



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Fall 2026
New Student Orientation
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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Students,

We're happy to have you for another NSO newsletter! If you ever need a refresher on what was shared in previous issues, you can visit our [communications archive](#). This week, we have new Spartan Spotlight posts to check out, as well as a new series, Study Spot Highlights, that gives you a sneak-peek at the best places to get work

done! If you haven't already, please make sure to complete NSO Checkpoint 1 (more details will be provided below) as soon as you are able, and check out the [NSO Theme reveal on the NSO Instagram page](#).

This will be the only newsletter you receive in April, but stay tuned for May, when we will begin to deliver newsletters bi-weekly.

 **Welcome from Dr. Portia Watkins** 

Welcome to the Spartan Family

In this [brief video](#), Dr. Portia Watkins, the Assistant Dean of Access, Transitions & Student Success, will give you a quick summary of what you can expect during your NSO journey. Our goal is to keep you informed and assured as you start your journey at MSU. We're here to help with anything you need, and can't wait to see you on campus!

 **Spartan Spotlight Posts** 

Use these posts as a starting point on your orientation journey! Be sure to read each post for important dates and deadlines, resources, and tips for success. If you have any questions about the information provided, please feel free to reach out by email at nso@msu.edu or by phone at **(517) 355-8490**.

[New Student Orientation \(NSO\) - Fall 2026 Orientation Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 1 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 2 Overview](#)

[ID Office Information for Fall 2026](#)

[Housing Updates for Fall 2026](#)

[Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities \(RCPD\) for Fall 2026](#)

[Study Spot Highlights - MSU Main Library](#)

 **New Student Starter Pack Playlist** 

new student starter pack:



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4 we are preparing a variety of engagement opportunities to help you feel prepared for the upcoming semester. In the meantime, check out our [New Student Starter Pack Playlist](#), with a handful of podcasts containing evergreen tips and tricks to answer your burning NSO questions!

Just a reminder...

Have you been thinking of changing your major? No worries! Incoming fall students have the chance to change their major in the [Admissions Portal](#) until **Friday, May 1, 2026**.

Important MSU Dates

APR
26

Classes End

APR
27
|
MAY
01

Final Exams

MAY
01
|
MAY
03

Commencements

What to Expect

NSO is so excited to keep in contact with you! Throughout the duration of NSO, you can expect various email reminders, text messages, and voicemails sent to you and your family/supporter on file. These communications are meant to provide the most up-to-date information so you can act accordingly. If you have any questions about the communications you receive, please reach out to the NSO Office at (517) 355-8490 or by email at nso@msu.edu. **GO GREEN!**

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