

# Welcome to Michigan Tech!

While you prepare for your trip, here are very important things to consider

## Documents

Please keep your passport and I-20 with you at all times. The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement will ask for them a few times during your trip. **Do not put them in the suitcase you will be checking in.** Keep them with you in your backpack, purse, or the suitcase you will bring with you to the cabin in the plane.

When you arrive in the United States, you will go through Immigration and Customs. Sign your I-20 before arriving to Immigration and Customs. They will ask you questions about your reasons to enter the United States. Please stay calm, show your documents, and answer their questions. Lines are usually very long, so be prepared for that.

## Flight cancelations/ delays

The Hancock airport (CMX) is small and only serves flights to and from Chicago O'Hare airport twice a day. The only airline that arrives is United Airlines. Due to the weather, delays and cancellations are very common even during the summer and fall months.

If your flight gets canceled or delayed, go to the United Customer Service Desk at the airport, call the United Customer Services phone at 1-800-864-8331, or visit the United Airlines website Missed, delayed, or canceled flights for more information.

If United Airlines rebooks your flight to a different airport than CMX (Hancock, Michigan), it might be very far and you will need to arrange your own transportation to the Houghton/Hancock area. For instance, Marquette is 2 hours away, Green Bay is 4 hours away, Detroit is 10 hours away, and Houghton Lake is 8 hours away (yes, Houghton Lake is NOT the same town as Houghton, Michigan).

Lost or displaced luggage - United Airlines Baggage Service Center 1-800-335-2247. They will ask for your last (family) name and your baggage claim number that was issued to you when you received your boarding tickets. It is usually a 10 character file reference number. You can request for your baggage to be delivered to your residence hall or apartment for your convenience.

If you decide to take the Greyhound bus from Chicago, IL to Houghton, MI, you can buy your ticket on the website Greyhound.com. You will need to take a taxi, Uber, or Lyft from Chicago's airport to the bus station. The bus trip is between 17-20 hours and it will drop you off at the Michigan Tech campus. Be aware of the following: **Do not try to take a taxi from Chicago's airport to Houghton/Hancock, MI (even if a taxi company offers you that option). It is 8 hours away, and it will be very costly.**

Other options:

- Rent a car - To rent a car you will need either an International Drivers License or a license from a reciprocal country. You can find more information here.
  - [www.nationalcar.com](http://www.nationalcar.com) 1-877-222-9058
  - [www.alamo.com](http://www.alamo.com) 1-877-222-9075
- Join the Stuck Huskies Facebook group to find a ride. This is a resource for the Michigan Tech community and others to "unstuck" themselves if/when their flight between Hancock and Chicago is canceled. This group was created by a faculty member and has faculty, staff, and student members. Be courteous and respectful. Important disclosure: This group is not managed or monitored by International Programs and Services or any other department at Michigan Tech.

## Transportation from the Hancock airport (CMX) to Houghton

International Programs and Services will have pick up service from the Hancock airport to Michigan Tech campus during the week of **August 15-22 ONLY**. You will receive information on your Michigan Tech email about how to register and purchase a ticket for this service.

If you are arriving before or after August 15-22, you will have to secure your transportation arrangements from the Hancock airport to Houghton, Hancock, or Michigan Tech Housing. **We suggest making your airport pick up arrangements in advance.**

Here are some options for transportation from Hancock's airport to Houghton or Hancock.

- Copper Country Limo & Taxi
  - Call - 906-370-4761
  - Email: coppercountrylimo@yahoo.com
- 906 Taxi
  - Call - 906-281-9431
- Lift
  - <https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/upper-peninsula-mi>

## Transportation on campus and around town

During the Fall and Spring semesters, Michigan Tech Transportation Services provides a shuttle service around campus and throughout Houghton. You can take the shuttle to go grocery shopping to stores like Walmart and Econofoods. Please check the shuttle schedule in the shuttle webpage for the latest updates and other transportation options in town (such as Lift, and buses from the cities of Houghton and Hancock).

**Please be aware of COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines in place at the time. They can change by the time you arrive at Michigan Tech. It is very important that you follow them, otherwise, you will not be able to use the shuttle service and it can be suspended.**

## Housing arrangements

**International Programs and Services (IPS) will NOT arrange housing for you before or after your arrival.**

You must secure housing arrangements **before** arriving at Michigan Tech.

- On-campus housing

Please contact Michigan Tech Housing Services for on-campus housing options. There are different choices for undergraduate students and graduate students. For on-campus housing, you will need to apply in advance. All the information is on the webpage, including availability and rates. Important note: guest rooms are not available.

Please contact the Housing department for specific on-campus housing questions.

- Off-campus housing

There are a few options for off-campus housing in Houghton and surrounding towns. The Undergraduate Student Government has a webpage with off-campus housing listings. Contact the landlords directly and make your own arrangements.

