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For the families of students living on campus at Michigan State University





2024 RESIDENCE HALL SIGN-UP

For Students Currently in Their First Year

We are excited to share 2024-25 on-campus housing sign-up details for current first year students. Students are required to live on campus for their first two years at MSU.

Residence hall housing sign-up for the 2024-25 academic year will be held this spring! For their second year, students can self-select their room from an inventory of open spaces or be assigned at random by the Housing Assignments Office.

Need-to-Know Info

2024-25 Housing contract is now available in your student's My Housing account. Contracts must be signed by March 8 to receive a sign-up window.

In March, students who signed their contracts will be emailed a randomly assigned, specific 24-hour sign-up window to select their space.

Once a space is selected, it is final. Room changes will not be made until after move-in.

There are spaces designated for second-year students in each neighborhood; spaces across campus will be released each day of the sign-up period.

On-campus apartments are not part of the housing options for current first-year students.

Current first-year students should not sign any off-campus leases, housing agreements, contracts, etc., as they will be required to live on campus unless approved for a housing exception or an approved group housing environment

Roommates

For 2024-25, students may be pulled in as a roommate or suitemate using roommate groups. Roommate groups of two will be able to select a community or suite-style room. Roommate groups of three or more will see available suite-style rooms for selection.

Only fellow current first-year students can be pulled in as roommates/suitemates. Students may not pull in incoming, transfer students or current second-year+ students.

Living-Learning Communities

In the second year of their Living-Learning Community (LLC) experience, students can choose a designated space within the LLC! These second-year spaces may be in a different location than their current LLC. Refer to the list below for the two-year locations of each LLC.

To secure a space in the second-year community, LLC students need to complete and submit the LLC Housing Opt-In Form. The form will be available for submission from Feb. 5 to March 8. This form must be submitted to be eligible for residency in the second-year LLC area.

Keep in mind, for students opting to live in an LLC space for their second year, their chosen roommates must also be members of the same LLC.

While living in the LLC for the second year is an option, it's not mandatory. If a student is not interested in their LLC's second-year housing or prefers to live with a roommate outside of their LLC, they can select a space during the general selection process.

Housing Exceptions

Students may apply for an exception in My Housing to live off campus and be released from the housing requirement. Students who qualify for an exception but want to live on campus do not have to submit an exception. Exceptions are only for required students with a desire to live off campus.

By submitting an exception, your student is requesting to be released from the live-on requirement. If their exception is approved, they will no longer be required to live on campus and may not be able to secure on-campus housing in future years. This action cannot be undone. We ask that you discuss this option with your student before they submit the exception.



Gender-Inclusive Housing

MSU has Gender-Inclusive Housing floors in most neighborhoods on campus. Students will be able to indicate they want to live in a Gender-Inclusive Housing space when going through the housing selection process.

Single Rooms

If your student is interested in a single room for 2024-25, there will be limited single-room options primarily available in Owen Hall and North Neighborhood.

To provide an opportunity for everyone interested in a single room to request one, students will complete the Single Room Interest Form and we will randomly assign interested students the ability to select single spaces.

The single-room interest form will be open in My Housing from Feb. 5 through March 8. The Housing Assignments Office will email students if they can select a single room. If your student does not receive a single room selection time, they will choose a space during general room selection.

This process is the only way to select a single room. Students will not have the option to buy out a space in the general selection process.

Rock the Block

Is your current first-year student interested in grabbing a suite with friends for the 2024-25 year? What about a block of rooms on the same floor in Brody? Live On makes signing up with friends easy with Rock the Block!

Have your student join us at 1855 Place March 20 to block off a series of rooms in a residence hall, so they can have the perks of living with their close friends for the 2024-25 academic year.

If your student can't make it to Rock the Block, don't worry! They can still select roommates and suitemates, subject to space availability, during general sign-up or book a meeting with a housing specialist to go over their options!





SPRING BREAK INFORMATION

It's hard to believe that spring break is just around the corner! If your student is heading off campus for the break, we wish them safe travels. However, for those choosing to stay on campus, whether for the entire break or part of it, rest assured that they are free to do so without any additional steps.

For those staying on campus during spring break:

- Halls will require card access for entry.
- Resident assistants (RAs) will be on duty from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- The primary Service Centers in each neighborhood will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit liveon.msu.edu/servicecenters for open locations.
- If students have further questions regarding spring break operations, contact the Housing Assignments Office at **517-884-5483** or liveon@msu.edu.

Spring Break Dining Hours

MSU's spring break is Monday, Feb. 26, through Friday, March 1. Dining locations on campus will have modified hours of operation from Friday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, March 3.

Brody Square, Soute Pointe at Case, the Edge at Akers and the Vista at Shaw will remain open during the break. Their hours for Saturday, Feb. 24 through Saturday, March 2 are as follows:

- Breakfast: 8-9 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dinner: 5-7 p.m.

