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for new Spartans,  
their family &  
supporters

A Guide to Campus  
Resources and Services

2025-26



# ACADEMIC SUCCESS

## MATH LEARNING CENTER (MLC)

The MLC provides free, friendly, high-quality assistance to students enrolled in 100- and 200-level math courses. Starting the fall of 2022, the Math Learning Center will be located in D100 Wells Hall. In addition, there will be an MLC located in four Neighborhoods in the residence halls around campus as well as online tutoring through Zoom. You can find more information at the **MLC website**.

## RESOURCE CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RCPD)

RCPD leads MSU in maximizing ability and opportunity. Students experiencing a disability, medical condition or mental health condition needing accommodations should register in advance of anticipated needs.

- Self-identify using a **RCPD Profile**. You'll then receive an autoreply message from your assigned specialist via your MSU email with documentation guidelines.
- Provide documentation. Upon receipt, your specialist will invite you to schedule a needs assessment meeting.
- Meet with your specialist to discuss accommodations. Learn more at the **RCPD website**.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER (ELC)

ELC provides English language support through classes and a writing lab for non-native speakers of English who have been admitted to MSU, are applying for admission or come only for English language improvement. Learn more at the **ELC website**.

## CHEMISTRY HELP ROOM

Students enrolled in CEM 141, 142, 161 and 162 should check D2L for their course Help Room schedule. The Help Room is a FREE resource for students enrolled in these courses.

## PHYSICS HELP ROOM

Provides walk-in tutoring for students enrolled in selected 100- and 200-level physics courses. The department also keeps a list of for-hire tutors. Learn more at the **Physics Help Room website**.

## BIOLOGY HELP ROOM

Biology offers free tutoring assistance for students enrolled in BS 161, 162 and 171. Learn more on the **Biology Help Room document**.

## ECONOMICS HELP ROOM

Offers tutoring for students who are enrolled in Economics 201, 202, 301, and 302. Learn more at the **Economics Help Room website**.



## STATISTICS HELP ROOM

Provides drop-in assistance for students in a wide variety of Stats courses. Learn more about these services at the **Statistics Help Room website**.

## WRITING CENTER

At the Writing Center, trained writing consultants collaborate with writers across disciplines and levels at any stage of the composing process in either one-to-one or group settings. Visit one of our various locations across campus or online. Make appointments and/or chat with us on the **Writing Center website**.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE PAL PROGRAM

Offers study sessions that focus on select social science courses to help you succeed. Learn more at the **Social Science Pal Program website**.

## MSU LIBRARIES

MSU Libraries offers a wealth of collections, services, expertise, and spaces to help you be a successful student. The Main Library and Gast Business Library hold a diverse collection of print and electronic materials. Reference and subject area librarians can advise you in your research. Check out the newest spaces in the library, such as our Digital Scholarship Lab – including a 360-degree immersive visualization space and virtual reality labs – and our makerspace. Learn more at the **MSU Libraries website**.

## SPANISH WRITING CENTER

The Spanish Writing Center supports students enrolled in SPN 320 and students who are recommended to attend the center by their SPN professors. We work together with students and discuss and review work and give feedback based on organization, content, and structure. We also help students develop skills to identify grammar and punctuation mistakes and improve overall writing skills. Learn more at the **Spanish Writing Center website**.

# ACADEMIC ADVISING & SUPPORT

## GENERAL CATALOG AND ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The General Catalog offers comprehensive information related to academic programs, including academic policies and procedures. Explore degree programs, academic progress policies, courses for credit and the academic calendar. You can view the 2024-25 calendar at the **Registrar's Office website**.

## COURSE ENROLLMENT & ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

At New Student Orientation, every incoming student will meet with an academic adviser and enroll in classes for the upcoming academic year. Academic advisers ensure personalized care and attention to the success of students. Learn more at the **Undergraduate Education website**.

## COLLEGES & ACADEMICS

MSU offers more than 200 programs of undergraduate, graduate and professional study across 17 degree-granting colleges. Explore the various colleges and programs MSU has to offer. Learn more on **MSU's Colleges and Programs website**.

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

The Office of the Registrar has specialized expertise within service areas including enrollment, academic records, degree certification and diplomas, grade collection and recording, transfer credit processing, student-athlete and veteran certification, classroom and event scheduling, curriculum and catalog, and much more. Learn more at the **Registrar's Office website**.

## OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OMBUDSPERSON

The Office of the University Ombudsperson assists students at all levels in understanding their rights and responsibilities under university policy, including options existing to resolve problems and concerns involving faculty, administrators and staff. Operating within their ethical standards of confidentiality, neutrality, independence and informality, the Ombudsperson advises on student rights, as well as possible informal conflict resolution options and the formal grievance process. Learn more at the **University Ombudsperson website**.



## THE SPARTAN CODE OF HONOR & ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Spartan Code of Honor reflects the university's expectation that students submit honest and responsible scholarship. All students are expected to submit original work and give credit to other peoples' ideas. Learn more on the **Ombudsperson website**.

## FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") is a federal law that gives students who enter a post secondary institution the right to have access to their education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from their education records. With limited exceptions, FERPA prohibits the release of personally identifiable information from a student's education record without the student's prior written consent. Learn more about guest access on our **FERPA website**.

## DESIRE TO LEARN (D2L)

D2L is a course management system students can use to access their courses and communicate with their peers and faculty.

## THE TESTING CENTER

The MSU Testing Center is an NCTA-certified test site for many different exams, including:

- College, graduate and professional school entrance exams, such as the GRE, MTTC, LSAT, GMAT and many others
  - Proctored exams for make-ups, online courses and distance education programs
  - Proctored versions of MSU placement exams
- Visit the **Testing Center website** for test registration, preparation information and links to major testing companies.



## TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

The TRIO SSS Program propels students at Michigan State University toward academic success and graduation. The TRIO SSS Program is for first-generation college students and provides a broad set of academic and personal success resources. The program also serves those who meet certain income criteria and students with documented disabilities. Students can join the program by completing an application on the program website. Learn more at the **TRIO SSS website**.