If you decide to live off-campus, make sure you understand the distance and how far is the place you are planning to live from the Michigan Tech campus. There are some options in downtown Houghton or other streets that are within walking distance. Some of the listings are in other towns such as Hancock, Chassell, or Calumet. Living in other towns might be cheaper than living in Houghton; however, transportation might be difficult. Hancock is only 2 miles (3.2 km) away from campus and some students decide to walk or ride a bicycle every day during the summer. But, walking or riding a bicycle during the winter will be difficult due to the cold and snowy weather. Chassell is 8 miles (12.8 km) away, and Calumet is 15 miles (24 km) away.

If you do not live close to the Michigan Tech campus (within walking distance), you will need to walk, ride a bicycle, or buy a car. The City of Houghton public transportation route does not cover off-campus housing options; you can use the "[on demand](#)" service and call the bus every day for a fee, but this service can be unreliable, costly, and the wait is long.

If you do not secure housing before arriving, you will need to stay in a hotel and cover your own expenses. Here are some options.

- Hotels and motels:

- Super 8 by Wyndham

Houghton 1200 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan, 49931, United States  
Phone +1 (906) 482-2240

- Country Inn & Suites by Radisson

919 Razorback Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931, United States  
Phone +1 (906) 487-6700  
Email: cx\_hgmi@countryinn.com

- Quality Inn & Suites

215 Shelden Ave., Houghton, Michigan, 49931, United States  
Phone + 1 (906) 482-1400 Fax (906) 482-1403

- Holiday Inn Express

Houghton-Keweenaw 1110 Century Way, Houghton, Michigan, 49931, United States  
Phone +1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329)

- Ramada by Wyndham Hancock Waterfront

99 Navy St Hancock, Michigan, 49930, United States  
Phone: +1 (906) 482-8400

- The Vault Hotel

600 Shelden Ave, Houghton, Michigan, 49931, United States  
Phone: +1 (906) 481-1100

- Other options:

There is a Facebook group called *Daniel Heights Residents* where students living on campus post rooms or halls for rent, ask questions, and facilitate resources. This group is a student initiative and **it is not managed or monitored** by Housing, International Programs and Services, or any other department at Michigan Tech. Michigan Tech is not responsible for posts or services advertised in the group.

## Weather and metric system

During the winter, the average temperature in Houghton in a day can be 23F high and 5F low (-5/-17C) Be prepared!. During the summer the temperature will be warmer, but there will be rainy days and cold nights.

The United States uses different metric units than many other countries, such as Fahrenheit instead of Celsius for temperature, and Inches and Feet instead of Meters for length.

Visit the [Newly Admitted Students](#) section on our website for information about what to pack, how to dress, and other important tips!

## COVID Travel restrictions and vaccinations

Please visit the [Newly Admitted Students](#) section on our website for very important information about COVID travel restrictions, vaccinations, and self-isolation.

## COVID restrictions on campus

Michigan Tech follows the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) guidance for COVID-19. If the guidance changes, Michigan Tech will adjust accordingly.

Currently, Michigan Tech is operating at health and safety [Level One](#). Make sure that you are familiar with the rules and requirements of level one, you will be required to follow them. The health and safety levels can change at anytime. Visit the [MTU Flex](#) website for the most recent COVID information and restrictions.

## Once you arrive Check in with [IPS](#)!

**Send an email to [ips@mtu.edu](mailto:ips@mtu.edu) to arrange a time/date to check-in**

Please bring the following:

I-20 or DS-2019

Passport and Visa

IPS Office, Administration Building, Room 200

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Welcome to Michigan Tech!**  
**We are looking forward to meeting you!**



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Customs Declaration

19 CFR 122.27, 148.12, 148.13, 148.110, 148.111, 1498; 31 CFR 5316

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1651-0009

Each arriving traveler or responsible family member must provide the following information (only ONE written declaration per family is required). The term "family" is defined as "members of a family residing in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, domestic relationship, or adoption."

**1 Family Name**

First (Given)  Middle

**2 Birth date** Month   Day   Year

**3 Number of Family members** traveling with you

**4 (a) U.S. Street Address** (hotel name/destination)

(b) City  (c) State

**5 Passport issued by** (country)

**6 Passport number**

**7 Country of Residence**

**8 Countries visited** on this trip prior to U.S. arrival

**9 Airline/Flight No. or Vessel Name**

**10 The primary purpose of this trip is business:** Yes  No

**11 I am (We are) bringing**

(a) fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds, food, insects: Yes  No

(b) meats, animals, animal/wildlife products: Yes  No

(c) disease agents, cell cultures, snails: Yes  No

(d) soil or have been on a farm/ranch/pasture: Yes  No

**12 I have (We have) been in close proximity of livestock:** Yes  No   
(such as touching or handling)

**13 I am (We are) carrying currency or monetary instruments** over \$10,000 U.S. or foreign equivalent: Yes  No   
(see definition of monetary instruments on reverse)

