



Michigan Technological University

International Programs and Services

Welcome Week Schedule Fall 2024

Hello and welcome to Michigan Tech! We are delighted to have you on campus for the Fall 2024 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:

Tuesday, August 13

Walmart Shopping Trip

Time and place: 10:00AM and 10:40AM pick up; volunteers assisting at Walmart until 12:13; last drop off at the MUB bus stop will be at 12:40PM , 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.*



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Thursday, August 15

Walmart Shopping Trip

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Global Social by IPS

Time and place: 8:00 pm -10:00 pm, MUB Ballroom

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! Various Michigan Tech student organizations on campus will also be there to meet and greet you!



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Friday, August 16

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)~ 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 and Student Insurance staff to meet and greet you.

Tuesday, August 20

Campus Tour

Time and place: 4:00 pm, Van Pelt and Opie Library lobby

Point of contact: Dorianne Shaffer (dmshaffe@mtu.edu)

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



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Wednesday, August 21

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)

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 22

Campus Tour

Time and place: 4:00 pm, Van Pelt and Opie Library lobby

Point of contact: Dorianne Shaffer (dmschaffe@mtu.edu)

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Student Organization Sponsored Events:

Thursday, August 15th

Outdoor Excursion (Canoe Trip)

Time and place: 7:30-10:30PM, depart from the St. Albert the Great Catholic Church

Point of contact Father Ben Hasse, benjhasse@yahoo.com

Join the Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church team for a fun evening canoe trip to enjoy the beauty of the Upper Peninsula. Wear sturdy shoes; flip flops or sandals are not recommended.

Friday, August 16th

Outdoor Excursion (Canoe Trip)

Time and place 11:00AM-3:00PM , depart from the St. Albert the Great Catholic Church

Point of contact Father Ben Hasse, benjhasse@yahoo.com

Join the Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church team for a fun afternoon canoe trip to enjoy the beauty of the Upper Peninsula. Wear sturdy shoes; flip flops or sandals are not recommended.

Saturday, August 17th

Hungarian Falls Hike

Time and place: 12:30PM, depart from the Memorial Union Building (MUB) Bus Stop

Point of contact: Liz Van Heusden, liz.van-heusden@intvarsity.org



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Join the [InterVarsity Christian Fellowship team](#) for a fun afternoon hike to a local favorite hiking spot, Hungarian Falls. Wear sturdy shoes, flip flops or sandals are not recommended. Bring a water bottle. This is an out and back hike of about 2 miles, we start out climbing a bit of a hill to see three waterfalls on the river.

Outdoor Excursion (Canoe Trip)

Time and place 10:00AM-2:00PM , depart from the St. Albert the Great Catholic Church

Point of contact Father Ben Hasse, benjhasse@yahoo.com

Join the Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church team for a fun afternoon canoe trip to enjoy the beauty of the Upper Peninsula. Wear sturdy shoes; flip flops or sandals are not recommended.

Monday, August 19

Bonfire and s'mores

Time and place: 7:00PM, Prince's Point, walking trail is located behind the new dorm construction next to the Rosza. There will also be a person near the front main entrance of Wads to gather people and bring them down around 7:15PM.

Point of contact: Liz Van Heusden, liz.van-heusden@intervarsity.org

Join the students of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for a bonfire at one of our favorite spots on campus to get to know them and each other as



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you chat and enjoy the beauty of the sunset on the canal. They will bring all of the s'mores making materials so all can enjoy this American campfire dessert.

Sunday, August 18

Undergraduate Orientation Week begins

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

Time and place: afternoon of Sunday, August 18- afternoon of Friday, August 23

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

Monday, August 19

Welcome to Graduate School

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

Time and place: 2:00-3:00PM, Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts Presentation

Point of contact: Grad School (mygrad@mtu.edu or gradschool@mtu.edu)

Meet the Dean of Students, the Graduate Student Government (GSG), Career Services, and more. There will also be a reception after the information sessions.



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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](#) or email them at gradschool@mtu.edu or 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 4:30-7:30PM (after the Graduate School Welcome event), Hancock Recreation Area (Hancock Beach)

Point of contact: Vikramaditya Gurrapu, 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. A bus from the Rozsa Center to Hancock Beach will shuttle every 20 minutes from 4:30 to 7:50PM. More information can be found on the Graduate School website/poster. Volunteer Bob will also be giving a local tour on the way to the Beach!

Saturday, August 24

An Afternoon on the Town

Time and place: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, in Downtown Houghton

Point of contact: Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI)

(activities@mtu.edu)

Join the Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) team to meet with



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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/>

Other Events (after Welcome Week):

Friday, September 6

First Friday Social

Time and place: 5:00-7:00pm, Grad Commons Patio (207 East Street)

Point of contact: gsg@mtu.edu or Vikramaditya Gurrapu (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 6

K-Day

Time and place: 1:00-5:00PM, 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 Cliff Drive near the Rozsa Center beginning at 12:30PM



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Tuesday, September 24

Career Fair

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

Point of contact: Career Services 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.