



Pre-departure Orientation
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Agenda

- Campus Life and Support
- Immigration
- Orientations and Beyond
- Q&A



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International Students

Fall 2020 - Winter 2021

International Students:

- In Fall 2019, U-M enrolled 7,255 international students from 130 countries.
- Ranked No.15 nationally for the size of international student body in 2019
- Immigration advice, health Insurance questions, and programs.



U-M Fall Announcement

- Fall 2020: classes begin Monday, August 31
- Winter 2021: classes begin Tuesday, January 19
- Both fall and spring breaks are eliminated
- Courses will be offered in formats that include in-person, remote and mixed instruction depending on curricular needs.



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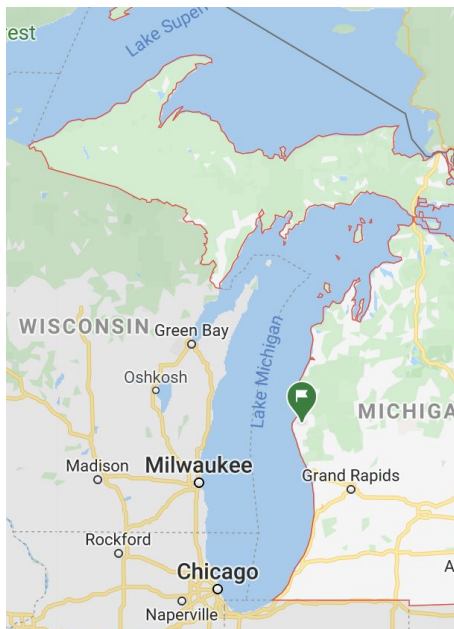
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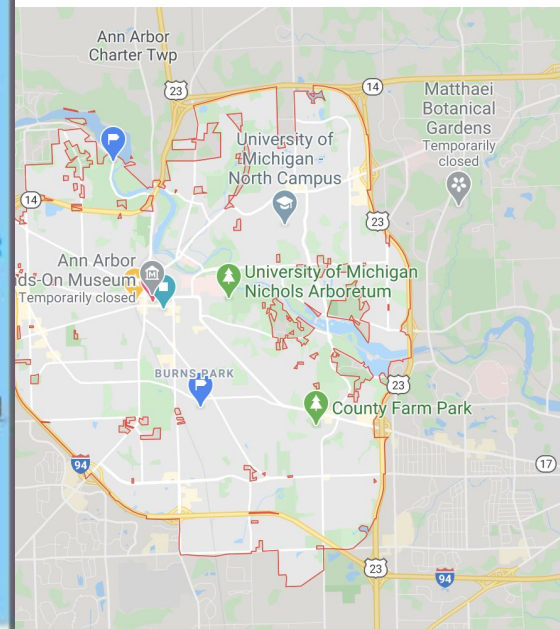


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Location



Michigan



Ann Arbor



Spring 7°C - 22°C

Summer 26°C - 28°C

Fall 9°C - 23°C

Winter -1°C - -1.6°C



Weather

Packing

MUST

WHAT SHOULD I PACK

- Passport, I-20, Visa (copies of each)
- Clothing you can layer for varying temperatures
- Personal necessities (glasses/ contacts)
- Cash <\$10,000 (Bringing [Money](#) to the U.S.)
 - a. Any amount/combination of money (cash, money order, travelers' checks) over \$10,000 must be declared in an advance on a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Declaration Form 6059B.



Packing

Not Recommendation

U.S. DHS - Prohibited and Restricted Items

- ❖ A lot of cash (>\$10,000)
- ❖ Chinese traditional medicine
- ❖ Fresh vegetables and fruits

Optional

- School supplies
- Power strips
- TSA luggage lock
- Warm winter clothing (hats, mittens, snow boots, heavy coat, scarf)



Transportation

- Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is a **35** minute drive from Ann Arbor.
 - a. [Air Ride/Michigan Flyer shuttle service](#) (\$11/ \$15)
 - b. Taxi - Lyft/Uber (\$40-60)
- On Campus Transportation
 - a. Free U-M [Blue Bus](#)
 - b. Ann Arbor City Buses “[The Ride](#)” (Free with M-Card)



Housing



On Campus

Undergraduate

- South/ East / North / West Quad
- Oxford ...

Graduate

- Munger Suites
- Northwood I&II, IV&V
- Martha Cook Residence Hall (Female only)

Important Information In Holidays (Winter/Summer):

- Residence halls **close** during the **winter break**, but students **CAN** leave their possessions in their rooms. However, Students **CANNOT** leave their possessions in the residence halls over the **summer**.

