

Welcome to Michigan Tech!

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

Before and during your flight

- Check your Michigan Tech email inbox **regularly**. Official emails will be sent to that email address and not your personal email address.
- Write your name, phone number, email, and address of where you will be staying on all of your luggage.
- Write down important information on a piece of paper in case your phone dies. Keep it with you at all times.
- Check if your home country phone service works in the United States. If you want to buy a new sim card at the airport, make sure that the operator works in Houghton, Michigan (AT&T and Verizon are the most common). You will have options to buy a phone/sim card once you arrive to Houghton, Michigan.
- If you do not have a Visa/Master Card, have some cash to buy one at the airport, you might need money to buy food, water, or pay for transportation.
- Contact International Programs and Services (IPS) before your trip to connect you with someone from your country to assist you with any questions you may have.
- Let IPS, your department, and your advisor know about your travel plans.
- During your flight, you will be required to fill the "U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs Declaration 6059B form. Familiarize yourself with the 6059B form (a copy is attached to this flyer) and make sure to declare all the items that the form is requiring.

Please keep your passport and I-20 with you at all times. 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.

Immigration and Customs

Once you arrive at the airport in the United States, you will go through Immigration and Customs. Make sure to sign your I-20 before arriving at 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.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement will ask for your passport, visa, and I-20 a few times during your trip. That is why it is important that you keep them with you at all times.

Be prepared in case Immigration and Customs search your luggage or even take some of your items due to rules and regulations.

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 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 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.**

Make sure you are on the right domestic flight/bus. The bus trip from Chicago to Houghton will require changing buses. Ask the bus driver when you need to change buses. Drivers might forget about informing you of changing to a different bus.

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](#) 1-877-222-9058
 - [www.alamo.com](#) 1-877-222-9075

If you decide to rent a car, make sure that you understand the risks and challenges of international students. Renting a car with an international driving license could be expensive and risky.

- 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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, International Programs and Services will not pick up students at the Hancock airport. Each student will have to secure their 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
- Lyft
 - <https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/upper-peninsula-mi>
- 906 Taxi
 - Call - 906-281-9431

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. However, during the summer semester, the shuttle schedule and route will be different from the regular semester. Please check the shuttle webpage for the latest shuttle schedule and other transportation options in town (such as Lyft, and buses from the cities of Houghton and Hancock).

Please be aware of COVID-19 restrictions and social distance guidelines in place. Currently, the school bus can transport only 10 people. The City Commuter Shuttle only transports 7 people. Everyone should wear a mask. It is very important that you are familiar with and follow the guidelines and restrictions, as they can change by the time you arrive at Michigan Tech. 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 currently available due to the COVID pandemic. Things can change rapidly, please contact the Housing department for specific 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 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 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 restrictions on campus

You are required to quarantine for 14 days upon your arrival to Houghton, Michigan.

Wearing a mask is required to enter any building on campus. If you are not wearing a mask, you will not be allowed to enter. Stay 6 feet apart from others.

No one is permitted to come to campus with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Students and Employees are required to monitor their symptoms daily before coming to campus. The [Daily Symptom Tracking Form](#) is a short form that will help you determine if you have COVID symptoms. Visit the [MTU Flex](#) website for the most recent COVID information and restrictions.

Once you arrive on campus, check-in with IPS!*

IPS Office, Administration Building, Room 200
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please bring the following:
I-20 or DS-2019
Passport and Visa

Due to COVID restrictions, IPS staff might be working remotely. Send all your inquiries to ips@mtu.edu to arrange a time/date to check-in.

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

*If you arrive with your dependents, please review the attached document with resources for families on campus.



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 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Day <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Year <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
11	I am (We are) bringing		
	(a) fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds, food, insects:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	(b) meats, animals, animal/wildlife products:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	(c) disease agents, cell cultures, snails:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	(d) soil or have been on a farm/ranch/pasture:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12	I have (We have) been in close proximity of livestock : (such as touching or handling)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13	I am (We are) carrying currency or monetary instruments over \$10,000 U.S. or foreign equivalent: (see definition of monetary instruments on reverse)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
14	I have (We have) commercial merchandise : (articles for sale, samples used for soliciting orders, or goods that are not considered personal effects)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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		
<u>ATHLETICS</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
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
<u>STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX/ICE ARENA</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
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
<u>INTRAMURALS</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
Intramural Sports Entry Fees (deposit/forfeit fees apply)	Free Participation with I.D.	None
<u>GOLF COURSE</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
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
<u>OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
Snowshoe Rental	One Free Rental	One Free Rental
<u>VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
VPA - Performances	Free Ticket or Admission	Free Ticket or Admission
<u>SKI HILL</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
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
<u>GATES TENNIS CENTER</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
Membership - 12 month (\$295)	\$148	\$148
Membership - 9 month (\$235)	\$118	\$118
Membership - 6 month (\$190)	\$95	\$95
Membership - 3 month (\$132)	\$66	\$66
<u>RECREATIONAL TRAILS</u>	<u>Spouse/Partner Benefit*</u>	<u>Dependent Benefits*</u>
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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