## DOW STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Dow STEM Scholars Program provides academic and social support services to incoming MSU students who want to pursue a STEM major and place into Intermediate College Algebra & Trigonometry-Math 103A on the MSU Math Placement Exam. The Dow STEM Scholars Program focuses on assisting students' transition into college and develop the skills needed to pursue a STEM degree. Learn more at the **DOW STEM website**.

## DETROIT M.A.D.E. SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Detroit M.A.D.E. Scholars Program focuses on college transition, graduation and career development for students who have graduated from Detroit public and charter high schools who also reside in the city of Detroit. Students participate in annual community service projects, are exposed to various internship opportunities, and education abroad experiences all connected to the city of Detroit and underserved populations. The program is funded by the Gilbert Family Foundation. Learn more at the **Detroit M.A.D.E. website**.

## FLI VANDERPLOEG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The First-Gen Leadership and Innovation (FLI) Vanderploeg Scholars Program aims to inspire first-generation college students to persist and graduate by eliminating barriers, providing high-impact learning experiences, and ongoing leadership development. The program provides a support system that consists of peer mentors, faculty and staff. Additionally, eligible students will receive up to \$2,000 in annual scholarships for their first two years at MSU. Learn more at the **Spartan FLI website**.





# HOUSING & DINING

## RESIDENTIAL AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

The Division of Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) supports MSU students and guests through essential campus services that enhance daily life and build a strong foundation for student success. This includes the departments of Culinary Services, Residence Education and Housing Services, and the Auxiliary Sports Group. Together, these units create safe, inclusive environments and deliver high-quality services that support Spartans where they live, eat, and gather.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Division of Student Affairs focuses on student engagement, development, and support across the collegiate journey. This includes the departments of Student Development and Leadership, and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Through these areas, the division fosters a connected, immersive campus where every Spartan thrives.

## SPARTAN CASH

Spartan Cash is the official debit plan of MSU. Pre-deposited funds allow purchases to be made at over 90 locations across campus and in the local area. A 15% discount is provided at all Culinary Services-operated venues. Spartan Cash accounts are available to all students with a valid MSU ID. Visit the **Spartan Cash website** for a complete list of participating vendors.

## LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus at Michigan State University is an integral part of the Spartan experience. No matter where students live on campus, our 27 residence halls and two apartment communities are here to provide an inclusive, supportive community. The MSU Neighborhoods model keeps students close to the academic and personal resources needed to make their time at MSU a success.

MSU has a two-year live-on requirement, housing both first- and second-year students. Research shows living on campus has direct benefits for second-year students especially, with one of those benefits being a positive impact on their likelihood of graduating from MSU.

Residence Education team members provide students with support through resource sharing, mediation and programming. They host the Spartan Compass first-year experience and Spartan Navigator second-year experience programs. Learn more at the **Live On website**.

## LIVING OFF CAMPUS

Off-Campus Housing (OCH) is a free Michigan State University service that helps students with their housing needs. OCH provides tools, resources, information and events designed to make searching for a home an easier experience. Learn more at the **Off-Campus Housing website**.



## DINING OPTIONS FOR NEW SPARTANS

Eat at State provides dining options that support students' active lifestyle. Silver, Gold and Platinum dining plans offer unlimited access to all-you-care-to-eat dining halls, plus 12 Combo-X-Change meals per week. Gold and Platinum also have varying levels of guest passes and Spartan Cash included.

Combo-X-Change (CX) is an additional meal swipe which provides access to various dining and retail locations including Grab & Go and mobile ordering so you can use them for a meal on the go at participating locations. You'll have 12 combos available each week, Sunday through Saturday. There is no daily limit, so they can be used any time during the week.

CX locations include Sparty's mini-markets, Sparty's Markets, The Workshop at STEM, The Sandbox at Holden, Starbucks, Panera Bread at Minskoff Pavilion, Woody's Oasis, Panda Express, Sabor and Subway at the International Center, State Room restaurant in the Kellogg Center for lunch, as well as mobile ordering and Grab & Go locations.

Using the Grubhub mobile ordering app, students with an on-campus dining plan can order a meal in advance for quick and easy pick up. The mobile app allows you to pay with your Silver, Gold or Platinum plan! Pick-up locations will offer a variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner selections.

No matter where you dine on campus, your health and safety are our top priority. Each campus neighborhood has an executive chef overseeing the creation of daily menus, including selections to support ovo-lacto vegetarianism, vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free diets as well as kosher and halal dining options.

If you have a food allergy or intolerance, we encourage you to reach out to our registered dietitian at **dietitians@rhs.msu.edu** prior to coming to campus. She is available to provide expertise and collaborate with the chefs and dining hall managers to identify safe menu options that fit your needs. You'll also want to check out Thrive dining hall at Owen Hall. This unique location is Certified Free From™ the Major 9 allergens (eggs, fish, milk, peanuts, shellfish, soy, tree nuts, sesame and wheat) plus gluten. Our nationally recognized food allergy program creates a personalized experience for diners.

If you have any questions about campus dining as you prepare for your arrival on campus, please contact us at **517-884-0660** or email **info@eatatstate.com**. Additional information can also be found at the **Eat at State website**.



## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Three medical office visits are prepaid for enrolled MSU students each academic year. Primary care services are available at Olin Health Center year-round. Olin also has a laboratory, physical therapy services, gynecology services, immunizations and allergy injections. Telehealth appointments are available for some services. Neighborhood clinics are typically open during the fall and spring semesters. Appointments are required. Visit the website for information about services, billing, medical records, insurance and more. Learn more at the **Olin Health Center website**.

