

INTRODUCTION TO

LIVING ON CAMPUS

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

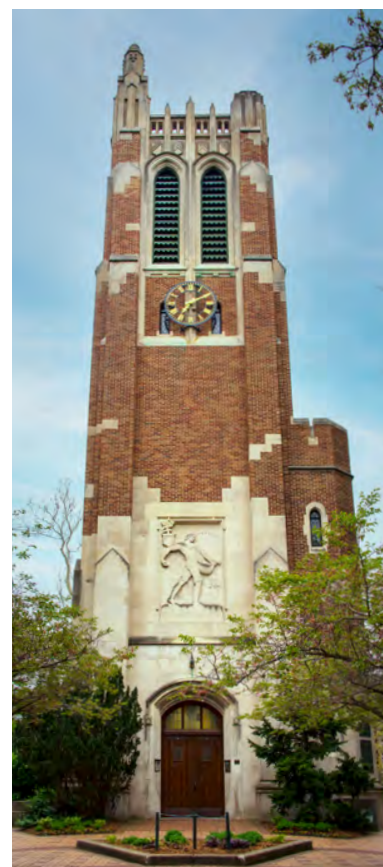
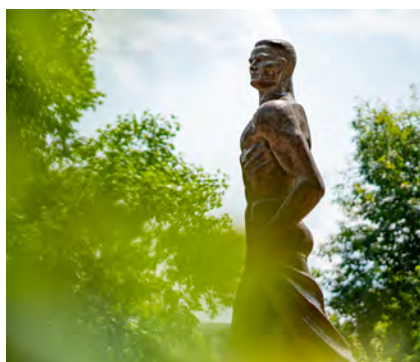


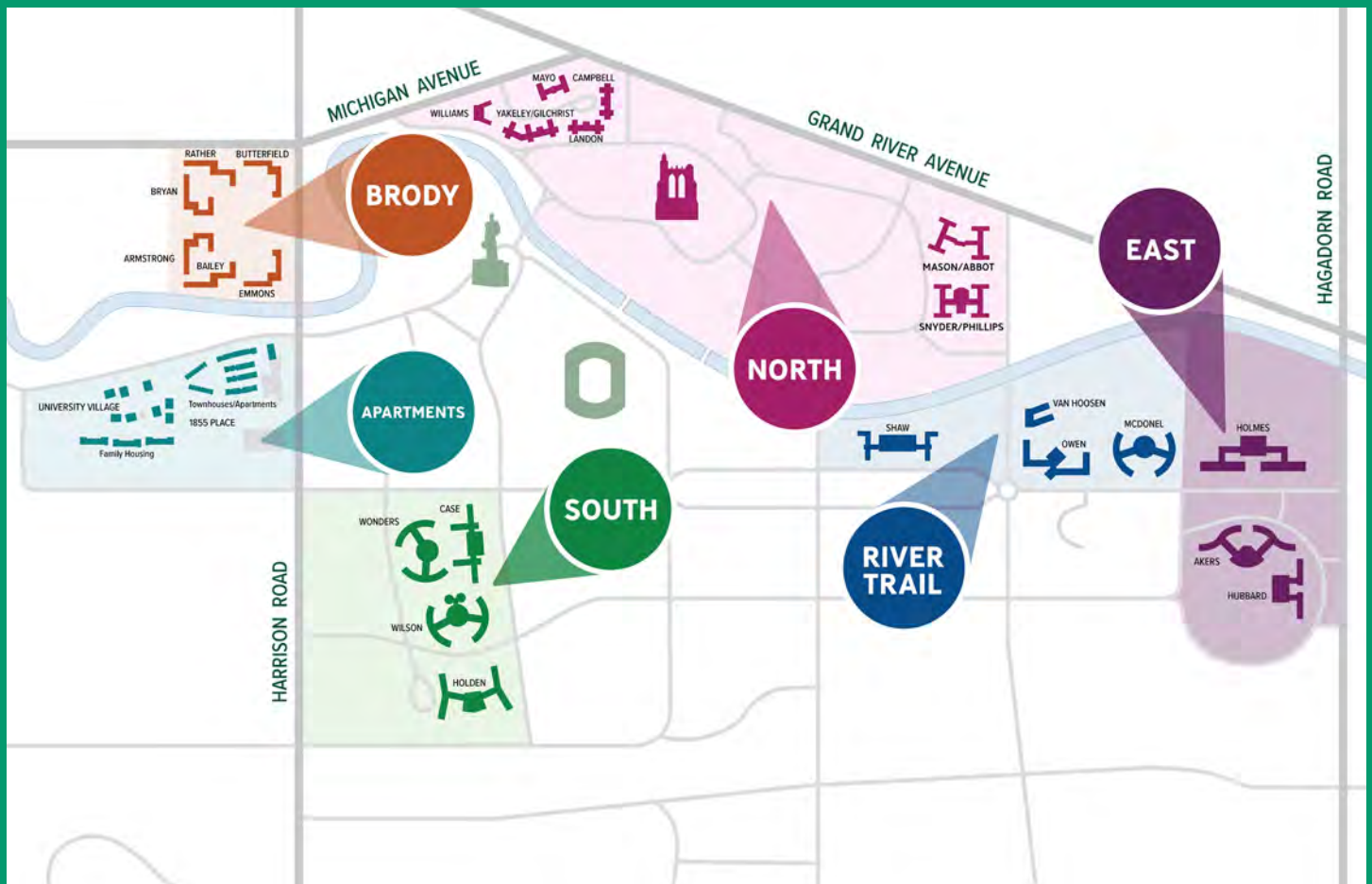
CONGRATS ON BEGINNING YOUR SPARTAN EXPERIENCE!

