete 8 credits. The 8 credits consist of 3 credits in Biological Sciences, 3 credits in Physical Sciences, and a 2-credit laboratory experience, taken concurrently with

## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

### Graduation Requirements

one of the courses. Completion of a defined level of mathematics is a prerequisite for courses in both the biological and physical sciences.

- 3.1. The Biological and Physical Sciences requirement may be met by alternative courses approved for specific academic major and degree programs for students enrolled in those programs.
- 3.2. A student who changes from a major having approved alternative courses in Biological and Physical Sciences to a major which requires the regular Integrative Studies sequence will be given credit for the alternative courses already completed.

Many of the courses in the Arts and Humanities area and in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences area, emphasize national diversity (designated "N" at the end of the course title), or international and multicultural diversity (designated "I" at the end of the course title). Some courses emphasize both national diversity, and international and multicultural diversity (designated "D" at the end of the course title). Students must include at least one "N" course and one "I" course in their Integrative Studies programs. A "D" course may meet either an "N" or an "I" requirement, but not both.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

### Undergraduate and Graduate

For information, refer to the *Dual Enrollment by Undergraduates* statement in the *Graduate Education* section of this catalog.

## ADDITIONAL MAJOR

With the permission of the relevant department and college, a student who is enrolled in or has completed a Michigan State University bachelor's degree program may elect to complete the requirements for an additional major. An additional major may be completed within the number of credits required for the student's bachelor's degree program or with only such additional credits necessary to satisfy the requirements for the additional major. The additional major consists of the specified requirements of the major and, where required, of the college.

A student who is interested in completing an additional major should contact the department that administers the intended additional major. The department completes a **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO COMPLETE AN ADDITIONAL MAJOR** form.

The completion of the additional major will be noted on the student's final transcript. Only the primary major of the student's bachelor's degree program will be designated on the student's diploma.

## TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

There is no time limit for the completion of the bachelor's degree. For students who have been admitted to a major, progress toward the degree shall be evaluated on an individual basis after an assessment of the student's academic record and degree requirements. The student shall be informed of the remaining requirements for graduation at the time of admission or readmission to the major and encouraged to complete his or her degree.

Requirements for a major or degree program may be updated through the appropriate University processes. Changes in a major or degree program shall be implemented in a manner which will not delay the graduation date or significantly alter the program of a currently enrolled student who is making normal progress to-

ward the degree. Michigan State University must reserve the right to modify or eliminate programs that are described in this publication. In the event such an action is taken, students affected will be advised by their units of the options available to them to complete their degrees. Every reasonable effort will be made to permit students to complete these programs or similar programs.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE

To pursue a second bachelor's degree, a student must be admitted to the second bachelor's degree program. To be granted a second bachelor's degree, a student must earn at least 30 credits in residence in addition to the credits required for the first degree and meet the specified requirements of the second college and major. A student who completes the requirements for a second bachelor's degree will receive two diplomas, one for each major.

## SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Information on scholarships for students is available through the MSU website [www.admissions.msu.edu/Undergraduate\\_Scholarships.asp](http://www.admissions.msu.edu/Undergraduate_Scholarships.asp).

### Dean's List

The Dean's List honors all undergraduates in the University who earn a 3.50 or better grade-point average for the courses in their undergraduate program totaling 12 or more credits for a given semester. The courses must be taken as part of the undergraduate program to be recognized as part of the semester total GPA, and not taken to fulfill the requirements of a graduate or professional degree program. The credits for a given semester must have been recorded under the numerical grading system. The Dean's List designation appears on the student's official transcript. The list, prepared each semester, is displayed in the MSU Union Building and at [www.reg.msu.edu](http://www.reg.msu.edu).

### College Honors Awards

Several of the colleges present students with awards at special occasions such as honors banquets or award receptions.

### Awards and Prizes

A variety of awards and prizes in recognition of special talents and achievement are available.

### Graduation Honors

Honors College students, students who complete the Academic Scholars program within the Honors College, and students who graduate with honor or high honor are recognized in the commencement program.

The policy for granting graduation with honor as established by the University Academic Council provides for honoring at each commencement approximately 20 percent of the students in the graduating class who have earned the highest grade-point averages. Approximately six percent receive the degree *With High Honor* and about 14 percent receive the degree *With Honor*.