## COUNSELING & PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES (CAPS)

Students can get assistance for a wide range of concerns, including depression, anxiety, homesickness, trouble adjusting, relationships, and other personal and mental health issues through CAPS, located on campus. Services include same-day assessments, short-term individual counseling, group counseling and psychiatric care. CAPS professional staff includes social workers, counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists. After-hours crisis counseling is available 24/7. Learn more at the **CAPS website**.

## STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

The MSU student health insurance plan offers health coverage for students and their eligible dependents through Blue Care Network. Learn more at the **MSU Human Resources website**.

## HEALTH PROMOTION

The Health Promotion department provides a variety of programs, presentations and health information to help students achieve academic success by supporting their well-being. Services include fitness assessments and wellness coaching, nutrition and body image education, alcohol and other drug education, the Collegiate Recovery Community, and more. The department regularly collects, applies and shares data that informs programming and helps to predict well-being trends. More information about Spartan health trends and health related data is available on the **Health Promotion website**.

# STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS



## MSU STUDENT FOOD BANK

The MSU Student Food Bank was the first in the nation to be run by students, for students. The program serves more than 6,000 students who are dealing with food insecurity every year. Beyond food, the MSU Student Food Bank also provides personal care and household items to students in need.

## IMMUNIZATION POLICY

MSU policy requires all incoming freshmen and undergraduate transfer students to complete a web-based immunization form reporting their immunization status and update it as it changes. Learn more at the **University Physician's Campus Health Policies website**.

## MSU'S COVID-19 DIRECTIVES

MSU has discontinued its COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Answers to questions about this change and guidance on what to do if you test positive for COVID-19 can be found on the **Together We Will website**.

## SAFE PLACE

MSU Safe Place provides advocacy, shelter, counseling, support groups, safety planning, information and referrals to survivors of violence and their minor children. All support services are free and confidential. Safe Place also works to increase awareness about relationship violence and stalking through community education and outreach efforts. Learn more at the **MSU Safe Place website**.

## CENTER FOR SURVIVORS

The Center for Survivors works with sexual assault survivors and those impacted by sexual violence. Services include free and confidential individual counseling, advocacy, and support groups for MSU students and community, as well as the MSU Sexual Assault Healthcare Program, staffed 24/7 by specialized forensic nurses. Visit the **Center for Survivors website** to learn more about available support.





# CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY

## MSU POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The mission of the Michigan State University Department of Police and Public Safety is to enforce laws and provide public safety services in an inclusive and accessible manner through outreach, engagement and care to support the Spartan community. Learn more at the **MSU Police and Public Safety website**.

## SAFEMSU APP

The SafeMSU App provides access to valuable safety resources direct to Spartan's hands. You can download the app or visit the **SAFEMSU website** to learn more.

## PARKING SERVICES

Whether you are a student, employee or visitor, MSU parking services are available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., except university holidays or if otherwise posted. Learn more at the **Parking Services website**.

## TOBACCO & SMOKE-FREE MSU

MSU is a tobacco and smoke-free campus. To learn more, visit the **MSU Tobacco Free website**.

## THE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS & TITLE IX (OCR)

Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) reviews concerns related to discrimination and harassment based on age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and weight under the university's Anti-Discrimination Policy (ADP) and Policy on Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM). Learn more at **MSU's Civil Rights website**.

## PREVENTION, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (POE)

POE promotes safety and improves quality of life by educating campus on sexual assault and relationship violence, empowering staff, faculty and students to become advocates for a nonviolent community and positively affect social change. Visit the **POE website** to learn more about the department's services.





# PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

## CATA BUS SYSTEM

CATA is the public transportation provider for MSU and the Greater Lansing area. Campus service operates 24/7 during fall and spring semesters. All campus-only fixed routes are fare-free and operate from 7 a.m. to as late as 2:30 a.m. (depending on the route) Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. on weekends. A fare\* is required when riding off-campus routes or a campus demand-response service (Lot Link, Night Owl and Spec-Tran).

**TRANSIT** is CATA's preferred mobile app for real-time data and bus tracking. Visit the website or contact a customer experience representative for details on routes, services and fares. **cata.org; 517-394-1000; info@cata.org**

Lot Link and Night Owl are campus curb-to-curb services providing late night and early morning service when other CATA bus services are not operating. To request a ride, call **517-432-8888** (*advanced reservations are not accepted*).

- Lot Link provides evening and weekend service between Lots 80, 83, 89 or 91 and another MSU campus location. Service is available Monday through Friday 7 p.m.-2 a.m. and on weekends from 9 a.m.-2 a.m.
- Night Owl provides late night and early morning campus service between any two locations on MSU campus. Rides are restricted to campus only. Service is available Monday through Friday 2 a.m.-7 a.m. and on weekends from 2 a.m.-9 a.m.

## ASMSU SAFE RIDE

Safe Ride is a late-night transportation service provided to members of the Michigan State University community as a safe and free alternative to walking home alone after dark. Visit the **Safe Ride website** for hours of operation and service guidelines.

## BICYCLES

Registering your bike with MSU (or City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Lansing Twp, Meridian Twp.) is not only required for operation and parking on campus; it's free and very helpful for several reasons. If your bike gets stolen, it is easier to recover a registered bike. If you lose your lock key, the MSU Parking staff will cut it off for you. Visit the **MSU Bike Index** to learn more about riding a bike on campus and how to prevent theft.

## FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Financial Aid (OFA) provides financial aid based on demonstrated need to students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and show eligibility. Awards may include grants, workstudy and/or loans and take into account any scholarships and private loans the student has as well. Visit the **OFA website** for a description of the process, contact information, and more. You can also visit the **Student Information System** for a detailed view of your financial aid.

## SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

Information on scholarship searches and resources can be found on the **Scholarships & Grants website**. The **MSU Scholarship Database** also provides a comprehensive listing of scholarships and fellowship opportunities offered by MSU.

## STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts Office bills and collects for tuition, fees, housing, meal plans and other charges. Billing statements are available online at the **Student Information System**.

