

# **COLOR YOUR COURSE**

**ORIENTATION 2023**



**Michigan  
Technological  
University**



## AT MICHIGAN TECH YOU'LL BE COLORING YOUR OWN COURSE

**You chose Michigan Tech and we chose you right back.**

As a new Husky, you will start your time at Michigan Tech with a clean canvas, and you get to choose how to color your course to success. Choose whatever colors you please—from bold fluorescent blasts, circuit board greens, and concrete grays to our own Black and Gold. No matter what course you plan to take at Tech, the Student Orientation Executive Staff team welcomes you and the people in your Support Pack to the Husky family. Whether you are coloring with paint or pixels, we're here to help you find your colors!



## WELCOME FROM THE WAINO WAHTERA CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Dear New Huskies,

The Wahtera Center works closely with the Dean of Students Office to provide you with the colors you need to create your own course. We welcome you to MTU and cannot wait to see the colors you choose as a Husky!

Our paint color in the Wahtera Center and Dean of Students Office is success. We work with students to help them find their color and their course. Our office provides student success coaches, peer mentors, and peer teaching assistants who are here to help you navigate your transition from high school to college. Professional staff are here to help you get connected with campus resources, answer questions, and support you as you plot your course for success.

As a new Husky, you and your Support Pack members are given an opportunity to color a beautiful course. We are excited to see you grow and succeed at Michigan Tech!



## WE'RE COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS UNTIL YOU ARRIVE!

### Here's what you need to do before you get here:

#### Take your online placement tests

##### Math

Once you've been accepted to Michigan Tech, we will place you in your entry-level math course based on your highest ACT or SAT math score we have on file, or AP, IB, CLEP, or college credit for an equivalent math course. If you feel this placement is correct, you do not need to contact us or take the ALEKS placement. If you feel this placement is incorrect, you may challenge your placement. If you do not have ACT, SAT, AP, IB, or CLEP scores, or a grade of C or higher in an equivalent college-level math course, you will need to take the ALEKS placement. For more information, please visit [mtu.edu/math/undergraduate/placement/taking-aleks](https://mtu.edu/math/undergraduate/placement/taking-aleks)

##### Modern Languages

If you plan to study French, German, or Spanish, take our free online Modern Language Placement Test. Placement tests are available throughout the summer and during Orientation. Students with AP language scores of 3 or higher do not need to take the placement test. See [mtu.edu/modern-languages](https://mtu.edu/modern-languages)

##### Computer Science

If you plan to study computer science, software engineering, or computer engineering, you must take the CS Knowledge Assessment. [mtu.edu/cs/undergraduate/placement](https://mtu.edu/cs/undergraduate/placement)



#### Registration

All new first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 30 credits will be registered for classes by the Registrar's Office in early July. If you are enrolled at another institution, please have your transcripts sent to Michigan Tech.

#### Vote—It's what Huskies do!

Visit [vote411.org](https://vote411.org) to explore voting requirements in your home state and register to vote. There will also be opportunities on campus this fall to register to vote, learn how to complete an absentee ballot, and more.

## IMPORTANT DATES FROM HOUSING

#### When do housing applications close?

**June 10.** Housing applications remain live and new first-year students can begin the process of matching with a roommate! You will be able to communicate, search, read profiles, create your own profile, and match with prospective roommates.

The deadline for transfer students to apply for on-campus housing is **June 1**.

#### When will I see my housing assignment?

**July 1.** Housing assignments are made available in HuskyHouse for residents who submitted applications between January 2 and June 10. Move-In times will be provided to all residents with an active housing application.

If you apply for on-campus housing after **June 10**, you will not be able to see your assignment until August 1. Additional applications will be accepted if and when space becomes available.

For any questions, contact Residence Education and Housing Services at [housing@mtu.edu](mailto:housing@mtu.edu) or **906-487-2682** or visit [mtu.edu/housing](https://mtu.edu/housing) for more information about living on campus.



