Welcome to Michigan Tech!

Mandatory Checklist for New International Students
Fall 2023

- **Check-in with International Programs & Services (IPS):**
  - Where: IPS office, Administration Building, Room 200
  - When: August 16th-18th from 10:00AM-5:00PM. After August 18th, Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM
  - Please bring the following:
    - I-20 or DS-2019
    - Passport
    - Visa
  - If you have dependents, please bring their documents as well to be checked in.

- **Print I-94 arrival record:**
  - [www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94-instructions](http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94-instructions)

- **Pick up your HuskyCard Identification Card:**
  - You will need the following to receive your card:
    - Student ID number (M number) and Passport
    - Upload your photo on MyMichiganTech prior to getting it
  - Where: Van Pelt & Opie Library Technical Assistance Center (1st floor)
  - Please visit the HuskyCard information page to find out how to use your card on campus: [www.mtu.edu/huskycard/](http://www.mtu.edu/huskycard/)

- **Check-in to Housing & Residential Life:**
  - Where: Housing & Residential Life, 153 Wadsworth Hall
  - **Note: Only required for students who will live on campus (Including Daniell Heights)**
  - housing@mtu.edu or 906-487-2682
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- **Purchase health insurance online:**
  - Where: Purchase health insurance online (or request a waiver of coverage if you have existing health insurance) through MyMichiganTech at [www.mymichigantech.mtu.edu](http://www.mymichigantech.mtu.edu) before you can pay your bill and/or confirm your enrollment
  - When: Before paying your student bill, as soon as possible
  - [studentinsurance@mtu.edu](mailto:studentinsurance@mtu.edu) or 906-487-1088

- **Pay your student bill:**
  - Where: See [www.mtu.edu/student-billing/services/pay/](http://www.mtu.edu/student-billing/services/pay/) for payment options
  - When: **Bills are due Wednesday, August 23**
  - **Note:** *Health insurance requirement must be met first* - please purchase your health insurance before attempting to pay your student bill

- **Submit official transcripts and proof of degree:**
  - Graduate students, please submit documents to Graduate School:
    - Where: Administration Building, Room 414
    - When: Dates and times to be determined. Contact the Graduate School for timeframes

- **Attend International Programs and Services (IPS) mandatory orientation session.**
  - Where: Zoom; link is posted on the IPS Newly Admitted Students website
  - When: August 23rd, 2023 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

- **Prepare for your first Life@MichiganTech class:**
  - The Life@MichiganTech seminar is required for all new international students
  - Fall 2023 sessions are Tuesday 4:00-5:40PM and Wednesday 4:00-5:40PM. Both sessions will take place in EERC 103
  - To sign up for the course, please fill out the Google Form here: [https://forms.gle/NjVDAjTzctGQaZM87](https://forms.gle/NjVDAjTzctGQaZM87)
Hello and welcome to Michigan Tech! We are delighted to have you on campus for the Fall 2023 semester. We have prepared a Welcome Week Schedule that will serve as your guide to the various events and activities that will be organized throughout the upcoming weeks.

**IPS Sponsored Events:**

**Thursday, August 17**

**Walmart Shopping Trip**

*Time and place:* 3:30-5:30PM, Memorial Union Building (MUB) bus stop for Michigan Tech Shuttle Service (see MTU Shuttle schedule for pick up and drop off times)

*Point of contact:* IPS (ips@mtu.edu)

Transportation Services’ shuttle transports students not only around campus, but to Walmart as well. IPS volunteers will be at Walmart during this timeframe to assist with any questions that you may have. *Make sure to purchase only as much as you are able to carry with you.*
Friday, August 18

Meet and Greet and Community Expo

*Time and place:* 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Memorial Union Building (MUB) Commons

*Point of contact:* IPS staff ([ips@mtu.edu](mailto:ips@mtu.edu)) ~ No sign-up needed.

Join the IPS Community Expo where you can meet with representatives from local phone companies and banks who can provide you with important information about obtaining a local U.S. phone number and setting up a local bank account. We will also have IPS staff to meet and greet you.

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**Tuesday, August 22**

**Campus Tour**
*Time and place:* 4:00 pm, Van Pelt and Opie Library lobby  
*Point of contact:* Dorianne Shaffer ([dmshaffe@mtu.edu](mailto:dmshaffe@mtu.edu)), or Ayush Chutani ([achutani@mtu.edu](mailto:achutani@mtu.edu))

Join the Van Pelt and Opie Library staff and Ayush Chutani as they show you various places on and around campus. **If you are interested in attending, please arrive at the Library by 3:50PM.**

**Wednesday, August 23**

**Fall 2023 New International Students Orientation**
*This event is mandatory for all international students.*

*Time and place:* 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Zoom  
*Point of contact:* IPS ([ips@mtu.edu](mailto:ips@mtu.edu))

Attend orientation organized by the International Programs and Services (IPS) department. Get to meet with the IPS staff and find out more about what it is like to be an international student at Michigan Tech.
Thursday, August 24

Campus Tour

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Global Social by IPS

*Time and place:* 8:00 pm -10:00 pm, MUB Ballroom A  
*Point of contact:* IPS Staff (ips@mtu.edu)

Join us in the Memorial Union Building Ballroom for music from around the world. Learn classic line dances from different countries, and meet other new students. There will be light snacks and beverages to energize you for dancing the night away!
Student Organization Sponsored Events:

**Thursday, August 17**

**Canoe Sunset Cruise**

*Time and place:* 6:30 - 10:00 pm, St. Albert the Great Catholic Church  
*Point of contact:* Father Ben Hasse (906-290-2434, benjhasse@yahoo.com)

*basic water safety instructions will be given before departing*

**Friday, August 18**

**Canoe Trip**

*Time and place:* 10:00AM – 2:00 pm, St. Albert the Great Catholic Church  
*Point of contact:* Father Ben Hasse (906-290-2434, benjhasse@yahoo.com)

*basic water safety instructions will be given before departing*
Bonfire at Prince’s Point

Time and place: 8:00-10:30PM, Prince’s Point
Point of contact: Liz Van Heudsen, liz.van-heusden@intervarsity.org

Join the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship team to enjoy a favorite American summer past time at a bonfire on the beach complete with a dessert called S'mores. Meet outside of the main entrance of Wads around 8pm to walk down to Prince’s Point. You can join at any time. Prince’s Point is located at the back of the Rozsa parking lot. For more information about InterVarsity, please visit their website.