Enrolled students will receive one registration bill per semester and monthly bills during the semester. Billing for fall semester generally takes place in late July with payments due in early August. Spring semester bills are produced in early November and due in early December. Email notifications are sent to the student's MSU email address and any authorized guests. Account details can only be discussed with the student and authorized guests. Students may authorize up to four guests in StuInfo to view and pay their bills. Payment plans are available (a payment plan fee and interest will apply). Sign up for direct deposit in **StuInfo** to receive any refunds.

# FINANCIAL SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES





## ON-CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

MSU averages more than 17,000 students on its payroll each school year. First-year students typically work 10-15 hours a week, while earning a paycheck and developing transferable skills valued by employers. Some departments hire lots of students and offer online information at [careernetwork.msu.edu/resources/msu-departments-jobs](https://careernetwork.msu.edu/resources/msu-departments-jobs).

Students can also search for MSU part-time jobs in their Handshake account at [careernetwork.msu.edu/resources/handshake](https://careernetwork.msu.edu/resources/handshake). Handshake is MSU's career management platform for on-campus jobs and internship postings, career fairs, career workshops, and much more.

MSU Career Services: **517-355-9510**

## RESIDENTIAL AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES EMPLOYMENT

Working on campus is a great way to build relationships with your fellow Spartans — especially during your first-year — making our large campus feel like a small community. Student Life & Engagement employs thousands of student team members (employees) in residence halls, dining services, IM facilities, the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, the Breslin Student Events Center, and various administrative offices. All positions are work-study eligible. Apply today at the **MSU Jobs website**.

## MSU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

As a partner of the MSU community since 1937, you can count on MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU) to be there for you. MSUFCU is a full-service financial institution with the only ATMs and branches on MSU's campus. MSUFCU offers 24/7 account access, superior member service, and a wide variety of products designed to fit your needs throughout any stage of life. From cash back Visa credit cards, a free Totally Green checking account, to low-rate auto loans, MSUFCU has the financial resources you need to make your goals a reality. Open your account today at the **MSUFCU website**.

## FINANCIAL 4.0

MSU Federal Credit Union's Financial 4.0 program offers free financial education sessions virtually and in-person in all five campus neighborhoods. Financial 4.0 also has a website and mobile app with financial literacy content created for MSU students by their Financial Education department and student interns. Content includes financial articles, information about upcoming events, quizzes to test your skills, financial calculators, and more! Visit the **Financial 4.0 website** or download the mobile app available on iOS or Android devices. If you're interested in scheduling a free presentation, please email [financialeducation@msufcu.org](mailto:financialeducation@msufcu.org).





# CAMPUS RESOURCES

## UNIVERSITY STORES

University Stores is a warehouse facility where commonly used, high-volume items are stocked and distributed. The University Stores catalog is located within Spartan Marketplace and in-person shopping is available to the campus community. Visit the **University Stores website** to learn more about our services.

## SURPLUS STORE & RECYCLING

The MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center rethinks the way the MSU Community disposes of its used materials. They collect materials from the MSU community and look for value in them. Reusable items are made available back to MSU (in lieu of purchasing new items) or displayed for sale through our Surplus Store. Learn more at the **Surplus Store site**.

## SPARTAN SPIRIT SHOPS

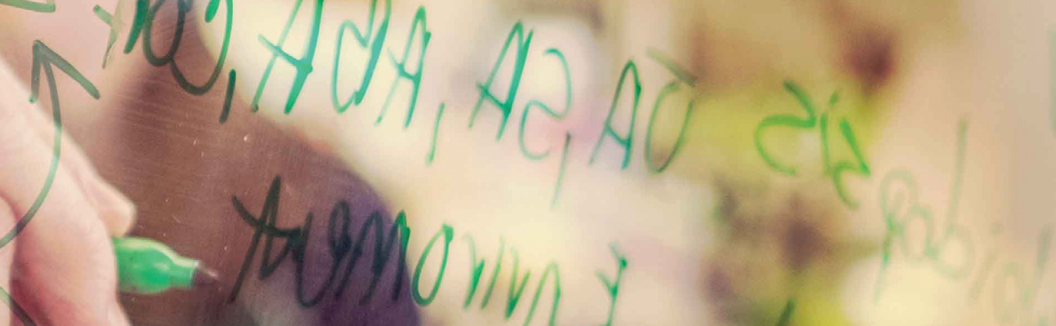
MSU's Spartan Spirit Shop (SSS) is your official vendor of Spartan apparel and gifts. SSS carries unique items you won't find anywhere else! And when it comes time, SSS is also your trusted MSU connection for all graduation-related needs. Locations at Forest Akers East and West Courses, MSU Tennis Center, MSU Union, and 1855 Place. Visit the **Spartan Spirit Shop website** for more information.

## MSU BAKERS

The MSU Bakers formed in 1971 when bakers from all Michigan State University residence halls were consolidated into a single group. For more than three decades, the bakery operated out of a converted dining room before moving into a new facility in 2007. Our staff consists of skilled bakers with over 150 years of combined experience and MSU students. We proudly produce hand-decorated products, made-from-scratch breads, bagels, cakes, and cookies, which are served in campus dining halls and are also available to the MSU community. The bakery's Spartan line is especially popular for game days and graduations. With the convenience of online ordering, parents can also treat their Spartans with MSU Bakers products, delivering a sweet taste of home. Learn more at the **MSU Bakers website**.

## MSU DAIRY STORE

The Dairy Store makes ice cream and cheese for Spartans, their families and friends, and visitors to campus in our state-of-the-art facilities. Funds from MSU Dairy Store sales support the teaching, research, and outreach mission of the Dairy Foods Complex. The Dairy Store is located in **Anthony Hall, 474 South Shaw Lane**. To view our list of available flavors, please visit the **MSU Dairy Store website**.