### Madeleine Kmiecik

#### Programming Coordinator

My paint color is tenacity. Michigan Tech has given me the opportunity to really test my power of will. I've found an encouraging environment that challenges both my mind and body! While MTU ensures that I can grow my mind, the school's environment has also given me the space to move around and grow strong.

## CHECK YOUR MYMICHIGANTECH PORTAL OFTEN

[mymichigantech.mtu.edu](https://mymichigantech.mtu.edu)

On MyMichiganTech, you'll receive messages about everything you need to take care of before arriving on campus. Check it often.

You will need to:

### □ Submit your HuskyCard ID photo by August 1

Your HuskyCard is your official photo ID, room and building access key, and residence hall meal pass. Submitting a photo for your HuskyCard will save you time during Orientation Check-In. You will need a photo ID to pick up your HuskyCard.

For instructions, visit [mtu.edu/huskycard](https://mtu.edu/huskycard)

### □ Complete assigned sexual assault prevention and alcohol education course

All new Michigan Tech students are required to complete an online course through Vector regarding sexual assault prevention and alcohol education for college. This course will provide simple strategies for keeping yourself and our campus community safe. Check your email in late July to early August for an invitation from Vector to complete the course.

### □ Contact your roommate

On July 1, your room assignment, meal plan, mailing address, roommate's name, and their contact information will be available in your online student account. If you do not see this information by August 1, contact Residence Education and Housing Services at [housing@mtu.edu](mailto:housing@mtu.edu) or **906-487-2682**.

Visit [mtu.edu/housing](https://mtu.edu/housing) for more information about living on campus.

## SERVICES TO LINE UP IN ADVANCE: HERE TO HELP THE WHOLE YOU

### □ Local Health Services

High-quality healthcare options are available in the surrounding area. Visit [mtu.edu/deanofstudents/students/services](https://mtu.edu/deanofstudents/students/services) to review immunization recommendations, clinic and emergency room locations, and on- and off-campus health resources.

### □ Student Disability Services

Did you have an IEP or a 504 plan in high school? Do you have questions about accommodations in college? Student Disability Services (SDS) coordinates accommodations in classes (extended test time, less distracting testing, etc.) and housing (access to bathrooms, adaptation of meal plan, emotional support animals). SDS's website has forms for requesting support animals (requires a diagnosis of a mental health disability), and explains some changes from high school to college: [mtu.edu/success/disability](https://mtu.edu/success/disability)

Still have questions? Schedule a virtual or in-person appointment or contact SDS at [sds@mtu.edu](mailto:sds@mtu.edu)

### □ Center for Student Mental Health and Well-being

Whether you have received mental health services in the past or are seeking services for the first time, we want to provide you with guidance on selecting the best option to meet your individual needs. For students who are transitioning to Michigan Tech for the first time, we have created a Transition Guide to help you understand services and options available to you at Michigan Tech. This guide outlines different options for mental health support, tips to prepare to transition to Michigan Tech, and FAQs.

For more information, visit [mtu.edu/well-being/for-students/services](https://mtu.edu/well-being/for-students/services)



## Skyler Spitzley

### Logistics Coordinator

My paint color is growth. Michigan Tech has allowed me to learn more about myself. It has been an environment where it is encouraged to mess up and make a mistake and try again. Whether it's in academia, personal life, or in campus organizations, Tech fosters an environment to grow and get out of your comfort zone. It encourages you to try new things and reflect on how far you've come.

## IT'S TIME TO HEAD TO CAMPUS!

### A smooth Move-In involves two key steps:

#### Step 1: New Student Check-In

Hold the unpacking! First thing to do when you arrive to campus? Follow the signs to new student check-in at the Van Pelt and Opie Library (#17). Check in at your assigned time, which will be Friday, August 18, between noon and 6 p.m., or Saturday, August 19, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., to pick up your room key and essential Orientation information.

#### Step 2: Move-In

After you've checked in, find your residence hall and let Move-In commence! The Michigan Tech Welcome Crew—a team of friendly Husky helpers—will be available to assist you.

Navigate to [mtu.edu/maps](https://mtu.edu/maps) for complete directions.