You are now a part of a legacy of Spartans who have called our beautiful and historic campus home during their time at MSU. Wherever you go, this tradition and shared experiences will connect you with Spartans throughout the world.

Live On is dedicated to creating a safe, sustainable and inclusive residential environment that enhances your MSU experience. This guide will help you prepare for your arrival to campus in the fall and your first year as a Spartan.

We also encourage you to check out liveon.msu.edu for additional resources and follow MSU Live On on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for updates and to stay connected.



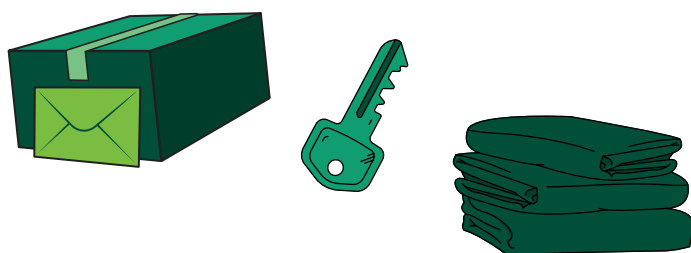


Neighborhoods

Each of MSU's five neighborhoods offers a wide range of programs, activities and support services. They create smaller, more manageable communities within the greater MSU campus community.

Each neighborhood:

- Has its own unique vibe while providing consistent resources
- Is comprised of several residence halls, renovated dining halls, Sparty's mini-markets and a Neighborhood Engagement Center
- Includes Service Centers in each hall or community where you pick up packages and mail, check out items, replace keys, etc.



Engagement Centers

These are unique spaces in each neighborhood that serve as the main access points to important resources.

- Academic advisers
- Tutors and support for math, writing and science
- Health and wellness support
- College career consultants
- IT support, computers and printing
- Social and cultural activities
- Academic success workshops
- Study space
- Group meeting space

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

Your Safety Is Our Top Priority

MSU is concerned with the physical and mental health, safety and well-being of our students. Residential and Hospitality Services, in coordination with MSU Police and Public Safety, work to provide a safe and secure living environment for all residents.