Residential dining halls transition back to their spring semester hours Sunday, March 3.

For additional details, including retail locations and foodservice partners, please visit go.msu.edu/dininghours. Hours will be posted on the Eat at State website by mid-February.

SPRING MOVE-OUT

Spring 2024 move-out is scheduled to take place April 22-26, with the residence halls officially closing for spring semester at 8 p.m., Friday, April 26. Students are welcome to leave the halls at their convenience in the weeks leading up to the semester's end. Prior to leaving campus for the semester, all residents must check out and turn in keys to the Service Center.

Should your student require a late stay Friday, April 26, or Saturday, April 27, they can request one in their My Housing account. More details about this process will be provided later in the semester.

To ensure all residents leave their rooms in move-in condition by Friday, April 26, we encourage your students to follow the 2024 Sustainable Move-Out Checklist:

- Pack up and take all personal items.
- Clean the bathroom.
- Donate unwanted furniture, clothes, books, electronics and household items.
- Donate unwanted non-perishable food items.
- Recycle papers and plastics, and dispose of all trash.
- Close windows, lower blinds, turn off lights and lock the door.
- Check out at a designated location, returning keys to avoid lock-change charges.

We also invite everyone to participate in Pack Up. Pitch In., a division-wide effort to reduce residence hall waste during move-in and move-out. This initiative enhances recycling options during peak times, diverting materials from landfills. Donations of bulky items, such as futons or bikes, can be made at designated stations throughout the residence halls. If you need assistance locating the nearest donation locations, please inquire at the Service Center.

Summer Housing Info

Is your student looking to live on campus this summer? McDonel Hall will house our summer students for summer sessions one and two. Applications for summer housing at MSU will open April 1 in your student's My Housing account. Students must be enrolled in classes for the sessions they are living on campus this summer. More information will be shared on liveon.msu.edu later this semester!



PRIORITIZE YOUR STUDENT'S MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health is an important part of leading a safe, healthy and happy life. MSU's Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS) is located on the third floor of the Olin Health Center building and offers confidential, same-day help to students regarding depression, anxiety, stress management, LGBTQIA2S+ issues, eating or body image, substance abuse, trauma, and other mental health concerns.

What is Stress and Why Does it Matter?

Stress is a general term to describe physical, mental or emotional strain or tension. Staying in a heightened mental and emotional state for too long can knock our body off balance, resulting in adverse physical, mental and emotional consequences. Stress can lead to depression, anxiety, fatigue and a weakened immune system.

The college life of a student often comes with stressful situations and can cause students to feel like they are unable to cope. 84% of MSU students reported feeling overwhelmed at least once in the past year, while 27% reported that stress seriously affected their academic performance.

What Resources Are Offered to Your Student?

MSU students are eligible for an initial consultation with CAPS, including individual counseling, couple's counseling, group counseling, psychiatric services, psychological testing, substance abuse, LGBTQIA2S+ services, a sexual assault program and testing office services. These services are available both virtually and in-person. 24/7 virtual crisis counseling is available for students in immediate need.

CAPS also offers free, online self-assessment screenings to learn about mental health. If students are unsure about where to begin their journey with CAPS, they can visit caps.msu.edu/schedule/index.html to schedule an initial consultation to discuss needs and expectations and be connected with helpful resources.

The CAPS website also has a curated list of self-care and mental health resources that are easily accessible, including a virtual care kit, tips from mental health experts, resources for parents and guardians, and more. Provide your student with the Counseling Service's phone number, 517-355-8270, or website for further information: caps.msu.edu.

What Signs Indicate I Should Refer My Student to Counseling at CAPS?

- Abrupt/radical changes in behavior, including a dramatic decrease in academic functioning.
- Isolation from others.
- Noticeable changes in mood, such as depression, apathy or irritability.
- Poor attendance in classes.
- Sudden outbursts of anger.
- Attention/memory difficulties.
- Alcohol/drug abuse.
- Marked change in personal hygiene/appearance.
- Inappropriate crying.
- Bizarre statements or behavior.
- Suicidal statements.

How Can Your Student Make a Referral for a Friend to a Counselor at CAPS?

Consider suggesting to your student that they call CAPS together along with their friend. It often helps to do something that's new with a friend. Your student can also follow up with their friend after the appointment to talk about whether they followed through with their appointment and how they felt about the session.

SPARTAN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Spartan Family Connections is an all-in-one resource to help Spartan families connect with their students on campus. Families can be connected to resources to gain new information related to both academic and campus life. Academic policies, student codes of conduct, health (both mental and physical), newsletters, the Office of Financial Aid and so many more resources are available for families to engage with. There's even a Spartan Family Podcast! Families can sit back and listen to all of what Spartan Family Connections has to offer. To learn more, visit family.msu.edu.