## MSU UNION

The MSU Union is home to many great student resources including the University Activities Board, Mosaic: The Multicultural Unity Center, the North Neighborhood Engagement Center, the Council of Progressive Students and a variety of studying and meeting spaces. It also has the Spartan Spirit Shop, Union Food Court, a Sparty's Express, MSUFCU branch office, and the MSU Union Art Gallery. The MSU Union is also home to the Bronze Sparty bench. Stop by or check out the **MSU Union website** for more information.

## SPARTAN CARD

Your ID Card (Spartan Card) is the key to accessing essential campus services from building access to campus dining. Spartan Cards are issued by the MSU ID Office, which is conveniently located in the International Center. The ID Office also troubleshoots problems with Spartan Cards and MSU NetIDs and sells student bus passes, Spartan Cash and dining plans. Learn more at the **ID Office website**.

## COMPUTER STORE

New and current MSU students can purchase computers, chargers, cables and other technology products from the MSU Tech Store. Software licensing is also available. Check out the latest deals on tech in-person or on the **MSU Tech Store website**.

## TECHNOLOGY AT MSU

Michigan State University Information Technology offers a wide range of technology services, assistance and support for students. Many services are offered to MSU students free of charge, including Wi-Fi, Spartan Mail, file storage and access to Microsoft Office products through Spartan 365. Learn more about available services at the **Technology at MSU website**.

## BOOKSTORES

Students can choose from two different bookstores to purchase textbooks. Both bookstores accept Spartan Cash in addition to cash, checks and credit cards. The Student Book Store is located on Grand River Avenue. The Spartan Bookstore is located in the International Center on campus. Visit the **Spartan Bookstore website** to learn more.

## MSU BIKE SERVICE CENTER

This is a full-service bike shop in the center of and owned by MSU, open to the campus community and visitors. It's dedicated to promoting bicycling as a healthy, affordable and environmentally sustainable transportation option for the community. New and ready-to-ride used bikes are available for sale as well as rental bikes for long- or short-term use. Their repair services are also affordable and fast. Visit the **MSU Bikes website** for a full list of products.

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING

## OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) provides support to Michigan State University's international students, scholars and families. Our student support services include:

- Advising on and facilitating compliance with U.S. immigration regulations.
- Conducting orientations and other special programming that help international students and scholars integrate into and adjust to the academic, cultural and social life of MSU.
- Serving as a liaison with U.S. government agencies, foreign embassies, sponsors and educational foundations that support international students and scholars.

Contributing to the internationalization of MSU by providing opportunities for growth through cross-cultural interactions.

Visit the **OISS website** to learn more.

## STUDENT PARENT AND CAREGIVERS RESOURCE CENTER

The Student Parent and Caregivers Resource Center (SPCRC) serves all MSU students with children, both on and off campus. The center provides support and resources for student parents' academic and other needs, as well as connections for community resources for a variety of services. Learn more at the **SPCRC website**.

## WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

Women and Gender Equity (WAGE) advocates for intersectional gender equity through the engagement, empowerment and leadership of all students. All are welcome! Visit the **WAGE website** to learn more.

## MOSAIC CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Located on the second floor of the MSU Union, Mosaic offers space for student meetings and events, individual and group study, and a hub for learning about intercultural engagement opportunities on campus. Students can also visit MOSAIC to learn more about the MRULE-Intercultural Aide program or visit the **MOSAIC website**.

## CENTER FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

Military-connected students and their families can access resources through the Center for Veterans and Military-Affiliated Students (CVMAS), including VA and tuition assistance program. The SVRC promotes the educational, career and personal advancement of military-connected students by connecting them to on- and off-campus resources. Visit the **SVMAS website** to learn more.



## GENDER & SEXUALITY CAMPUS CENTER

This student-centered campus center works to celebrate, affirm and empower LGBTQIA2S+ members of the Michigan State University community. Through education, engagement, advocacy and student support, we work to create an inclusive campus culture for people of all genders and sexual identities. We provide intersectional educational and social programming and collaborate with student leaders and campus partners to build community and increase a sense of belonging. Visit the **GSCC website** to learn more.

## OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND ADVOCACY (OMEA)

OMEA supports students in their transition from high school to college, providing them with opportunities for exploration and development of cultural identity and student leadership. OMEA also strives to bring together individuals as well as groups of students from diverse racial, ethnic, international and domestic backgrounds for meaningful interactions. Learn more about services and events at the **OMEA website**.

## CORES & CAMS

The Council of Racial and Ethnic Students (CORES) is comprised of four student cultural communities at Michigan State University.

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

The Council of Advocacy and Marginalized Students (CAMS) consists of:

- Alliance for Queer and Allied Students (AQAS)
- Arab Cultural Society (ACS)
- Campus Interfaith Council (CIC)
- Council for Students with Disabilities (CSD)
- International Student Association (ISA)
- Jewish Student Union (JSU)
- Spartan Armed Forces
- Women\*s Council (WoCo)



## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (ASMSU)

The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) is the all-undergraduate student government. The mission of ASMSU is to enhance the individual and collective student experience through education, empowerment and advocacy by dedication to the needs and interests of students. We are passionate about our purpose and the students we serve. Learn more about our mission, goals, and values on the **ASMSU website**.

## MY SPARTAN STORY

The interactive My Spartan Story platform captures MSU student experiences outside of the classroom. These co-curricular activities can include, but are not limited to, leadership programs, student employment, research positions, internships, and service-learning and civic engagement opportunities. Learn how to begin tracking your experience by visiting the **Spartan Experience Record website**.

## REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION (RSO)

MSU is home to over 1,000 Registered Student Organizations. RSOs are a great way to make friends, build community and to journey with through your college experience! An MSU RSO is a volunteer group of enrolled students organized to obtain certain goals and objectives that are met through education, social, cultural, religious or philanthropic activities. These activities enhance and support MSU students, the university and the community. Engaged participation in student organizations benefits students' growth and education while attending the university. Browse and join RSOs by visiting the **Campus Labs website**.

# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP



## INVOLVE@STATE

Involve@State is Michigan State University's Engagement Portal for students, staff, faculty, registered student organizations (RSOs), major governing organizations and university departments. The goal of Involve@State is to connect students to involvement and educational opportunities from across campus. This platform will serve as a student's portal for campus involvement. Involve@State will provide students with the opportunity to get more information about student organizations, student governments, and student-led campus events and meetings. Get Involved @ the **Involve@State website**.

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES BOARD (UAB)

The University Activities Board (UAB) provides the campus with a variety of social, educational, multicultural and recreational student-driven programs throughout the year. Meetings are open to all undergraduate students and take place in the MSU Union. Free UAB events include comedians, student talent shows, hypnotists, ice skating, live music, craft nights and more. Visit the **UAB website** to view future events.

## RESIDENCE HALLS ASSOCIATION (RHA)

The MSU Residence Halls Association (RHA) is the on-campus student government at Michigan State University. Representing more than 15,000 students, MSU RHA is one of the largest residence halls associations in the country and is dedicated to improving the on-campus living experience and providing many services to students. Campus Center Cinemas, RHA TV, RHA Movie Offices, and Condom Connection are all services that are provided to the students by the RHA. Learn more about what we do at the **RHA website**.

## MSU FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE (FSL)

The value of Fraternity & SorORITY Life (FSL) for students is the merging of almost every segment of the campus community into one cohesive program that promotes leadership development, academic achievement, community service and friendship. MSU FSL is governed by the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Council (PC). This vibrant community has a place for you in it. Visit our **Greek Life website** to learn how you can get involved.



## OFFICE OF SPARTAN EXPERIENCES

Engaging students in active learning and helping to prepare them for leadership roles, the Office of Student Experiences is focused on students and enhancing their education. Home to Fall Welcome, Student Organizations, Student Government and Leadership Development, among other student organizations, the Office of Student Experiences put students first. Learn more about the services we offer on the **MSU Student Life website**.

## CAREER SERVICES NETWORK

The Career Services Network assists students in connecting majors to careers, exploring career fields and industries, conducting internships and job searches, finding alumni mentors within interest areas, and network with employers hiring Spartan talent. Students can get started with their job search at our **Career Network website**.

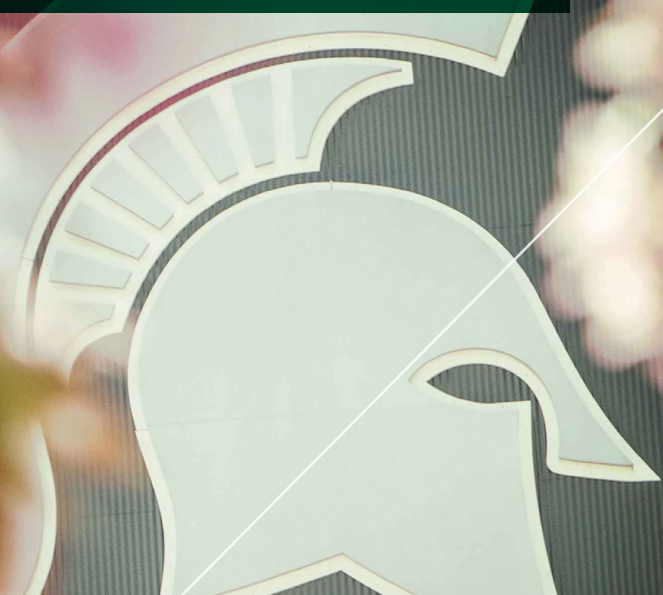
## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND STUDENT RELATIONS

More than 70% of MSU students live off campus. The Office of Community and Student Relations supports MSU students living in the communities that intersect with the university by working with municipalities, landlords and other organizations. Learn more about our services at the **College Life website**.

## CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING

The oldest Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL) in the country – open since 1968 – students can find opportunities to volunteer and serve communities, combining academic coursework and the application of institutional resources. Learn more about how to get involved at the **MSU CCEL website**.

# LIVING, LEARNING, LEADING





## IMPACT 89FM

The student-run college radio station broadcasts 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with the help of about 200 students from every major and every college across campus. Students play music on the radio, as well as participate in the numerous departments, including video and marketing. Visit the **Impact 89fm website** for more information.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

No matter your major, background, or experience – there are undergraduate research opportunities for you at MSU. Research is conducted in every academic discipline, and it takes multiple forms. Historians sift through archives, anthropologists perform studies in the field, physicists work in laboratories, artists paint in studios, and filmmakers shoot, view, and assemble footage into films. Learn more at the **MSU Venture website**.

## EDUCATION ABROAD

MSU Education Abroad offers over 300 programs in more than 60 countries where credit earned counts toward graduation. Spartans can be found in classrooms, research labs, field stations and internship sites around the world. Learn how students can get involved at the **Education Abroad website**.

## RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND FITNESS SERVICES

All types of recreation can be found through Rec Sports, including fitness centers, group fitness classes, lap swim and swim lessons. Be sure to visit our Sailing Center on Lake Lansing for canoe, kayak and SUP rentals. Students are encouraged to look at our website and join a Club Sport or sign up for an intramural team. Different sports are offered each semester. Visit our **Rec Sports website** and click on the Rebuilding U link to see progress on the new rec facilities being built.



# EXPLORE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

## GREATER LANSING CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU

Whether you're here for business or pleasure, Greater Lansing, Michigan is a one-of-a-kind setting for a visit to remember! Discover hotels, restaurants, events, things to do and so much more! Your visit starts here! Be our guest, in Michigan's Capital City. Learn more at the **Choose Lansing website**.

## KELLOGG CENTER

Nestled on the banks of the Red Cedar River, the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center has served the greater East Lansing community for more than 70 years. From students and families, to wedding parties, event goers and alumni, the hotel and conference center serves a myriad of Spartans and fans.

The hotel is a popular location for Spartans during sporting events and graduation. Check the website for special offers on packages and special rates for Spartans and their families.