Personal Safety

- Residence hall living wings are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- A valid MSU ID card is required for access to living wings and elevators along with building entrances after hours.
- Guests must be escorted by a resident for the duration of their stay.
- Residence hall room doors are equipped with viewers.
- Security cameras are strategically placed to enhance the overall safety and security of campus. Attention is paid to entries/exits, common areas and areas where cash/credit card transactions occur.
- Students are encouraged to keep their room door locked whenever closed.

Emergency Notification System

- MSU's emergency notification system sends emergency text messaging to MSU community members.
- Visit alert.msu.edu for more information and to enroll.

SafeMSU App

- Virtual friend walk feature
- One-touch emergency calls
- Access to Safe Ride from the Associated Students of Michigan State University
- Link to Night Owl from the Capital Area Transportation Authority
- Form to send tips to the police
- Enable notifications to receive important community messages
- Available from the App Store and Google Play

Fire Safety

- Residence halls are equipped with fire alarm systems and fire-rated doors.
- An East Lansing Fire Department station on campus allows for quick responses.

Green Emergency Phones

- These are installed on every residence hall floor and connect directly to 911 with the push of a single button.

Mental Health

- MSU's Counseling & Psychiatric Services offers confidential, same-day help and digital resources to students regarding a broad range of mental health concerns.
- 24/7 virtual crisis counseling is available. Students can call CAPS at 517-355-8270 and press "1" at the prompt to speak with a crisis counselor anytime.
- The Care and Intervention Team consists of university personnel with expertise in student affairs, mental and physical health, student conduct, human resources, and law enforcement/campus safety.
- Visit caps.msu.edu and ossa.msu.edu for more information.

Recreational Sports and Fitness Services

All students have a rec sports fee on their tuition bill, which helps fund enhancements to Rec Sports Facilities. Students need to activate their rec sports membership in the membership self-serve system. Learn more at recsports.msu.edu.

Membership includes:

- Spartan Greens turf complex for intramural sports
- Three indoor fitness facilities across campus
- Access to intramural and club sports, including lacrosse, soccer, flag football, ultimate frisbee and more
- Neighborhood fitness centers
- Outdoor activity spaces, including volleyball, basketball and tennis courts

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities

If you are a student with a disability that substantially limits a major life activity, you can register with the RCPD and you may be eligible to receive accommodations. Learn more at rcpd.msu.edu.



EAT AT STATE

MSU Culinary Services offers award-winning dining facilities and cuisine to all students, seven days a week! Residential dining halls are in every neighborhood on campus, and each one features four-to-10 unique dining venues.

Student dining plans are designed to allow you to dine on campus or on the go. With so many locations and options available throughout the day, you'll never go hungry!

DineOn Silver, Gold and Platinum dining plans offer:

- Unlimited access to all-you-care-to-eat locations
- 12 Combo-X-Change meals per week
- Chef-crafted daily menus, including vegetarian, vegan and allergy-friendly offerings
- Grab & Go
- Mobile ordering

Platinum and Gold plans include Spartan Cash, which is automatically loaded onto your MSU ID.

What's Spartan Cash?

- You, friends or family can deposit funds to your ID (like a debit card!)
- Can be used at retail locations around town and to mobile order on-campus meals
- 15% discount when used at Culinary Services locations

What's A Combo?

Combo-X-Change (CX) allows you to use a meal from your dining plan for specific items at participating locations. It's commonly referred to as a combo or CX.

Where Can I Use a Combo?

- Starbucks at 1855 Place and Main Library
- Sparty's mini-markets
- Sparty's Market at 1855 Place, Holden and Holmes halls
- The International Center Food Court
- The Workshop at STEM (open to all students)
- Panera Bread at Minskoff Pavilion
- Strange Matter Coffee at the MSU Union
- The Sandbox at Holden
- Grubhub mobile ordering

Dietary Info

Our nationally recognized food allergy program creates a personalized experience for diners, and nutrition and allergen information is always available at eatatstate.com. If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please reach out to our registered dietitian at dietitians@rhs.msu.edu.