Off Campus

- Apartments
- Room Rentals (1b1b, 2b1b, ...)
- House rentals (6b3b, ...)
- Lease lengths can vary, and you usually pay **monthly**. **Don't sign a lease for longer than you need.** ([Student Legal Services](#) can help you review leases)
- [Virtual Housing Fair](#)



Campus Dining

- If you are living in a residence hall, you'll have an **Unlimited Meal Plan**. This means you can enter as many times as you'd like during regular dining hours and never worry about running out of meals.
- Students living in off-campus apartments **can** purchase meal plans.
- University dining halls provide meals for a variety of needs, including but not limited to Kosher, vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, and halal.



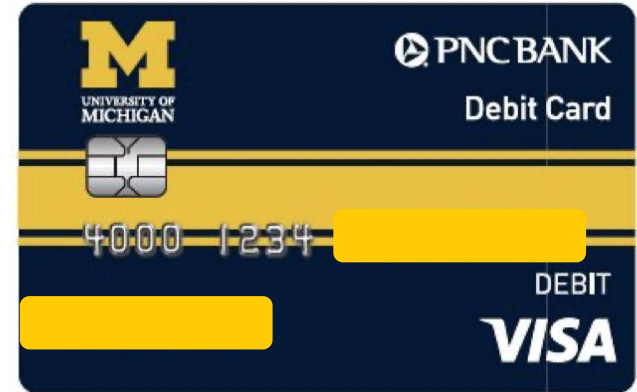
North Quad Dining Hall



Banking



- What do you need to open an account?
 - **Passport**
 - **I-20**
 - **Others vary**
- U-M has two affiliated banks:
 - [University of Michigan Credit Union](#)
 - [PNC Bank](#)
- How much money to have in your account?
 - Banks in the U.S. are insured up to **\$250,000**
 - Electronically wire money from China
 - **Pay attention to the Fees and penalties** associated with your checking and/or savings account.



Paying Tuition & Fees

- Bills are posted to your student's Wolverine Access portal monthly and an email is sent to the student.
- [Parents and Family Authorization](#): set up a "Friend/Family Account" so they can also receive those messages through Wolverine Access.
- U-M accepts [payments](#) on student charges in the form of cash, check, or e-payment.
 - [Optional Payment Plan](#): spread payment over 5 payments without interest.
 - Refer to [2020-2021 Payment Plan Brochure](#)
- International payments can be made through [Flywire](#) (飞汇).



Health & Wellness

- International Student Mandatory Health Insurance
 - Be automatically enrolled after you immigration check-in
 - Monthly payment posted on Wolverine Access
- **University Health Services (UHS)**
 - Walk-in visits and appointments available
 - Most services are covered by International Health Insurance or have low fees
 - Can request interpretation when scheduling
- U-M Hospitals - Michigan Medicine: ranked #5 best hospitals in the U.S. and #15 in the world by Newsweek
 - International Student Health Insurance plan is accepted
 - Translation services available



Health & Wellness

- **Mental Health Matters**
 - Counseling and Psychological Services ([CAPS](#))
- **Immunizations**
 - Not required by U-M or U.S. government
 - Recommended: Submit your Immunization Records online before classes begin.
 - Can [get immunizations](#) at UHS for a fee
- **Recreational Sports Center** (fees included with tuition)
 - NCRB (North Campus Recreation Building)
 - CCRB (Central Campus Recreation Building)
 - IMSB (Intramural Building Sports Building)



Safety on campus

- **Emergencies: 9-1-1**
- Wolverine Access- UM Emergency Alert
- **Safety Resources:**
 - **Blue Light Phones**
 - Late night transportation - [Safe Ride](#)
- **Common Sense**
 - Lock your door
 - Take care of your belongs



**LOCK IT
OR LOSE IT**
PREVENT THEFT
Don't leave your property unattended



[Register Devices](#)

- Register valuable devices through DPSS
- You will receive stickers to paste on your devices
- To report the theft of property on campus, call DPSS at **(734) 763-1131** or report a crime online.



Safety on campus

Crime Alerts

- Email automatically sent to all U-M Ann Arbor students, staff and faculty
- DPSS website / Twitter page
- Fliers posted around campus



Scams & Fraud



- Coronavirus scams / identity theft / phishing emails / Phone scams and voice phishing (vishing) / Tax fraud / Tech support scams / Text message (SMS) scams (smishing)
- **Don't lose money - Warnings from the IC**



Academic Resources

- **Libraries**

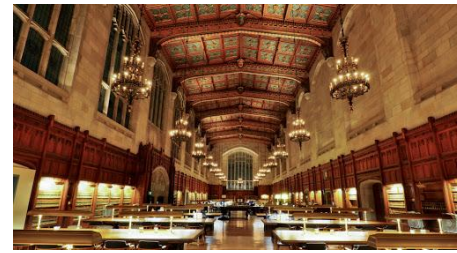
- Study spaces
- Online research, publications and books

