

# Orientation FAQs

<http://www.mtu.edu/success/orientation/undergraduate/>

## Do I have to register for Orientation?

- **No**, all first-year students and transfer students who have paid their deposit are automatically registered for Orientation.

## Do I have to attend Orientation?

- Orientation is a **mandatory** program for all new students.

## Why is Orientation important?

Although a student may have some college experience, students in their first-year may encounter some obstacles while adjusting to college life. Orientation is intended to support them through this transition by: providing information about campus resources; creating opportunities to meet other students (specifically, students in their major), faculty, and staff; and acclimating them to campus.

## When should I move in?

- Students are encouraged to arrive on Saturday, **August 26, 2017** during move-in hours (**9:00 am-6:00 pm**). Check-in is in the Rozsa Center (#10 on the campus map). Volunteers will be available to help students move into their rooms.
- Students who arrive after Saturday, August 26, 2017.
  - After 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 26, 2017 students check in at the Wadsworth Hall Reception Desk.
  - After 8:00 am Monday, August 28, 2017, students check in at their assigned residence hall reception desks. Students who are commuting to campus check in at the Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success in the Administration Building, Room 130.
- Early arrival inquiries: fill out early arrivals form on the housing website (located under “forms and resources” at [www.mtu.edu/housing](http://www.mtu.edu/housing)). Early arrivals will be allowed under special circumstances only. If you have further questions, please contact Housing at 906-487-2682.

## When does Orientation begin?

- The University Welcome and First-Year Class Photo Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 1:00-2:00 pm in the MacInnes Student Ice Arena (SDC).
- The University Welcome Social is on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room (SDC).

## What about Transfer Students?

- Transfer students (with 30 or more credits) may attend Transfer Student Orientation on Friday, September 1. They can get more information at: <http://www.mtu.edu/success/orientation/undergraduate/transfer/>
- Transfer students may elect to attend the full week of Orientation, if they are interested in attending the full week, please let Ryan or Karen know their information.

## **I will not be living on campus. Do I still need to check in and attend Orientation?**

- **Yes**, Orientation is valuable to commuter students.
  - It provides a way for you to meet students in your major and familiarize yourself with all the campus has to offer and connect with faculty, staff, and students in your program.
  - There are even sessions offered specifically for commuter students: safety session facilitated by the Commuter Assistant.
  - Each commuter student is provided meal swipes to any residential dining hall to be used during Orientation Week only; allowing commuter students to enjoy meals with resident students or just grab a meal without needing to leave campus.

## **How do I know what books to purchase?**

1. Students can view the books they need and purchase them online via the bookstore website: <http://bookstore.mtu.edu>.
2. Students can also print a copy of their schedule and visit the bookstore in the Memorial Union Building (34).

## **When do I get to schedule my classes?**

- Students are registered and placed into courses in mid July. They will have the opportunity to register for General Education or other required courses, or round out their schedule with PE electives on the Wednesday of Orientation Week. Schedules will be viewable through MyMichiganTech.

## **Who is my advisor?**

- Your advisor's information will be entered into Banweb approximately one week prior to Orientation.
- If a student needs to know right away check the undergraduate advisors page: [www.mtu.edu/registrar/students/advising/list](http://www.mtu.edu/registrar/students/advising/list). You can look up advisor information by the student's major.
- Please note not all advisors work during the summer.

## **When do I meet with my advisor?**

- All first-year students will meet their advisor during Orientation Week. The first time you'll meet your advisor is on Monday. Advisors will hold open office hours throughout the week, beginning Monday at 3:00 pm.

## **What if I want to change my major?**

- Before Orientation-Week: Please contact the Admission office at (906) 487-2335.
- During Orientation-Week: Please contact the Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success at (906) 487-3558.

## **When can I pick up my Michigan Tech ID?**

- You can pick up your Tech ID during Move-In.
- If possible, please upload a photo into your MyMichiganTech account before you come to campus.
- Please bring a photo ID to pick up your Michigan Tech ID.

## Do I have to take a \_\_\_\_\_ placement test?

Information available in the Tech Guide Online: <http://www.mtu.edu/admissions/life/michigan-tech-guide.pdf>

- **Chemistry:** The Chemistry Department has the best information regarding where students should be placed, as well as frequently asked questions. For college-level chemistry, students need at least one year of high school chemistry, proficiency in algebra, and good problem solving skills. If a student feels they were placed in the wrong chemistry course during scheduling, they may adjust your schedule during Orientation registration.
  - <http://www.mtu.edu/chemistry/undergraduate/first-year/>
  
- **Computer Science:** There are two levels of computer science courses for first-year students, depending on their previous experience with programming
  - CS1121 is the usual first course in Computer Science. This course is for students with no prior computer programming experience. If students choose to take CS1121, they do not need to take the Computer Science Placement Test.
  - CS1131 is the accelerated introduction to Computer Science and requires at least some previous programming experience. If students are unsure of their experience level, they should take the Computer Science Placement Test (linked from the Tech Guide Online).
    - <http://www.mtu.edu/cs/undergraduate/placement/>
  
- **Math:** Students receive an initial math placement based on their ACT or SAT score. If the student wishes to challenge their placement they can complete the placement exam online (<http://www.math.mtu.edu/firstyear/diagnostic.html>).
  - <http://www.mtu.edu/math/placement/>
  
- **Modern Language:** If students plan to continue studying French, German, or Spanish, they will need to take the online Modern Language Placement Test (linked from the Tech Guide Online) to ensure they are placed at the appropriate level of study. The department highly recommends students take this test online prior to arrival on campus. The test will be offered on campus during Orientation Week.
  - <http://www.mtu.edu/humanities/undergraduate/modern-languages/placement/>