The State Room restaurant located inside the conference center is a campus gem providing a rotating seasonal menu. Recently, it became a part of the dining plan as well, offering a Combo-X-Change lunch service Tuesday through Friday. Be sure to check the **Kellogg Center website** for hours and special events.

## EAST LANSING DOWNTOWN DIRECTORY

Find more information on shopping, dining, special events, art galleries, services and more at the **City of East Lansing website**.

## CAPITOL REGION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Capital Region International Airport (LAN) works hard to provide you the most enjoyable travel experience possible. LAN offers a quicker commute, affordable and accessible parking, easy check-in, fast security and daily flights to major hubs and international hot spots. LAN is faster, more convenient and virtually stress free – everything a traveler demands. Visit the **Fly Lansing website** to learn more.

## CAPITAL AREA MULTIMODAL GATEWAY

The Capital Area Multimodal Gateway is a state-of-the-art transportation facility that welcomes visitors and showcases the region, as well as incorporates rail and city, regional and national bus lines. Visit the **CATA website** to see schedules.

## MICHIGAN FLYER

Reliable motorcoach connections between East Lansing, Brighton, Ann Arbor, and Detroit Metropolitan Airport at affordable rates. For your convenience, we offer 9 round trips a day. Visit the **Michigan Flyer** for schedules and tickets.

## AMTRAK

Amtrak services the East Lansing area, with a station near campus at 1240 S. Harrison St., East Lansing, MI 48823. Visit the **Amtrak website** for more information on schedules and rates.

# SPARTAN SPIRIT

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

One of the nation's top athletics programs and a proud member of the Big Ten Conference, MSU's wide array of Division I intercollegiate athletic teams make it exciting to cheer on Spartan teams all year. Visit the **MSU Spartans** website to access the sports calendar.

## SPARTAN TICKET OFFICE

Athletics are a big part of campus life and the East Lansing community. For information on MSU Athletics student tickets, please visit the **Spartan Athletics Student Section website**. For general information on MSU Athletics tickets, please fill out the **Current MSU Parent/Guardian Info Form**.

## MSU TENNIS CENTER

An additional source for health and well-being, the MSU Tennis Center is a full-service tennis operation offering group instructional classes, cardio tennis, and discounted court time for all MSU students. It is also home to the MSU Men's and Women's Tennis Teams. A fully stocked pro shop and Spartan Spirit Shop is also available on-site. The Tennis Center, located at 3571 E. Mt. Hope Road, also hosts regular social tennis mixers, special events and several Kinesiology classes. Visit the **MSU Tennis website** to learn more.

## FOREST AKERS GOLF COURSES

Located on the campus of Michigan State University, Forest Akers is the home course for Big Ten men's and women's golf teams. It features the West and East Courses, two golf pro shops, and The Golf Center practice facility. Learn more at the **Forest Akers website**.







# EXPLORE MSU

MSU is one of the biggest, greenest campuses in the country, welcoming students, alumni, and visitors from around the world. It is a hub of community activity, classes, research, concerts, plays, lectures, museums, poetry readings, athletic events and more. A top global university, MSU pushes the boundaries of discovery to make a better world while providing students with life-changing opportunities. Learn more about campus at the **Visit MSU website**. To help you navigate campus, there are a variety of maps available for use on the **Campus Map website**.

## ELI AND EDITH BROAD ART MUSEUM

Opened in 2012, the 46,000-square-foot museum was designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Zaha Hadid and named in honor of Eli and Edythe Broad, longtime supporters of the university and advocates for the arts who provided the lead gift of \$28 million. Features local, national, and international artists, a permanent collection of over 10,000 works, and dynamic public programming. MSU Broad Art Museum admission is always free. With your health and safety in mind, we are requiring tickets to be reserved in advance. Get tickets and learn more about current exhibits at the **Broad Museum website**.

## MSU MUSEUM

The MSU Museum is Michigan's largest public natural and cultural history museum. Discover the wonders of the natural world and world cultures. Three floors of exciting permanent exhibitions and changing special exhibits make for Michigan's most popular natural and cultural history museum. Visit the **MSU Museum website** to learn more.

## MSU FARMS

Michigan State University's South Campus Animal Farms (SCAF) are home to seven farms used for teaching, research and outreach. The farms include centers for dairy cattle, beef cattle and beef cow-calf, swine, sheep, poultry, and horses. All seven of the farms are located within three miles of central campus. Most of our farms are open to visitors! Please visit the **SCAF website** for more information about each farm's visiting hours.

## MSU BUG HOUSE

Do your kids go crazy for creepy, crawly critters? If so, come visit the Bug House, located on MSU's campus. MSU's Department of Entomology has expanded the Bug House to include programs for children of all ages. There are collections, displays, discussions and hands-on activities. The MSU Bug House is located in rooms 146-147 of the Natural Science building. Please be advised that tours are held by appointment only. Learn more on the **MSU Bug House website**.





## MSU HORTICULTURE GARDENS

Our 14 acres of diverse gardens are a superb retreat and resource for gardeners, plant lovers and children of all ages! Sites include the Master Gardener Idea Bed, Amien and Florence Carter Trial Garden, Judith Delapa Perennial Garden, 4-H Children's Garden, and Clarence E. Lewis Landscape Arboretum. The MSU Horticulture Gardens are open daily from sunrise to sundown. Learn more at the **MSU Our Gardens website**.

## WJ BEAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

The W.J. Beal Botanical Garden is an outdoor laboratory for the study and appreciation of plants. It is one of the principal centers of plant interest within the arboretum-like campus of Michigan State University. More than 2,000 different taxa can be found within W.J. Beal Botanical Garden. Visit the **Beal Botanical Garden website** to learn more.

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Throughout the year, the MSU Department of Theatre offers a variety of shows including Mainstage Productions, Summer Circle Theatre, Student-run productions and much more. Learn more about upcoming shows and buy tickets at the **Theatre Department website**.