- **Academic Advising**

- Undergraduate students: [Academic Support Services](#) (add/drop classes, transferring credit, study abroad, degree progress)
- Graduate students: consult with your academic advisor

- **Office Hours**

- Times listed in syllabus
- Great way to build relationship
- 1:1 support for class materials



Law school



Shapiro (UGLI)



Hatcher



Language Support

- Sweetland Writing Center
 - Peer Writing Center
 - Online Writing Lab (OWL)
 - Writing Workshop
- English Language Institute (ELI)
 - Conversation Circles
 - Language Clinics
 - Courses
 - Other resources





Immigration



- Pay the [I-901](#) **SEVIS Fee** before your visa interview
- Complete the [DS-160](#) Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application
- Pay the visa application fee
- Make an appointment with the consulate
 - Read about local consulate [procedures](#)
 - See U.S. Embassy/Consulate [websites](#)
 - View estimated [wait times](#)
- [U.S visa application website](#)

Visa

Routine visas services have been suspended at U.S. posts worldwide

- Apply for your visa as early as possible
- Students may be issued F-1 visas up to **120 days** before the I-20 program start date
- Be prepared to demonstrate your intent to return home after you complete your academic program
- The following will provide a list of generally required documents for your visa application
 - [U.S. Department of State F-1 visa application information](#)
 - [U.S. Department of State J-1 visa application information](#)
- Other helpful links:
 - The International Center - [Updated information](#) for the incoming students
 - The International Center - [Visa related information](#)



Arrival



Before arriving:

- [International Student Welcome Booklet](#)
- Undergrad student [checklist](#)
- Graduates - look at your school homepage
- International student mandatory check-in
- Confirm all the logistical considerations, such as transportation to campus, banking, housing

After arriving:

- Confirm [I-94](#) immigration status
- Obtain a U-M student ID card (Mcard) -- [Undergraduates](#) and [Graduates](#)
- Attend International Center orientation as much as possible



Maintaining Immigration Status

- Maintain good academic standing and make progress towards degree program requirements.
- Enroll full-time during academic year (fall & winter semesters)
 - Undergraduate = **12** credits/term
 - Graduate = **8** credits/term (**6** credits/term if GSI/GSRA)
- Maintain valid passport and I-20
- Maintain health insurance coverage
- May work on-campus up to **20** hours each week during academic year
- May work more than **20** hours each week during breaks/vacation period
- May **not** work off campus without proper work authorization



COVID-19 Update: FAQs for Newly Admitted Students

- Immigration Documents (Visas, I-20s, etc.)
- Travel
- Fall Semester Status
- Late Arrivals/Deferrals



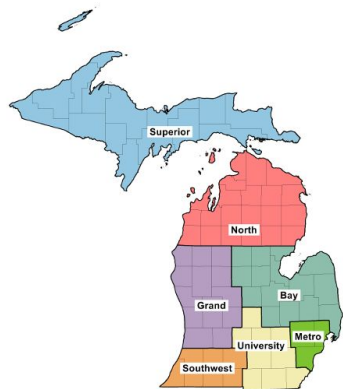


Orientations and Beyond



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Midwestern Culture in the U.S.



- Midwest Americans are friendly, but they like to keep private life. Don't be surprised if it takes a while to make close friendships.
- Smiling, saying good morning / hello, but no conversation following which is normal.
- Engage with caution when it comes to: age, weight, sexual orientation, relationship status, political views, income level, etc.
- Potluck and social etiquette
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion ([DEI](#)): gender pronouns, accessibility, etc.



Academic

- Language difficulties
- Cultural differences in the classroom
- Different communication styles
- New approaches to learning
- Faculty office hours
- Time management



Challenges

Personal

- Homesickness
- Lack of support
- Lack of meaningful relationships
- Changing sense of identity
- Unrealistic expectations from family & self
- Financial problems
- Difficulties in home country



Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)



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UM_CSSA



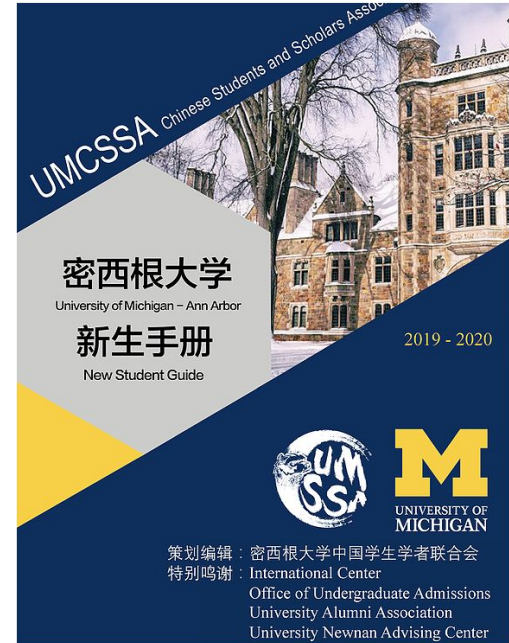
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CSSA New Student Guide