Additionally, we offer religious and dietary options, including halal, kosher, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and nut-conscious, as well as Thrive, an allergen-free dining hall in Owen.

We look forward to serving you!

MSU Culinary Services is the largest university dining program in the nation. We take pride in offering Spartans menu selections that are diverse, nutritious and delicious. We look forward to providing you with an outstanding dining experience!

WHAT'S IN A RESIDENT ROOM

- Two beds
- Two desks
- Two chairs
- One dresser
- Twin XL Mattress
- Window coverings
- Wastebasket
- Shower curtain (in suite-style rooms)

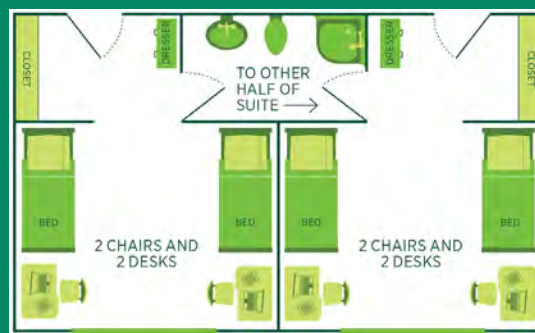
Services Included:

- Laundry machines
- Trash and recycling
- Vacuum and broom checkout
- Linen packs
- Wi-Fi

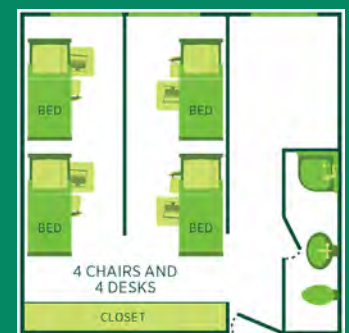
Community Room Example



Standard Suite Example



Quad Suite Example (Akers Hall)



Diagrams are not to scale and are similar to rooms in Brody and East Neighborhoods.

SUSTAINABILITY AT MSU

Sustainable Move-In

- Before you purchase new items for your room, consider thrifting or stop by the MSU Surplus Store for:
 - Futons, tables, chairs, couches, lamps, rugs
 - Refrigerators, fans, microwaves, power strips
 - Computers, TVs, speakers
 - Office supplies, books and much more!
- Talk to your roommate about any items, big or small, that you may be able to share to save space.
- Visit sustainability.msu.edu for more tips on sustainable campus living.

What to Bring

As you prepare for move in, bring fewer items to start — you may not need as much as you think!

You can find a basic checklist at liveon.msu.edu/whattobring. This list is a summary of items that may be useful in your room. Check back throughout the summer as we update this list, and be sure to check your mailbox in August for the Move-In Guide.





RESIDENCE HALL STAFF

Numerous team members support students in the residence halls. Here are the ones you will interact with most often.

Community Directors

CDs are full-time, live-in team members responsible for a residence hall community. They plan hall events and activities and meet with students about policy violations.

Residence Directors

RDs develop events and initiatives to assist first-year students. They're also a source of support for students experiencing issues related to physical and mental health, roommate conflicts and more.

Assistant Community Directors

ACDs are part-time, graduate students who work with CDs to ensure a safe environment for all residents and create an environment that fosters personal growth and academic excellence.

Neighborhood Administrative Coordinator

NACs work within the residence hall(s) to manage the Service Centers and the logistical operations of the building. They oversee keys, mail, card-swipe access and other assorted operational tasks.

Resident Assistants

RAs are live-in, student staff members and are responsible for a designated wing or floor. They provide leadership and support to residents. As a peer, an RA is knowledgeable about the Spartan experience and can offer a lot of advice in adjusting to campus life.

Intercultural Aides

ICAs live in select residence halls to engage students from all backgrounds in learning opportunities (dialogue, service, socials) that focus on crossing difference and building community.

Community Support Staff

CSS manages administrative tasks in the residence halls. CSS also helps residents and guests find answers to questions.