SAFETY

As the weather warms and we all start emerging out into the world (including for spring-time celebrations), it's important to stay safe.

Student safety at Michigan State University is our top priority as an institution. Here are some of the safety measures implemented throughout campus to keep your student safe:

- Each residence hall is equipped with restricted access for its exterior doors, elevators and living corridors, which require a student ID belonging to a resident to grant access inside. The living corridors and elevators are restricted at all times.
- There are fire alarm systems, hardwired smoke detectors, fire-rated floors and sprinkler suppression systems in every residence hall.
- The East Lansing Fire Department and the MSU Police and Public Safety are located within minutes of the residence halls.
- Every residence hall floor is equipped with a Green Emergency Phone.
- Green Emergency Phones are also placed outdoors throughout campus and connect directly to the MSU Police and Public Safety.
- All student rooms are equipped with peepholes.

Staying Safe

Please share the below information with your student to help keep them safe this spring.

- Residents must accompany their guests of the residence halls for the duration of their stay.
- Living wings and elevators require a valid MSU student ID 24/7.
- Lock your room or apartment door, even if you'll only be gone for a minute. Don't prop open doors to your room or hall.
- Building doors should never be propped open, and it is strictly prohibited to allow non-residents who are not guests to enter locked buildings.
- Valuable belongings should be kept in a safe, private space for only them to access.
- Students should be aware of their surrounding and be selective about the situations they put themselves in. If you find yourself in an unsafe situation, leave.
- Having underage friends consuming alcohol in your room or apartment puts you at risk of legal trouble.
- If you plan on walking after a night out, be sure you have a friend to walk with or contact ASMSU Safe Ride (517-884-8069).
- Designate a driver before going out, or plan to call for a ride. Download the TransLoc Rider App, and select Michigan State University.
- If you or a friend show signs of alcohol poisoning or other emergency health issues, call 911. Medical amnesty laws could provide legal protection in an emergency situation.
- If something does not seem safe, it probably isn't. Trust your instincts. If you see something, say something! Text MSUPD along with your message to 274637.

WORK ON CAMPUS

Work experience can often enhance what a student learns in the classroom and provide them with the necessary skills to create good work-life balance habits — plus a little extra cash never hurt anyone!

One of the greatest benefits of student employment is it provides students the 2-3 years of work experience that employers are often looking for in entry-level candidates. On-campus employment allows students to make connections outside of the classroom as well as get an insider look into the many elements that help MSU thrive as a university and a community.

Students can find a variety of employment opportunities located directly on the MSU campus — no need to travel far! Student Life & Engagement is committed to prioritizing flexibility and cooperation when creating schedules that work around a student's class schedule.

We offer a fun environment and have an excellent rapport with campus partners. We provide student positions in the residence halls, dining services, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Breslin Student Events Center, and various administrative offices.

Many of these positions are also needed during the summer months to support our summer session students, maintain our residence halls, cater for summer conferences and more. As an added bonus, student team members are able to work a full 40 hours during the summer, as opposed to the 29-hour limit during the school year! Spartans are encouraged to visit jobs.sle.msu.edu to find the right job for their schedule.





NEW LOCATIONS TO EAT AT STATE!

As the new semester unfolds, students have exciting culinary additions to look forward to, with Eat at State unveiling two new venues at the International Center food court and Starbucks expanding its presence at the Main Library.

This semester marks the introduction of The Roost and Sparty's at the International Center food court, providing students with new and delicious dining options. The Roost, the favorite spot for satisfying cravings, offers a menu that includes chicken tenders, fries, MSU Baker's cookies, creamy mac and cheese and more. Operating from Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Roost at the International Center is set to become a go-to destination for those seeking a delightful culinary experience on campus.

Sparty's at the International Center brings an array of specialty espresso, fresh doughnuts and other tasty snacks. Open from Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sparty's caters to both early risers in need of a morning pick-me-up and those looking for a delicious treat throughout the day.

In addition to these new venues, the much-anticipated Starbucks at the Main Library is now open, bringing the renowned coffehouse experience to the heart of campus. This expansion not only adds to the convenience of students studying in the Main Library but also introduces new features such as mobile ordering and expanded product availability.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Feb. 5

- 2024-25 Housing Contract Opens
- LLC Housing Opt-In Form Opens
- Single Interest Form Opens

Feb. 19

Roommate Groups Open

Feb. 21

Roommate Match Event

Feb. 26 - March 3

Spring Break

March 8

- 2024-25 Housing Contract Closes
- LLC Housing Opt-In Form Closes
- Single Interest Form Closes

March 20

Rock the Block Event

April 1

Summer Housing Applications Open

April 22 - 26

Finals Week

April 26

Residence Halls close at 8 p.m.

Late stays for Friday and Saturday nights available — more info will be shared with students later this semester.



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