## WHARTON CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Wharton Center, located in the heart of MSU's campus, brings the best in touring Broadway, dance, pop, classical, jazz, etc. to East Lansing. The Center even created a student marketing team to help reach MSU audiences who may want to take advantage of student pricing. For a full list of 2024-25 events, visit the **Wharton Center website**.

## COLLEGE OF MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Renowned performance series and major ensembles fill our region's best concert halls with more than 150 events every season. From faculty artist recitals to outstanding chamber music series, jazz to choral, band, and orchestra ensembles, and holiday-themed events to eclectic festivals, the College of Music offers an outstanding lineup of events year-round. For a full lineup of performances, visit the **College of Music's Event website**.

## MSU SELF-GUIDED CAMPUS TOUR

This general tour shares information about many of our most popular campus locations. However, please note that viewing academic classrooms is not advised as classes are in session year-round. Get started on your tour self-guided tour with the **MSU Tour Guide Handout**.

## FACILITY FOR RARE ISOTOPE BEAMS

MSU operates the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) as a user facility for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC), supporting the mission of the DOE-SC Office of Nuclear Physics. Hosting what is designed to be the most powerful heavy-ion accelerator, FRIB enables scientists to make discoveries about the properties of rare isotopes (that is, short-lived nuclei not normally found on Earth), nuclear astrophysics, fundamental interactions, and applications for society, including in medicine, homeland security, and industry. Get updates on news and job opportunities at the **FRIB website**.

## ABRAMS PLANETARIUM

The Abrams Planetarium serves as an astronomy and space science education resource center for central Michigan. The planetarium is an outreach unit of MSU's Department of Physics and Astronomy that offers a variety of shows to all age groups, from preschool through senior citizens. The planetarium houses an exhibit hall with a book and gift counter, a black light gallery of astronomical art and a hemispherical domed sky theatre. Visit the **Abrams Planetarium website** for hours of operation.

## BEAUMONT TOWER

If you love the sound of bells, Beaumont Tower is the place to visit. Built in 1928, the Beaumont Tower is located in the center of "old campus" near the MSU Museum. The tower has a carillon, a musical instrument consisting of at least two octaves of bells arranged in a chromatic series and played from a keyboard that permits control of expression through variation of touch. The MSU carillon has 49 bells and is capable of playing the full range of literature composed for the instrument. Visit the **Beaumont Tower website** to learn more about its history.

## SPARTAN STATUE

The Spartan Statue is located near Dem Hall, where Beal St., Kalamazoo St. and Chestnut Rd. meet. It stands at 9 feet, 7 inches of bronze metal and is a replica of the original Spartan Statue that is now inside the tower of Spartan Stadium. "Sparty Watch" is a fun tradition of the Spartan Marching Band, which protects the statue before MSU plays University of Michigan. Students consider it a bucket list item to get a picture with both the Spartan Statue and our mascot, Sparty, before they graduate.



# IMPORTANT DATES: 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

**NOTE:** Every effort has been made to make the academic calendars as accurate as possible. However, the important dates and deadlines are subject to change at any time.

See the complete academic calendar at [reg.msu.edu/roinfo/calendar/academic.aspx](https://reg.msu.edu/roinfo/calendar/academic.aspx).

## FALL 2025

<b>AUG 8</b>	Tuition billing statements available electronically
<b>AUG 15-17</b>	International Student Move-In
<b>AUG 18-23</b>	Fall Welcome In-Person Programming
<b>AUG 19-20</b>	Incoming Student Move-In Family & Supporter Orientation Program
<b>AUG 20-21</b>	Returning Student Move-In
<b>AUG 22</b>	Initial minimum tuition and fee payment due for Fall 2025
<b>AUG 24</b>	Transfer Student Resource Fair
<b>AUG 25</b>	Classes begin for Fall Semester 2025 Late Enrollment Fee (\$100) for Fall 2025 begins
<b>AUG 28</b>	Online open add period for Fall ends at 11:59pm
<b>SEPT 1</b>	Holiday - University Closed
<b>OCT 13</b>	Middle of Fall Semester
<b>OCT 20-21</b>	Fall Break - University Open
<b>OCT 28</b>	Spring 2026 enrollment by appointment begins
<b>NOV 11</b>	Open Enrollment begins for Spring 2026 Initial tuition billing statements for Spring 2026 are available electronically
<b>DEC 7</b>	Classes end for Fall Semester 2025
<b>DEC 8-12</b>	Final Exams for Fall Semester 2025
<b>DEC 12</b>	Residence Halls close for Fall Semester 2025 at 8pm
<b>DEC 12-14</b>	Commencements for fall semester 2023
<b>DEC 25-JAN 2</b>	Holiday - University Closed



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## SPRING 2026

<b>JAN 10</b>	Residence halls open for Spring Semester Initial tuition billing statements for Spring 2025 are available electronically
<b>JAN 12</b>	Late enrollment fee (\$100) for Spring 2025 begins Classes begins for Spring Semester 2025
<b>JAN 17</b>	Online open add period for Spring 2026 ends at 11:59pm
<b>JAN 19</b>	Holiday - University Closed; no classes held
<b>FEB 1</b>	Initial minimum tuition and fee payment for Spring 2025
<b>FEB 6</b>	End of tuition refund period for Spring (no refund after this date)
<b>FEB 28-MAR 8</b>	Spring Break - University Open
<b>MAR 4</b>	Last day for dropping courses with no grade reported
<b>APR 26</b>	Classes end for Spring Semester 2026
<b>APR 27-MAY 1</b>	Final exams for Spring Semester 2026
<b>MAY 1</b>	Residence halls close for Spring Semester 2026 at 8pm
<b>MAY 1-3</b>	Commencements for Spring Semester 2026

Important dates and deadlines, including end of tuition refund dates, for all sections can be found by clicking on the section number in the Schedule of Courses. [schedule.msu.edu](https://schedule.msu.edu)



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