The current minimum grade-point averages to receive graduation honors can be found on the Office of the Registrar website at [www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/GradHonor/GraduationHonors.asp](http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/GradHonor/GraduationHonors.asp).

The specific minimum grade–point averages required for honors are determined by the Office of the Provost following a review of the standards by the University Committee on Academic Policy. The grade–point distributions of each year’s Spring graduates are used for establishing new grade–point average standards for the following consecutive Spring, Summer, and Fall graduating classes.

Graduation with honor is based on the entire academic performance at Michigan State. However, recognition of graduation with honor in the commencement program is based on grade–point average of all work at MSU completed prior to the opening of the semester of graduation. Transfer students must earn a minimum of 50 semester credits at MSU to be eligible for graduation with honor or recognition in the commencement program. Graduation with honor is indicated on the student’s permanent academic record and on the diploma. Lists are also released to the press with appropriate designations.

### Board of Trustees' Awards

Awards are made at Fall and Spring commencements to the six or more graduating seniors who achieved the highest cumulative scholarly records by the close of the preceding semester. At least three–fourths of the credits for the degree must be earned at Michigan State University with numerical grades by the close of the preceding semester. Fall, Spring, and Summer graduating seniors are eligible. The President of the University acts for the Board in determining the recipients of the awards.

## FINANCIAL AID for UNDERGRADUATES

A comprehensive and coordinated program of financial aid to assist qualified students is available to Michigan State University undergraduates in the form of scholarships, educational grants, loans, and jobs.

Applications for financial aid are available on the Web at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Results of the application are sent electronically to the MSU Office of Financial Aid for processing.

When an application for financial assistance is made and the extent of the financial need is determined, the student is considered for any of the scholarships, grants, and loans for which he or she is eligible. The financial aid package is prepared to assist in meeting the financial need of the student. This package may include any combination of scholarship, grant, loan, or job. The Student Employment Office, 110 Student Services Building, [www.careernetwork.msu.edu/students](http://www.careernetwork.msu.edu/students), assists students in procuring jobs.

Most of the educational grants require that financial need be demonstrated. Many of the scholarships and grants are limited to Michigan residents.

*Entering freshmen who are Michigan residents and are applying for scholarship aid are expected to participate in the State of Michigan competitive scholarship program, administered by the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority.* Students may obtain information about applying for aid at the Office of Financial Aid, 252 Student Services Building.

### Federal Aid and Satisfactory Progress Toward the Bachelor’s Degree

Federal aid regulations limit the amount of time federal financial aid recipients can work toward a baccalaureate degree and require measured progress toward that degree.

The maximum time frame for full-time undergraduate students to complete a bachelor’s degree is 12 semesters, with some exceptions permitted for extenuating circumstances. For each semester in which an undergraduate student enrolls for fewer than 12 credits, that semester will count toward the 12 semester limit as follows: 9-11 credits count as  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a semester; 6-8 credits count as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a semester; fewer than 6 credits counts as  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a semester. Semesters enrolled at another institution and semesters in which the student did not receive federal aid must be considered when determining satisfactory progress toward the bachelor’s degree.

Minimally, students enrolled full-time are expected to complete 75% of the credits taken with passing grades or pending grade markers during the previous three semesters of enrollment. It is expected that part-time students will pass 75% of the credits taken over the past three semesters of enrollment.

### Federal Financial Aid Warning and Denial

Students who fail to pass 75% of summer, fall and spring enrolled credits will be evaluated by the Office of Financial Aid for further federal aid eligibility and notified when that eligibility status changes. The notification will outline the appeal process for students with extenuating circumstances.

There are three kinds of federal-aid eligibility status:

1. **Federal-aid regular status** applies to students who complete 75% of enrolled credits and are within the 12 semester limit.
2. **Federal-aid warning** applies to students who have failed the 75% completion rule and/or who have exceeded the 12-semester limit, but were approved for an extension. Students are eligible for federal aid while in this status.
3. **Federal-aid denial** applies to students who have failed the 75% completion rule for two consecutive measurement periods and/or exceeded the 12-semester limit and were not approved for an extension.