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Campus Involvement

- [Maize Pages](#)
 - 1,600 student organizations
- [FestiFall and NorthFest](#)
 - Best way to start finding your community
- [Happening @ Michigan](#)
 - Search for any event happening on campus
- [International Center Student Council](#)
 - Identify and examine issues affecting international students
- Check with your departments about their own student organizations



Career Resources



WHEREVER YOU GO, GO BLUE

179

COUNTRIES

621,102

TOTAL ALUMNI

114

CLUBS WORLDWIDE



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- **Career Services Offices:**
 - University Career Center (for all students)
 - Career Services in other Schools & Colleges
- **Linkedin Group:** University of Michigan International Alumni and Students
- **International Center**
 - Finding internships in and outside the U.S.
 - Understanding U.S. Workplace Culture
 - International Alumni Career Panel
 - International Career Pathways
- **Tips:**
 - Be proactive
 - Build cross-cultural knowledge
 - Volunteering
 - Learn practical skills

Undergraduate Students:

- Wolverine Online Orientation

Graduate Students:

- [Rackham Fall Virtual Welcome](#)
- Your school or department may offer an orientation. Speak with your academic department about its specific orientation.

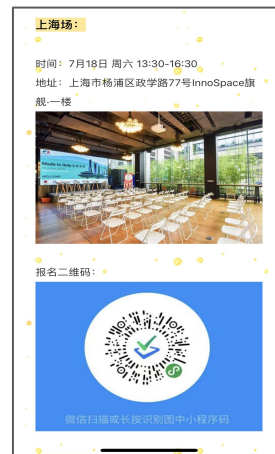
Pre-departure Orientation for New International Students:

- Wednesday, July 8, 3:30-5:00 PM
- Friday, July 10, 9:30-11:00 AM

CSSA Orientation for New Students:

- Shanghai: Saturday, July 18
- Beijing: to be decided

Orientations



Workshops:

- **Address practical needs:** banking, transportation, driving, car, health care, legal issues...
- **Academic support:** library basics, cultural differences in the classroom, communicating with academic advisers...
- **Health and wellness:** health services, managing stress, making friends, getting involved..
- **Employment:** finding a job on campus, tax forms

Ask Me!: a virtual meeting designed to support new international students

Virtual Chats with Orientation Peer Advisers

International Center Summer Orientation



International Center Events

- International Student Lunch Conversation (with CAPS)
- Lunch and Learn Series
- Meet, Eat, and American Life (MEAL) @ Michigan
- Birthday Celebration
- International Coffee Hour
- Immigration workshops
- Career Workshops
- Income Tax Preparation
- Education Abroad Advising
- Graduation Reception

****Check your umich email for important information and announcements.***



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Additional Resources

General Information:

- [IC Orientation](#)
- [IC New Students Guide](#)
- [International Students Welcome Booklet](#)
- [2020-21 CAMPUS MAIZE & BLUEPRINT](#)
- [IC Annual Statistical Report](#)
- [Student Life Links Page](#)
- [U-M Lingo](#)

COVID-19 Updates

- [U-M COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [IC COVID-19 Updates](#)

Housing:

- [Storage services](#)
- [Rental Scams](#)
- [Virtual Housing Fair](#)

Transportation:

- [IC transportation page](#)
- [Detroit Connector](#)
- [Zipcar](#), [Maven](#), [Enterprise](#)
- [Park & Ride Program](#)
- [Student Parking Website](#)

Banking:

- [IC banking page](#)
- [Local banks comparison](#)

Academic Resources & Language support:

- [Language Resources Center](#)
- [Conversation Partners](#)
- [FAQ for LSA Undergraduate Students](#)
- [FAQ for Engineering Undergraduate Students](#)
- [GSI / GSRA](#)

Life:

- [Packing List](#)
- [Freshmen Folk Wisdom](#)

Phone Apps:

- [Michigan App](#)
- [DPSS Safety App](#)
- [21 Apps to help you conquer your first year at U-M](#)

Community:

- [International House Ann Arbor](#)
- [International Neighbors](#)
- [Michigan Language Center](#)
- [NEW Wolverine Access](#)

Important U.S. Federal and Privacy Laws:

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)): 保护学生教育记录隐私的联邦法律
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ([HIPAA](#)): 有关查看及获得你健康信息做出规定的联邦法律



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