## HUSKY SUPPORT PACK

Who is in the Husky Support Pack? A Support Pack includes anyone who will be supporting you on this journey! In the weeks leading up to Check-In and Move-In, they will have access to valuable information related to the Husky experience and their roles as Support Pack members. We will also be offering opportunities for them to get their questions answered and learn more about Michigan Tech's services and resources during Move-In Weekend. We will be providing two Support Pack Orientations during Move-In Weekend. The first session will be Friday, August 18, from 5 to 6 p.m. and the second will be Sunday, August 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. More information will be provided throughout the summer at [mtu.edu/success/orientation/parents-family](https://mtu.edu/success/orientation/parents-family)

### Upcoming webinar for students and packs:

Join us for an online webcast about Orientation and what to expect on Thursday, July 20, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Eastern. Find the link at [mtu.edu/orientation](https://mtu.edu/orientation). A recording will also be available.



### Anna Kavanaugh

#### Co-Training Coordinator

My paint color is opportunities. My time at MTU has brought me an abundance of opportunities that I will always hold close to my heart, whether that be academic, social, or financial. The supportive environment that encourages students to thrive has brought me into spaces I never dreamed of being part of while meeting people from around the country or globe. I am fortunate to have had my world completely expand in my time so far at Michigan Tech, and I can't wait to see where else my journey takes me.



### Austin McFarlane

#### Co-Training Coordinator

My paint color is possibilities. Throughout my time at Michigan Tech, I have always strived to push myself out of my comfort zone and grow. Tech has always been the perfect place for that and has always provided me with the opportunities that I need to grow and develop as a human and a scholar.

## ORIENTATION WEEK AT A GLANCE

Michigan Tech's First-Year Orientation provides an engaging and informative start to your college career. You will join a group of 20-30 students based on your major.

A current student and trained Orientation Team Leader (OTL) will lead each team through a series of meetings that will introduce you to important campus resources, familiarize you with your rights and responsibilities as a student, and help you connect with faculty, staff, and other students.

Students and their support packs will meet their OTLs at the University Welcome on Saturday, August 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the John MacInnes Student Ice Arena.

You will also have plenty of time to explore on your own during O-Week through our dozens of optional programs that cover a range of academic, involvement, and recreational opportunities.

Visit [mtu.edu/orientation](https://mtu.edu/orientation) for more details.



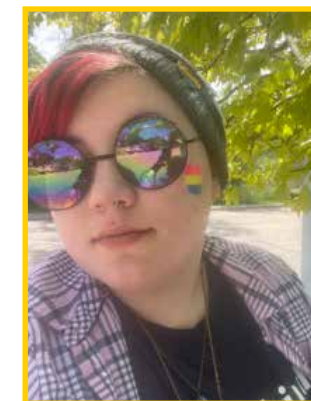
## EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS WITH OAP AUGUST 25-27

Orientation has partnered with MTU's Outdoor Adventure Program (OAP) to provide an opportunity to explore the beautiful area around Tech. Space is limited. Registration will open after July 5.

Go to [mtu.edu/success/orientation/undergraduate/first-year/trips](https://mtu.edu/success/orientation/undergraduate/first-year/trips) to learn more and to register.

Trips include a sunset paddle on the Sturgeon River, hiking the Porcupine Mountains, and a day trip around the Keweenaw Peninsula. These trips will be offered the last weekend of Orientation and are open to all new-first year students.

Pre-registration is required.



### Hollis Aitkens

**Communications Coordinator**

My paint color is community. My time at MTU has let me see how much I value the people around me and the relationships I have with them. I've found a rich and welcoming community here at Tech, and friends that I consider myself incredibly lucky to have found who I know will be at my side for whatever comes next in my life.



## THE COLORS OF OUR CAMPUS INCLUDE YOURS!

Get advice. Be prepared. Join us for a live webcast about Move-In, Check-In, and Orientation Week at 4:30 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, July 20.

Visit [mtu.edu/success/orientation/undergraduate](https://mtu.edu/success/orientation/undergraduate) for more information and FAQs about Move-In, Check-In, and Orientation Week.



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