A student who fails the 75% completion standard test for the first time will be placed on federal-aid warning for the next measurement period. A student already on federal-aid warning who fails the 75% completion standard for a second time will be placed on federal-aid denial. A student who is on federal-aid denial who passes 75% of fall and spring enrolled credits will be placed on federal-aid warning. A student who is on federal-aid warning who passes the 75% completion requirement will be restored to federal-aid regular status.

Students who are unable to complete a baccalaureate degree in 12 semesters of full-time enrollment (or the part-time enrollment equivalent) are ineligible for federal financial aid beginning with the 13th semester and are placed on federal-aid denial. A reminder about the 12-semester federal-aid limit, as well as details regarding extension requests, will be sent to students in their 11th semester of enrollment. A student granted an extension would be placed on federal-aid warning.



**STUDENT LOANS**

**University Short–Term Loan Program**

The Short–Term Loan Program at Michigan State University is designed to help students meet emergency situations and should not be regarded as a means of financing a college education.

**Federal Perkins Student Loan Program**

This low interest loan program was established by the federal government in an agreement with Michigan State University. All awards are based upon the availability of funds.

Loans must be used for legitimate educational purposes such as room, board, tuition, and books. Eligibility is determined by a uniform method of needs analysis through the submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Automatic consideration is given to financial aid applicants who demonstrate financial need. Students must normally be enrolled on a full–time basis to receive a loan.

**Health Professions Loans**

*Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine*

Students who have been admitted to a professional program in medicine are eligible to apply for this low interest student loan. A financial aid application is necessary. Parental income and asset information must be provided on the financial statement for Health Professions Loan consideration.

**Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan**

The Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan is based on demonstrated need. While the student is enrolled at least half time, payment on the principle is deferred and the federal government pays interest. Interest will begin to accrue when a borrower enters repayment. The interest rate is currently fixed at 6.8%..

*Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for participation in the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan Program.*

**Annual maximums for subsidized Federal Stafford Loans are:**

Freshman . . . . .	\$3,500
Sophomore . . . . .	\$4,500
Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$5,500
Graduate . . . . .	\$8,500
Medical . . . . .	\$8,500

**Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**

The Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is not based on need. Payment on the principal is deferred while the student borrower is enrolled at least half time. Interest is paid by the student borrower through quarterly payments, or if a student desires it can be added daily to the principal, to be repaid when the student ceases to be enrolled. The interest rate is currently fixed at 6.8%.

*Completion of the FAFSA is required for participation in the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan program.*

**Annual maximums for the Unsubsidized Stafford Loans are:**

Dependent Freshman . . . . .	\$3,500
Dependent Sophomore . . . . .	\$4,500
Dependent Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$5,500
Independent Freshman . . . . .	\$7,500
Independent Sophomore . . . . .	\$8,500
Independent Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$10,500
Graduate . . . . .	\$20,500
Medical . . . . .	\$40,500

Note that the maximums include both subsidized and unsubsidized loans. For example, an independent freshman who receives a \$3,500 subsidized loan can borrow no more than \$4,000 in unsubsidized loan.

**Lifetime loan limits for all Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are:**

Dependent undergraduate . . . . .	\$23,000
Independent undergraduate . . . . .	\$46,000
Graduate . . . . .	\$138,500
Medical . . . . .	\$189,125

(The graduate and medical debt limit includes loans received for undergraduate study.)

**Federal PLUS Loan**

The Federal PLUS Loan Program (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) is for parents of dependent undergraduate students. A credit check is required and will be conducted by the loan servicer. The maximum amount that can be borrowed is the lesser of the cost of education or the difference between the cost of education and any outside resources and/or financial aid received. The interest rate is currently fixed at 8.5%. MSU lenders currently offer this loan at a fixed rate of 7.9%. Repayment begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed. Completion of the FAFSA is not required for participation in the PLUS Program. If you choose not to complete a FAFSA, contact the MSU Office of Financial Aid for further information or to request a PLUS application form.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

The Student Employment Office provides resources for students seeking part–time and summer employment opportunities throughout their careers at Michigan State University. Various types of positions are available, both on–campus and off–campus. Students interested in employment after graduation will find assistance through Career Services and Placement.

Students who qualify for financial aid through the federal Work–Study Programs will find job opportunities listed in the Student Employment Office for jobs located both on–campus and off–campus.

