

SAF Self-Guided Walking Tour 2006

(Starting at the MSU Union Building)

Welcome to Michigan State University and our very beautiful campus!!! During this tour you will have the opportunity to see a portion of our campus and learn more about Michigan State University. Included in this packet is a map showing the route for this walking tour. Please do not feel obligated to visit every building, but choose the landmarks that interest you. If any of your questions remain unanswered, please feel free to stop by the Student Alumni Foundation Office located in the basement of the Union Building (enter through the Northeast entrance), or call us at (517) 355-4458. If there is a specific department you would like to reach, please call the University Operator at (517) 355-1855. Enjoy your stay!

Michigan State University was founded in 1855 as one of the nation's first **land-grant** colleges. We now have fourteen degree granting colleges with over 200 programs of study. The campus is 5,200 acres, with 2,000 of those acres already developed. Students are here from all 83 counties in Michigan, all 50 states in the United States, and about 126 other countries. We currently have a student population of over 43,000.

1 MSU Student Union

The **MSU Union** was financed by alumni and friends of the University. Ground broke in 1918, but when the project ran into some financial problems, students helped to dig out the building's foundation. It was finally completed in 1928 as a center for students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Today the building contains the following facilities:

Classrooms	Convenience Store
Student Alumni Foundation	Post Office
Bowling Alley	ATM Machines
Billiards Room	Banquet Facilities
Barber Shop	Student Organizations
Computer Lab	Conference Rooms
Food Court	Arcade
Cafeteria	Study Lounges
Dean's List	Spartan Spirit Shop
Multi-Cultural Center	Weekend Activities
Concerts	

And coming this fall...

MSU Dairy Store
MSU Federal Credit Union
Admission Presentation Rooms

Begin your walk by crossing Abbott Road.

#2 Cowles House

Across the street to your left is **Cowles House**. This is the oldest building on campus and is now considered a Michigan Historical Landmark. It was built in 1857 with bricks made of clay from the Red Cedar River. Since then, it has been renovated 5 times. In the past, the President of the University lived here. Now, Cowles House is used for University functions, and graduating seniors are invited to a reception here.

#3 West Circle Complex of Residence Halls

To the right is the **West Circle Complex** of residence halls, comprised of Yakeley, Gilchrist, Landon, Campbell, Mary Mayo, and Williams Halls. These halls are all community bathroom style. Two dining halls are located within these six buildings. Each of the halls in this complex is named after a woman who made significant contributions to Michigan State. Mary Mayo is the oldest residence hall on campus, built in 1931.

These six buildings are just a part of **MSU's residence hall system**. We have one of the largest residence hall systems in the country with 25 undergraduate halls, one graduate hall, and three apartment villages. Here is more information on all the residence halls.

Living Options:

- Choice of community style or suite style bathrooms.
- Halls are co-ed, typically by floor or by wing. In south complex, there are now some that are co-ed by suite as well.
- Non-smoking, quiet areas, and alcohol-free buildings, wings, floors, or rooms are all available.

Room Furnishings:

- Two desks and chairs, bunk beds, closet space, a dresser, cable television, two computer hook-ups (Ethernet), and local phone service with voicemail and caller ID.
- Many students choose to furnish their rooms with a loft (an elevated wooden frame for more floor space), carpet, television, VCR, stereo, refrigerator, and a microwave.
- Prohibited items include: toasters, George Foreman grills, candles, incense, air conditioners, and pets (only fish are allowed).

Amenities of all Halls:

- Landry rooms, storage areas for luggage and bikes, formal and informal lounges, and study and music rooms.

Some Halls Offer:

- Classrooms and laboratories, academic advisement offices, instructor's offices, exercise rooms, convenience stores, and caucus rooms.

Front Desk Services:

- Includes mail pick-up and delivery, package delivery, bus tickets, guest meal tickets and parking passes, linen services, magazine and game checkout, trash bags and toilet paper, vacuums, cleaning supplies, and tool checkout.

