MSU New Student and Family Orientation

NSSC: Student Success at MSU

The Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative (NSSC) is an innovative and collaborative organization of experts driving Michigan State University to continually improve the services, practices, and activities for holistic student success. As trailblazers in student success, we know the importance of adaptability and being proactive. We excel because we value our differences as strengths. Our diversity, experience and transparency allow us to be a reliable source of knowledge for students and campus partners.

The NSSC exists to support undergraduate students in their pursuit of knowledge and the ongoing development of their social, cultural, and intellectual abilities. We provide support for students in their ability to navigate institution policy, procedure, and practices; and work collaboratively with partners across campus to identify barriers to student success. We strive to close opportunity gaps for underserved (first-generation, low-income, Black, Latinx, and Indigenous students), by increasing persistence and retention, and developing access and support networks for various identified populations for increased graduation rates."



Academic Proficiency

- Enhanced academic performance and skills
- An understanding of learning styles and strategies
- Early knowledge and use of academic resources

Institutional Navigation

- An understanding of policies related to academic standing and time to degree
- Knowledge of institutional processes and procedures

Socio-Emotional Engagement

- Balanced involvement
- Sense of belonging
- Reflection and self-assessment
- Sense of purpose
- Intercultural awareness and Engagement

NSSC Goals:

- Increase Graduation Rates (Particularly for first-gen, lower-income and students of color)
- Decrease Time to Degree
- Decrease the number of first time, first year students on academic probation after the first semester



 Close the opportunity gaps that exist between students of color and white students at MSU; first-generation and continuing generations; Pell and non-Pell eligible

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Ten Tips for Student Success

(from video)

- Tip #1: Get to Know Your Professors, TAs, and Instructors
- Tip #2: Get to Know Your Academic Advisor (student.msu.edu)
- Tip #3: Use Your Campus Resources (and use them early & often!)
- Tip #4: Get to Know People Who Are Different than Yourself
- Tip #5: Develop and Maintain a Healthy Lifestyle
- Tip #6: Find a Mentor and Develop a Support System
- Tip #7: Read your MSU Emails daily
 - (spartanmail365.msu.edu)
- Tip #8: Manage Your Time Effectively
- Tip #9: Seek Support from Faculty and Staff
- Tip #10: Get Involved in Activities and Learning Outside the Classroom