

**International Student Orientation  
MSU Moorhead  
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## Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are closed on all federal and state holidays.

## Important Dates/Upcoming Events

August 28<sup>th</sup> - Tuition and Fees are due

September 7<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day (No Class)

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Fall Breather (No Class)

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Faculty Inservice (No Class)

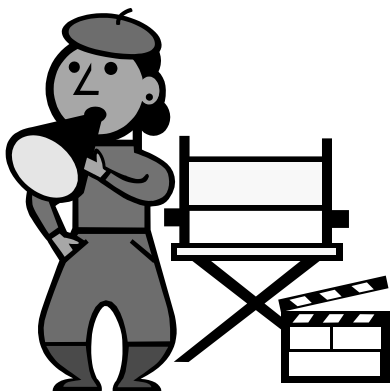
October 19<sup>th</sup> - Registration Advising Begins

October 24<sup>th</sup> - Family Day

November 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Fall Break (No Class)

December 9<sup>th</sup> - Study Day Only Night Classes Meet

December 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Finals Week Check Your Syllabus



## Diplomats

*Do you have a question about life in the U.S. concerning weather, living off campus, shopping, clothing, etc.? Ask anyone of our wonderful, outstanding Diplomats listed below. They will be more than happy to answer your questions.*

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## Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> MacLean (MA) 167

### Sunday, August 23

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Residence Hall Floor Meeting- **Must Attend**

Head back to the residence halls and take this opportunity to meet your new family for the next year. This will give you a chance to learn all the policies, expectations, and procedures for living in your hall. You will be held accountable for these rules while living on campus! This is also a great opportunity to relax and mingle with your floor-mates.

### Monday, August 24

**First Day of School—All classes begin!**

### Tuesday, August 25

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ECE Transfer Credits King Hall 101

Greg will speak to those of you that have credits that can or might transfer from international schools and the process required.

- **1:00pm Check - In**

Please bring passport, I-20 or DS-2019, visa and I-94. We will be filling out paperwork and making photocopies for your social security application and your file. (extra help to make copies)

- **Introduction**

Introduction of International Programs Staff, Diplomats-

- **Q & A**

Questions and Answers to and from the Diplomats and ISO Board members. Time for the unanswered questions you have been waiting for

- **Immigration Basics**

Greg will speak up about the immigration basics of staying in status while here

- **Life in the US**

Jobs on and off campus, Social Security Credit Cards and Money, Health care

- **5:00pm Dinner China Garden**

(Let students know to bring check, money and paperwork with them in the morning for the Business Office on August 18th. Also, to bring their immunizations forms, records and X-rays if you have done the TB test in your country—August 19th.)

## Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> MacLean (MA) 167

- 8:00—9:00 am Breakfast Join us for mini muffins and fruit cocktail outside of the office of international programs
- 9:00 - 12:00 am Accuplacer Testing MA 168 & 169 Mandatory for all students.
- 12:00 noon Lunch International Programs
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm Public Safety MA 167 Mike Parks, Director of Security Weather alerts, parking and general safety issues
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Affinity Banking CMU 101 Open checking accounts and ask questions. If you want to open accounts at this time bring Student ID, Passport, Money and I-20
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm Plagiarism MA 167 Professor Ellen Brisch will give a great informational session on plagiarism
- 4:30 Pizza International Programs

## Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00—9:00 am Breakfast Join us for mini muffins and fruit outside of the office of International Programs

9:00 am — 12:00 Noon Registration CMU Ballroom

12:00 noon Lunch CMU Ballroom

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Navigating the Minefield of the 1<sup>st</sup> Year of College: Andrea Mosby Jones- CA Hansen Theatre

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Dragons After Dark

## Saturday, August 22

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sidewalk Café - Residence Halls sidewalk (SLAB)

Join us on the Mall and get a dose of some of the things the Fargo-Moorhead and MSUM community can offer you.

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sandlot Volleyball Tournament - Dahl Hall Courts & Wellness Center

Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, You don't want to miss a day of diving, spiking, and setting with all your new buddies! Want to be in it?? Talk to your SOC about setting up a team or joining one!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Green Fee Concert - Holmquist SLAB

Come jam out between volleyball games and listen to music under the sun. Between sets there will be games and an opportunity to win prizes. Come soak up some rays, relax, and enjoy your Saturday afternoon on the SLAB.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Campus Capers - CA Hansen Theatre

Lights, camera, ACTION! Hustle over to Hansen Theatre for MSUM's own version of Saturday Night Live. You will be on the edge of your seat laughing, crying, and tinkling your pants as the SOCs perform a variety of skits and offer their words of wisdom.

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Mic and Mocktails Night

Grab one of our delicious mocktails and enjoy listening to your fellow classmates tear up the stage all night long!