Facilities Team

Facilities team members maintain public common areas, public restrooms and community-style bathrooms. The facilities team is responsible for making repairs in residence halls.



HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS OFFICE

The Housing Assignments Office (HAO) handles housing applications for students living on campus and coordinates residents' contract renewal process, room and hall changes, billing, and communications with students who have questions or concerns regarding on-campus housing. Contact HAO at liveon@msu.edu or 517-884-5483.

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

MSU has many places to find community within the residence halls and across campus. You'll be able to check out many of these groups during Fall Welcome!

In-Hall Involvement Opportunities

- Residence Halls Association (RHA)
- Hall government
- Weekly Multi-Racial Unity Living Experience and Intercultural Aide Program (MRULE/ICA) roundtable discussions

Black Caucuses

Residential caucus groups primarily focus on providing a safe space for personal and social support and furthering education of their communities.

- East: East Black Caucus
- Brody: United Brody Black Caucus
- River Trail: Red Cedar Black Caucus
- South: South Black Caucus
- North: West Circle RACE

LGBTQIA+ Caucuses

Residential caucus groups primarily focus on providing a safe space for personal and social support and furthering education of their communities.

- Brody: LIGHT
- East: Spectrum
- North: PRIDE
- River Trail: RING
- South: PRISM
- TransAction
- Transcend (serving all residents living on campus)

The Council of Racial and Ethnic Students (CORES) is comprised of four cultural communities and student organizations:

- Asian Pacific American Student Organization (APASO)
- Black Student Alliance (BSA)
- Culturas de las Razas Unidas (CRU)
- North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO)

The Council of Advocacy and Marginalized Students (CAMS) is represented by nine student organizations:

- Arab Cultural Society (ACS)
- Campus Interfaith Council (CIC)
- Council of Students with Disabilities (CSD)
- International Students Association (ISA)
- Jewish Student Union (JSU)
- Muslim Students' Association (MSA)
- Student Veterans of America
- The Alliance of Queer and Ally Students
- Women's Council

Campus Resources

We're here to help. Take advantage of these on-campus resources:

- Office for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion (IDI)
- Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance (OCR)
- Prevention, Outreach & Education (POE)
- Gender and Sexuality Campus Center (GSCC)
- Office of Multicultural Education and Advancement (OMEA)
- Center for Veterans and Military-Affiliated Students (CVMAS)
- Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)
- Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS)
- American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program
- Asian Pacific American Studies Program
- Department of African American and African Studies
- University Activities Board (UAB)
- Chicano/Latino Studies Program

INVOLVE@STATE

MSU has more than 1,000 registered student organizations (RSOs) covering a wide range of topics and interest areas. Learn more and view a complete list of RSOs by visiting involve.msu.edu.

All programs and activities are open to all without restriction or preference based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin or other protected personal identities.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ROOMMATE

As you prepare to move to MSU, it is important to keep in contact with your new roommate. For the next academic year, this person will be someone you spend much of your time with. After you know who your roommate(s) will be, reach out to introduce yourself. Begin talking about expectations you have for living together, such as cleaning, bedtime habits, study habits and guests. And don't forget to discuss room decorations, essentials and when you expect to arrive on move-in day!

Once you move in, you will create a roommate agreement. In it, you will outline room and common area expectations and allow each person to voice their opinions. Don't be afraid to express your feelings openly and create lines of communication from the start. You will need to find agreements and compromises throughout your year together, so start thinking about some of those expectations that you want to find agreement on right away. You can always discuss items as they come up throughout the year too. Remember, your Resident Assistant (RA) can help! They can be a great resource to you as a sounding board, to mediate a conflict, or help you and your roommate develop the agreement.



SPARTAN COMPASS FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Spartan Compass is tailored to first-year students and encourages inclusive community building and student success. The emphasis on connectivity and support during the first year helps students adapt to life at MSU. Visit liveon.msu.edu/spartan-compass for more info about the program.

