Dear International Student,

Congratulations on your admission to Michigan State University!

As you prepare to arrive, we would like to remind you about some of the important things that you must take care of before traveling.

**Pre-Arrival Check List**

* So that the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) and Campus Living Services may better prepare for your arrival, please be sure to complete our online flight information survey by July 30, 2010 at: [http://www.oiss.msu.edu/flight.php](http://www.oiss.msu.edu/flight.php)

* Make sure you have taken steps to apply for your student visa. Information about the visa application process was in the brochure that was sent with your Notice of Admission and I-20 or DS-2019. It is best to check the website of the U.S. consulate nearest you to verify what is required for a visa stamp: [www.usembassy.state.gov](http://www.usembassy.state.gov)

* When you travel, make sure that you are carrying your passport, including your U.S. visa stamp and MSU I-20 or DS-2019 with you. The immigration officers at the port of entry will ask you for these documents in order to grant you entry into the United States. Please do not lose any of your immigration documents.

* Please make your travel plans and flight arrangements according to the start date listed on your forms. As an international student, you can enter the U.S. only 30 days prior to the program start date printed on your I-20 or DS-2019.

* Before arriving on campus, we strongly recommend that you set up your MSU email account. As a new student, you should have received your personal identification number (PID) and personal access number (PAN). For instructions, visit the website: [www.help.msu.edu/newstudent](http://www.help.msu.edu/newstudent). If you have problems setting up your account, send an email to: help@msu.edu. It is important to set up your e-mail account and note your username and password. Both will be used in the check-in process when you arrive on campus.

* Housing information can be found at [http://liveon.msu.edu](http://liveon.msu.edu). Before traveling, please make sure that you have paid your Advanced Enrollment Deposit (AED) and made housing arrangements. Students who have not made campus housing reservations should contact the Housing Assignments Office at 517-884-5483 or 877-954-8366 or liveon@msu.edu. For questions about apartment assignments, contact University Apartments at (517) 355-9550 or email UAinfo@mail.hfs.msu.edu.
*You cannot move into your residence hall before August 19, 2010. For details concerning new international student move-in dates, please visit:
http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students_orientation_earlyarrival.php

For more detailed pre-arrival information please visit the following link:


**Arrival Information**

* All new international students should plan to attend the International Student Orientation (ISO) program. ISO will begin on Monday, August 23rd, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. All students should register at the Wharton Center. Further orientation information is available at: http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students_orientation_isoschedule.php

*Airport Transportation*

It is best to arrange your final destination to be the Lansing Capital Region International Airport (LAN). OISS will arrange for buses to transport students from the Lansing Airport to residence halls and university apartments. Details will be emailed in the near future. If the shuttle is not available when you arrive, it is only a 15 minute taxi ride to campus from the Lansing airport. You can also contact your nationality club to see if they are offering rides to campus: http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students_clubs.php

If you fly to Detroit (DTW), please know that it is 85 miles to Lansing, and MSU cannot provide connecting transportation. The Michigan Flyer is a bus service that provides transportation between East Lansing and Detroit airport for only $25 each way. Buses run 8 times a day and it takes about two hours from the Detroit Airport to downtown East Lansing. You will need to take a short taxi ride to campus. You can get more information at their web site: www.michiganflyer.com

**LOST LUGGAGE**

Please be sure to have your U.S. address on all pieces of your luggage and with you in case your luggage does not arrive immediately at your final destination. You may have to complete a “lost luggage” form at the airport. You will also need to tell the taxi or bus driver your address. Please keep valuables and any items you must have with you in your first few days in your carry-on luggage in the event that your checked luggage is lost or delayed.

**PROVISIONAL STUDENTS**

Provisionally admitted students must take the MSU English Language Test (MSUELT) before International Student Orientation. Testing will be administered August 20-22. Sign up online as soon as possible in order to secure a test date at http://testing.elc.msu.edu/msuelt
Best wishes for a safe journey to Michigan. We look forward to seeing you on campus.

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