**14 I have (We have) commercial merchandise:** Yes  No   
(articles for sale, samples used for soliciting orders, or goods that are not considered personal effects)

**15 RESIDENTS**—the total value of all goods, including commercial merchandise I/we have purchased or acquired abroad, (including gifts for someone else, but not items mailed to the U.S.) and am/are bringing to the U.S. is: \$

**VISITORS**—the total value of all articles that will remain in the U.S., including commercial merchandise is: \$

Read the instructions on the back of this form. Space is provided to list all the items you must declare.

**I HAVE READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND HAVE MADE A TRUTHFUL DECLARATION.**

**X** Signature  Date (month/day/year)  CBP Form 6059B (04/14)



## MICHIGAN TECH STUDENT SPOUSE/PARTNER AND DEPENDENT I.D. CARDS

**Procedure:**

SDC Ticket Office is the only location where student and spouse/partner cards can be purchased.

There is a \$10 charge for each spouse or dependent card. Each card is valid for one year from the date of purchase.

It is not a mag stripe card, so it doesn't swipe anywhere. Used for identification purposes only.

A marriage license and another form of I.D. is required for spouses. An alternate verification form is available for domestic partners.

No identification is required for a minor dependent I.D. but the parent or guardian must be present.

The enrolled student must be present with the spouse/partner and/or dependent.

| VENUES - CARDS MUST BE SHOWN TO RECEIVE BENEFIT                      |                                       |                                   |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><u>ATHLETICS</u></b>  | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Athletics - Basketball Games   | Free Admission with I.D.              | Free Admission with I.D.          |
| Athletics - Football Games   | Free Admission with I.D.              | Free Admission with I.D.          |
| Athletics - Soccer Games   | Free Admission with I.D.              | Free Admission with I.D.          |
| Athletics - Volleyball Games   | Free Admission with I.D.              | Free Admission with I.D.          |
| Athletics - Hockey Season Tickets                                    | \$101                                 | \$101                             |
| Athletics - Hockey Individual Reserved Ticket**                      | \$5                                   | \$5                               |
| Athletics - Hockey General Admission**                               | \$5                                   | \$5                               |
| <b><u>STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX/ICE ARENA</u></b>                  | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Open Skate   | Free Admission with I.D.              | Free Admission with I.D.          |
| SDC - Membership two consecutive semesters                           | \$130                                 | \$130                             |
| SDC - Membership one semester  | \$100                                 | \$100                             |
| <b><u>INTRAMURALS</u></b>  | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Intramural Sports Entry Fees (deposit/forfeit fees apply)            | Free Participation with I.D.          | None                              |
| <b><u>GOLF COURSE</u></b>  | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Golf Course - Membership   | \$275                                 | under 11 free w/paying adult      |
| Golf Course - Greens Fees 18 holes                                   | \$25                                  | under 11 free w/paying adult      |
| Golf Course - Greens Fees 9 holes                                    | \$16                                  | under 11 free w/paying adult      |
| Golf Course - 5 - punch card for 9 holes                             | \$70                                  | under 11 free w/paying adult      |
| Golf Course - 10 - punch card for 9 holes                            | \$130                                 | under 11 free w/paying adult      |
| Golf Course - Student Club Rentals (as available)                    | \$7.00 each time                      | \$7.00 each time                  |
| <b><u>OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM</u></b>                              | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Snowshoe Rental  | One Free Rental                       | One Free Rental                   |
| <b><u>VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS</u></b>                             | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| VPA - Performances   | Free Ticket or Admission              | Free Ticket or Admission          |
| <b><u>SKI HILL</u></b>   | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Ski Hill - Discounted Daily Guest Pass (half or full/Adult or Child) | 50% each time                         | 50% each time                     |
| Ski Hill - Ski or Snowboard Daily Rental Package                     | 50% each time                         | 50% each time                     |
| <b><u>GATES TENNIS CENTER</u></b>                                    | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Membership - 12 month (\$295)  | \$148                                 | \$148                             |
| Membership - 9 month (\$235)   | \$118                                 | \$118                             |
| Membership - 6 month (\$190)   | \$95                                  | \$95                              |
| Membership - 3 month (\$132)   | \$66                                  | \$66                              |
| <b><u>RECREATIONAL TRAILS</u></b>                                    | <b><u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u></b> | <b><u>Dependent Benefits*</u></b> |
| Membership - Annual (\$100)  | 50% Discount                          | 50% Discount                      |

\*Charge for each Spouse/Partner or Dependent I.D. card is \$10 annual

\*\*Does not account for increased price at premium games



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