A student who plans to work will need to provide identification and an original Social Security card in order to complete the W–4 and I–9 forms to comply with federal laws. A complete list of acceptable documents and more specific information is available at the Student Employment Office, 110 Student Services Building, 355-9520, extension 480.

Besides listing job opportunities, the Student Employment Office offers many other services and resources to students during their careers at MSU. Services include workshops offered throughout the year to aid students in their job searches, resume critiquing, advising about specific aspects of jobs searches and employment, a career–related referral service for paid intern-

ships, on-campus interviewing for summer positions, and a Summer Employment Fair, held every February.

## **OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

These programs are not administered directly by Michigan State University. However, the University will on request, certify students receiving awards under these programs with the appropriate agency.

Brief descriptions of the programs are given below and additional information can be obtained from the agency indicated or from the Veteran Certification Section, Office of the Registrar, Room 150, Administration Building.

### ***State of Michigan***

#### **Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver**

To qualify a student must be 1/4-quantum blood North American Indian, as certified by the appropriate Tribal Association, and a legal resident of the State of Michigan for not less than 12 consecutive months. This program covers only tuition for any postsecondary-level course work, part-time or full-time. Further information concerning qualifications and application procedures is available by contacting the Office of Financial Aid.

#### **Michigan Public Act 245 (as amended)**

A person not under 16 and not over 22 years of age who has been a resident of this state for 12 months and who is the child of a Michigan veteran of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action or died from other causes during a war or war condition in which the United States has been, is, or may hereafter be a participant, or who as a result of wartime service has since died or is totally disabled, or who as a result of war time service was totally disabled before death from any cause or who is officially listed by the United States government as missing in action in a foreign country, may be eligible for educational assistance under this act. Inquiries and application should be made with the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund, Ottawa Street Building, N. Tower, P. O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

#### **Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Survivor Tuition Act Public Act 195 of 1996**

Public Act 195 of 1996 provides for the waiver of tuition at public universities for the surviving spouse and children of Michigan police officers and fire fighters killed in the line of duty. Tuition will be covered for eligible survivors enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. Inquiries and application should be made with the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, Michigan Department of State Police, 7426 North Canal Road, Lansing, MI 48913 or call (517) 322-1034.

#### **Michigan Veterans Trust Fund**

Michigan veterans who are enrolled full-time and can demonstrate financial need may borrow up to \$600 for six months without

interest. Additional information is available at the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund, Ottawa Street Building, N. Tower, P. O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

#### **Michigan Rehabilitation Services**

Financial assistance to persons who have a disability that has interfered with or may interfere with the individual's job performance should contact the Michigan Rehabilitation Services, State Department of Education, Box 30010, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

### ***United States Government***

#### **Veterans Educational Benefits**

Veterans who have served on active duty for at least 181 days and who have been separated from active duty for less than 10 years; or if less than 181 days, have been discharged or released for a service-connected disability, may be eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits. In addition, 6-year reservists with 180 days of service and a high school diploma may be eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits while in pursuit of their first undergraduate degree. Students approved for educational assistance allowances should personally contact the Veteran Certification Section, Office of the Registrar, Room 150, Administration Building.

#### **Dependents of Veterans' Educational Benefits**

A dependent (child, spouse, or widow or widower) of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability, or who has a total disability permanent in nature, or is listed as missing in action may be eligible for educational benefits. Students approved for educational assistance allowances should personally contact the Veteran Certification Section, Office of the Registrar, Room 150, Administration Building.

#### ***Education Loans (Department of Veterans Affairs)***

#### **Tutorial Assistance for Persons Receiving Veterans Educational Allowances**

Eligible persons under Chapters 30, 32, 35 and 106 may receive up to \$100 a month up to a maximum of \$1,200 for special tutoring if deficient in a course or courses. The student should contact the Veteran Certification Section, Office of the Registrar, Room 150, Administration Building.

#### **Department of Veterans Affairs Work-Study Allowance**

Eligible veterans under Chapters 30, 31, 32, 35, 106 and 903 may apply directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the VA Work-Study Program. If selected, a veteran may be awarded payment for up to 350 hours per semester at a rate equal to the hourly minimum wage in effect at the time of payment.