On-Campus Housing Handbook

The On-Campus Housing Handbook contains important information, rules, and terms and conditions related to campus living at MSU. Review this document at liveon.msu.edu/documents.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

We are committed to fostering an equitable, inclusive and safe environment for all Spartans living in our on-campus residential community. We work through the values of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging to build communities that encourage personal growth, relationship building and academic success. Learn more about this work and campus resources at liveon.msu.edu/REHS-DEI.



GETTING YOUR SPARTAN CARD

Your Spartan Card is used for door access, dining halls, recreational facilities and much more. As an incoming student, you are required to upload a photo for your Spartan Card no later than Aug. 8. Submitting an approved photo allows you to pick up your ID early or during move-in and helps you avoid long lines! Learn more at idoffice.msu.edu.



SPARTANS RECYCLE

MSU has its own recycling plant and public drop-off center that offers an extensive recycling program throughout campus. There are recycling stations in each residence hall for all paper, plastic and glass. MSU's recycling program helps divert over 5.5 million pounds of material from landfills each year. Students take trash to landfill disposal areas outside of their residence halls. Learn more at msurecycling.com.

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

MSU is a beautiful, pedestrian-, bike- and moped-friendly campus. When you live on campus, classes will often be right in your neighborhood. For those times you need to travel a little farther, you have several helpful options.

Bikes, Mopeds and Scooters: Students are welcome to bike, moped or scooter to and around campus. All bikes, mopeds and scooters must be registered with MSU Parking, and mopeds and scooters are not permitted inside any campus building. During the warmer months, electric scooters can be rented on campus. Learn more at parking.msu.edu.

Bike rental is also available. Visit bikes.msu.edu for more information.

CATA Bus System: The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) bus system can take you to a wide variety of locations throughout the Greater Lansing area. CATA offers FREE on-campus bus service. Bus passes for off-campus service can be purchased at the MSU ID Office in the International Center or online. The Transit app allows you to see where buses are in real time. Visit at cata.org/fares for details.

Zipcars: Zipcar offers a self-service, on-demand, car-sharing program at MSU. To learn more or reserve a car, visit zipcar.com/msu.

MSU App: The MSU app has campus maps for walking, along with other helpful resources and features for students.



WORK ON CAMPUS

Now is a great time to start looking for on-campus employment. Starting a job early in the semester can help you acclimate to campus while meeting new people, building relationships and establishing a schedule.

- Working on campus, especially your first year, can help make our incredibly large campus feel like a small community.
- From your residence hall to your local hangout spot, we've got positions all over campus — it's like we're bringing the job right to your front doorstep!
- We're all about flexibility, making sure your work slots in perfectly around your classes.
- All student jobs in RHS are work-study eligible, meaning you can earn while you learn.

Whether you are interested in making connections, growing your career, chasing your passion or just picking up a few skills along the way, we want to help you get a real start.

Apply today at jobs.rhs.msu.edu.



COMING UP

Mid-July

Neighborhood, Room and Roommate Assignments

- An email will arrive with instructions on how to view your campus neighborhood and room assignment.
- Didn't select a roommate during housing preferences? Check your My Housing account to connect with your assigned roommate(s).
- ✓ Discuss room decorations, essentials and when you expect to arrive on move-in day.
- ✓ Talk about expectations for living arrangements: visitors, cleaning, bedtimes, noise and more.

August

Move-In Day

Fall 2025 move-in is Aug. 19-20. You'll be prompted to pick your specific move-in time in mid- to late-July. In August, you will receive a move-in guide, which will share detailed information on what to expect on move-in day, including parking, dining and more.

New Student Orientation

The in-person NSO experience will take place Aug. 20-22, starting with the evening Kick-Off and Convocation event. All incoming students attend NSO programming.



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FALL WELCOME 2025,

your comprehensive introduction to MSU! Details about Fall Welcome events, programs, services, initiatives and more will be shared later this summer. Continue to check your MSU email throughout the summer.



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