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93% placement rate within six months of graduation

17:1 student-faculty ratio; 83% of MSU classes have 50 students or fewer

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TRANSFER ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Admission as a transfer student is based on consistent academic performance at all current and previously attended institutions. MSU performs a holistic review of each applicant. A cumulative grade point average is calculated from all courses completed and attempted.

Students who complete the following at least one full semester (16 weeks) before their desired term of enrollment will be considered more competitive in the admissions process:

- 24 or more credits transferable to MSU
- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher, with consistent grade performance

Learn more about MSU and explore your options online: go.msu.edu/transfer-apply.

SELECTING YOUR MAJOR

When applying, students must select their desired major(s). Some majors at MSU have additional admission requirements (these are called “restricted majors”). If you select a restricted major on your application, you will be asked to provide up to two additional major choices. One of your choices must be a non-restricted major. Students with 42 or more credits transferable to MSU should not select Exploratory Preference as a major.

Applicants to restricted major programs should carefully review these requirements before applying. For more detailed information about restricted programs, including requirements and deadlines, visit go.msu.edu/restricted-majors.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS

Transfer students are encouraged to use the TransferMSU searchable credit

equivalency website, available at transfer.msu.edu, to identify courses that may transfer.

Students may transfer a maximum of 60 credits from two-year institutions. Credits may be earned and transferred to MSU at any time during the degree. Students with credits from a 4-year college/university may apply up to 90 eligible credits toward degree requirements. Students are required to complete a minimum of one year's work (at least 30 credits) at Michigan State University in order to be eligible for a degree. Only course work assigned a passing grade of 2.0 or higher will be transferable.

FINANCIAL AID

United States citizens and permanent residents who wish to apply for need-based financial aid, such as the Pell Grant and College Work Study Program, should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information, visit finaid.msu.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Admitted transfer students with 28 or more transferable credits (starting the fall after high school graduation) are eligible to be considered for scholarships. Please visit go.msu.edu/transfer-scholarships for more information.

External scholarships can be found by using these free national scholarship search services: fastweb.com and collegeanswer.com.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Decisions are made after all application forms and materials are received by the Office of Admissions. Please refer to the transfer dates and deadlines site for detailed information: go.msu.edu/transfer-deadlines

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete MSU's application for admission, including the required essay, online at go.msu.edu/transfer-apply-now.
- ☐ Pay the \$65 nonrefundable application fee.
- ☐ Have your official college-level transcript(s) sent directly from each school or institution attended to MSU. This includes transcripts from any dual enrollment or early/middle college programs. These can be sent through online services or by U.S. mail (admissions.msu.edu/contact-us).
- ☐ Send an official copy of score results to the Office of Admissions if you have taken an Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), A-Level or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam.

While the Office of Admission may delay a decision until 24 credits transferable to MSU are completed, you can provide the following items for consideration and an earlier decision.

- ☐ Final official high school transcript(s) sent electronically to MSU directly from your high school through an electronic delivery service.
- ☐ MSU is test-optional for the ACT/SAT through 2026 and not required for consideration. Transfer applicants who would like to have test scores considered will have the ability to self-report scores on the application. Admitted students who chose to apply with self-reported test scores will be required to provide official test results to the university before they attend New Student Orientation.

SCHEDULE A VISIT!

go.msu.edu/transfer-visit

We're excited to welcome you to campus and answer your questions about life as a Spartan. The Office of Admissions offers a variety of visit options and programs for prospective transfer students throughout the year.



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Agribusiness management
- Agriculture, food and natural resources education
- Animal science
- Construction management*
- Crop and soil sciences
- Dietetics
- Entomology
- Environmental economics and management
- Environmental studies and sustainability
- Fisheries and wildlife
- Food industry management
- Food science
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Interior design*
- Landscape architecture*
- Nutritional sciences
- Packaging*
- Sustainable parks, recreation and tourism

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

- African American and African Studies
- Apparel and textile design
- Apparel and textiles
- Arabic
- Art education
- Art history and visual culture
- Arts and letters - exploratory
- Chinese
- English
- Experience architecture
- Film studies
- French
- French education
- German
- Global studies in the arts and humanities
- Graphic design
- Humanities - prelaw
- Interdisciplinary humanities
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Professional and public writing
- Religious studies
- Russian
- Spanish
- Spanish education
- Studio art
- Theatre
- Women's and gender studies

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Advertising creative*
- Advertising management*
- Communication
- Communication leadership and strategy
- Communicative sciences and disorders
- Digital storytelling
- Games and interactive media
- Information science
- Journalism
- Public relations*

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Elementary education
- Kinesiology
- Special education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Applied engineering sciences*
- Biosystems engineering*
- Chemical engineering*
- Civil engineering*
- Computational data science*
- Computer engineering*
- Computer science*
- Electrical engineering*
- Engineering - exploratory*
- Environmental engineering*
- Materials science and engineering*
- Mechanical engineering*

COLLEGE OF MUSIC

- Composition*
- Jazz studies*
- Music*
- Music education*
- Music performance*

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE

- Actuarial science*
- Astrophysics*
- Biochemistry and molecular biology*
- Biochemistry and molecular biology/biotechnology*
- Biomedical laboratory science*
- Chemical physics*
- Chemistry*
- Computational and applied mathematics
- Data science*
- Environmental biology/microbiology*
- Environmental biology/plant biology*
- Environmental biology/zoology*
- Environmental geosciences*
- Genomics and molecular genetics*
- Geological sciences*
- Human biology*
- Integrated science — secondary education*
- Integrative biology*
- Mathematics*
- Mathematics, advanced*
- Mathematics — secondary education*
- Medical laboratory science*
- Microbiology*
- Natural science - exploratory*
- Neuroscience*
- Physics*
- Physiology*
- Plant biology*
- Quantitative risk analytics*
- Statistics*
- Zoology*

COLLEGE OF NURSING

- Nursing*

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Anthropology
- Child development and early childhood education: birth to kindergarten and special education
- Criminal justice
- Economics
- Environmental geography
- Geographic information science
- Geography
- Global and international studies in social science

- Global history
- History
- History: social studies education
- Human development and family studies
- Human resources and labor relations
- Interdisciplinary studies in social science
- Political science
- Political science - prelaw
- Psychology
- Public policy
- Social work*
- Sociology
- Urban and regional planning
- World politics

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- Veterinary nursing*

ELI BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Accounting*
- Finance*
- Hospitality business*
- Human resource management*
- Management*
- Marketing*
- Supply chain management*

JAMES MADISON COLLEGE

- Comparative cultures and politics*
- International relations*
- Political theory and constitutional democracy*
- Social relations and policy*

LYMAN BRIGGS COLLEGE

- Lyman Briggs*

NEIGHBORHOOD STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

- Exploratory preference* (reserved for students with 27 or less credit hours)

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Arts and humanities

For details about each major, sample courses and career outcomes, visit go.msu.edu/majors.

*These majors have additional admission requirements. For information about requirements and deadlines, visit go.msu.edu/restricted-majors.



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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER STUDENT GUIDE

Michigan State University Spartans work to advance the common good with uncommon will. Together, we tackle some of the world's toughest problems to find solutions that make life better.

WHO WILL? SPARTANS WILL.