## Friday, August 21

**\*\*\*9:00 a.m. - Noon TB Skin Test Reading CMU 101**

**\*\*\*Health Check -Remember that skin test you had done? You need to have the nurse at from Hendrix read the results... TODAY. If you don't, you will have to retake the test at your cost. Costs for this test is \$30.00 (approximate)**

Please go to the CMU to get your TB test read **BEFORE Noon** today.

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. D2L & HLTH 122 Walk in Lab - CB and IT labs (Sessions at 10, 10:45 & 11:30 a.m./ split by TA assignment)**

Ease your mind for Monday's assignments by having a hands on opportunity to explore D2L and getting your questions answered

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wellness Center Activities**

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The need-to-know of residence hall living - Weld Hall Auditorium**

Save some money, time, and energy by learning the ins and outs of living on campus from your area director. Your all hall meeting will give you the information you need to know to be successful in your residence hall experience.

**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Non trad., transfer & off campus social - CMU 227**

Feel like you are out of the loop living off of campus? Well come to the social and meet others that are in the same boat. Here you can chill together, have some chow and get acquainted with students who are new to campus.

**1:30 - Payments @ the Business Office**

Please bring your passport, I-20, I-94 and the first payment towards your fall semester balance. (approximately \$1500.)

**3:00 - Tour around town with the SOC's CMU Main Lobby**

**5:00 pm Dinner Kise**

## Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. Welcome Tent and Dragon Move-In Crew (in front of Snarr Hall)**

Today is the day, if you are moving in the residence halls, to move in and get situated. The Dragon Move-In will be outside around the residence halls waiting to help you move into your room. Feel free to stop people at the Welcome Tent and Orientation Check-In to get your last minute questions answered.

**\*\*\*9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Health check**

**REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS**

**CMU 101**

**If you don't participate a hold will be placed on your record and, you will have to retake the test at your cost - approx. \$30.00**

Be sure to bring your immunization record (if not already provided to Hendrix), and results of any TB screenings you have had done (including the chest x-rays). Hendrix will decide if you need to participate in the TB screening and without any evidence of previous tests will require you to undergo a skin test. All students must see the nurse.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Orientation Kick Off - Holmquist Slab**

It's time to rush to the SLAB because orientation is about to OFFICALLY start! Find your Student Orientation Counselor (SOC) on the Slab, the space between Holmquist and Grantham/Nelson, who will be holding up and hollering your group number. This will be the beginning for you to meet hundreds of new people!

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Faculty and First year Student Dinner – Kise Hall**

After a long morning of unloading and moving in, enjoy a relaxing dinner in Kise Commons, our newly remodeled cafeteria. This typical Kise meal will include several entrees, great desserts and a variety of soft drinks. So come try out all they have to offer at Kise Commons, catered by Sodexo Services.

**7:00 pm–8:00 pm "Welcome to Your New Community" Residence Hall Activities**

**8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Class of 2012 social on the Campus Mall – Main Mall**

**10:00 p.m. Rob O'Reilly – CA Hansen Theater**

With appearances on Comedy Central's Live at Gotham, NBC's American's Got Talent, and on the Tonight Show as Jay Leno's correspondent, 24 year old Rob O'Reilly is quickly gaining a reputation as an up-and-coming comedian to watch in New York City. Come laugh with this Boston College scholarship recipient and graduate. You don't want to miss out on this incredible experience!

## **Thursday, August 20**

**9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. University Convocation (mandatory) – CA Hansen Theatre**

All Incoming students are expected to attend this kickoff event for the incoming class of 2009. Convocation is a ceremony to celebrate the official beginning of your college experience. By attending you will have the opportunity to win **\$100 gift certificate to the MSUM Bookstore.**

**10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Undeclared and Department Meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> year students**

After the University Welcome Convocation, follow a SOC to your

new academic department. Each academic department will host a social so you can meet and get to know your professors and other students in your college. This provides a great opportunity to get a feel for your major, what to expect for the next four years, and meet some people who share the same interests as you. If you are undeclared, that is A-Okay we have a place for you!

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Blazing BBQ**

It's time for the famous Blazing BBQ. Full of summer foods: burgers, brats, fruit, chips, soda, etc, this mighty feast is hard to miss. It's free, it's delicious, it's amazing!

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hot Topics Sessions – CMU**

Come learn what being a Dragon is all about! This is time to form relationships among your fellow classmates, and the faculty and professional staff members. With helpful information on the necessary tools and skills for success at MSUM, such as our sports and intramural programs, personal safety, getting involved with campus, studying abroad, the Dragon Core and much more!

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. D2L & HLTH 122 Orientation and overview (mandatory) – CA**

Ease your mind for Monday's assignments by having a hands on opportunity to explore D2L and getting your questions answered!

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner in Kise Hall**

**7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hawaiian Dance – Holmquist SLAB**

Wear your crazy Hawaiian outfits and hula down to the Campus mall to dance with the graduating class of 2013 under the stars!

**11:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Tournament Thursday – Nemzek**