Saturday, August 19

Hungarian Falls Hike

Time and place: 1:00PM, meet at the bus stop in front of the MUB
Point of contact: Liz Van Heudsen, liz.van-heusden@intervarsity.org

Join the students of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship for a favorite local hike to see Hungarian Waterfalls. This hike is about 1-1.5 miles long, there is a bit of evaluation change, wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle and camera. Meet at 1:00PM at the MUB bus stop for transportation out to the Falls.
**Sunday, August 20**

**Undergraduate Orientation Week begins**

*This is a mandatory event and is for undergraduate students only.*

*Time and place: afternoon of Sunday, August 20 - afternoon of Friday, August 25*

Undergraduate students **must** participate in this week-long orientation program organized by the Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success. Please visit email orientation@mtu.edu for further details or with any questions.

**Monday, August 21**

**Welcome to Graduate School**

*This event is only for Graduate (MS and PhD) students.*

*Time and place: 2:30-3:30PM, Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts*

*Point of contact: Grad School ([mygrad@mtu.edu](mailto:mygrad@mtu.edu) or [gradschool@mtu.edu](mailto:gradschool@mtu.edu))*

Meet the Dean of Students, the Graduate Student Government (GSG), Career Services, and more.

Please [register on your portal](#) so we can plan for your attendance!

**Graduate students will also need to attend a mandatory Orientation to Graduate Studies and Research program, which will begin mid-August and be completed over a week, online. Please visit the [Grad School Orientation website](https://gradschool.mtu.edu) or email them at [gradschool@mtu.edu](mailto:gradschool@mtu.edu) or [mygrad@mtu.edu](mailto:mygrad@mtu.edu) for further details.**
Orientation Picnic by the Graduate Student Government (GSG)

*This event is only for Graduate (MS and PhD) students.*

Time and place ~4:30PM (after the Graduate School Welcome event), Hancock Recreation Area (Hancock Beach)

Point of contact: gsg@mtu.edu or Trevor Wavrunek (gsg-social@mtu.edu)

Join the Graduate Student Government for a fun afternoon out in the sun! Students having access to a car can feel free to drive themselves. Free transportation will be provided for those who do not have transportation access. Volunteer Bob will also be giving a local tour on the way to the Beach!

**Tuesday, August 22**

Spiritual Night Hike

*Time and place:* 9:00 pm, Meet at St. Albert’s lower lot and the hike will be in the Tech trails

*Point of contact:* Father Ben Hasse (+1-906-290-2434, benjhasse@yahoo.com)

Join the members of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church to experience a nighttime hike on the MTU trails. The nature of the hike will be to enjoy the surroundings in a quiet and peaceful manner. The hike will conclude with a prayer. You do not need to participate in the prayer, as long as you are being respectful to those who choose to participate.
Thursday, August 24th
Outdoor Game Night

_Time and place:_ 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm, St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, lower parking lot
_Point of contact:_ Father Ben Hasse (906-290-2434, benjhasse@yahoo.com)
Be there for a fun game night organized by St. Albert the Great Catholic Church.

Saturday, August 26
An Afternoon on the Town

_Time and place:_ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, in Downtown Houghton and Virtually
_Point of contact:_ Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) (activities@mtu.edu)

Join the Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) team to meet with and learn about local businesses around campus and in the downtown Houghton region. Students will be provided a map of the city with the local businesses marked on it. [https://www.mtu.edu/student-leadership/traditions/afternoon/](https://www.mtu.edu/student-leadership/traditions/afternoon/)
Other Events (after Welcome Week):

Friday, September 1

First Friday Social

*Time and place:* 4:00-6:00pm, Grad Commons Patio (207 East Street)

*Point of contact:* gsg@mtu.edu or Trevor Wavrunek (gsg-social@mtu.edu)

Come and hang out with members of the Graduate Student Government (GSG). Meet new people and learn about other departments.

Friday, September 8

K-Day

*Time and place:* 12:00 pm, Chassell Centennial Park

*Point of contact:* Student Leadership and Involvement (activities@mtu.edu)

Classes will be released at noon on the Friday following Labor Day so that students can **celebrate Keweenaw Day (K-Day)**. This is a chance to learn more about MTU student organizations (including international groups), eat good food, try fun games, and enjoy the beautiful setting. Buses will leave from the Memorial Union Building beginning at noon.
**Tuesday, September 19**

**Career Fair**

*Time and place:* 12:00-5:00pm, Student Development Complex (SDC)

*Point of contact:* Career Services [career@mtu.edu](mailto:career@mtu.edu)

Meet with recruiters from all around the country and pass out your resume for a chance to get an internship, co-op, or full-time job.

Throughout the month of September leading up to Career Fair, Career Services is also holding CareerFEST, which is an information networking and recruiting opportunity held outside, under tents, or on our campus mall.