Resident Mentors and Racial / Ethnic Student Aids:

- One of these mentors lives on each floor.
- Coordinates activities that promote student awareness and development.
- Helps students to deal with social, personal, or academic concerns.
- Any student that has lived for at least one semester in a MSU residence hall is eligible to become a resident mentor.

Food Service and Meal Plans:

- Students may purchase a meal plan with 10, 15, 20, or unlimited meals per week.
 - Cafeterias are located in every residence hall or complex.
 - Meal plans include trips to Totally Takeout per day.
 - Premium plan (unlimited meals per week) includes \$100 in Spartan Cash per semester, which may be used in the laundry rooms, Sparty Convenience Stores, food courts, and area businesses.
 - Meal plans may be used at any undergraduate cafeteria on campus.
 - A fish or chicken, meat, and vegetarian entrée are featured every day.
 - Fresh baked goods are served daily from the on-campus bakery, Puffins.
- MSU housing serves 30,000 meals per day, more than any other single campus.

Honors floors are located in Mason, Case, Bryan, Yakeley-Gilchrist, and Holmes Halls.

Other Academic Residential programs include:

- Lyman Briggs – Holmes Hall (Natural Sciences)
- James Madison – Case Hall (Political Sciences)
- ROIAL – Residential Options In Arts and Letters – Abbot Hall (Arts and Letters)
- RISE – Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment – Hubbard Hall
- MRULE – Multi-Racial Unity Living Experience – in every complex

Cross West Circle Drive at the crosswalk and continue all the way across the field until you can see the Spartan Statue.

#4 Walter Adams Field

This field is **Walter Adams Field**, named after a past president of the University and distinguished economics professor. In 1907, 20,000 people gathered here to listen to a commencement address given by President Theodore Roosevelt; the speech praised MSU so highly that it caused an enrollment boom the following year. In the fall the Marching Band plays here every home football game, and marches from this field and into the Stadium. It is also a popular place for students to enjoy Frisbee, football, and more.

#5 Spartan Statue

Over the bridge you can see the **Spartan Statue**. The original statue was a 10 ½ foot tall, ceramic statue, the largest free-standing one of its kind. The weather, however, was damaging it, so it has been moved inside Spartan Stadium. The statue that you see here is an exact bronze replica. It was dedicated in the fall of 2005, during our Sesquicentennial celebrations. He is guarded 24 hours a day by our marching band for the week prior to the MSU/U-M football game. We have been the Spartans since 1945.

#6 IM Circle and Intramural Sports Complexes

Across the street to the left is **IM Circle**. There are **3 intramural complexes** here on campus. The use of these facilities is FREE to students, with the exception of the fitness rooms. The cost to use the fitness rooms is \$3.00 per day, \$75.00 per semester, or \$125.00 for two semesters. There is an IM complex within close walking distance to each complex of residence halls.

IM Circle:

- Contains three gyms equipped for basketball, badminton, and volleyball.
- Contains a swimming pool, weight room, multi-purpose rooms, 2 dance studios and classroom facilities.
- Originally built as the women's gymnasium.

IM West:

- Contains courts for paddleball, racquetball, handball, squash, basketball, badminton, tennis, and volleyball.
- Three auxiliary gyms.
- Multi-purpose rooms for sports such as archery, table tennis, weightlifting, judo, and karate.
- Two Olympic-sized swimming pools, one indoor, and one an outdoor heated pool.
- Accessible to persons with disabilities, including special equipment in the pools.
- The largest IM facility at 175,600 square feet.

IM East:

- Contains basketball courts, a four lane 1/9 mile running track, eight paddleball/racquetball/walleyball courts, two squash courts, a Nautilus weight/training/fitness room, and a multi-purpose room.
- Accessible to persons with disabilities.

(Information about the intramurals is continued on the next page)

Michigan State also has many competitive intramural sports. The teams can be comprised of any MSU students. Many times residence hall floors will create a team. IM sports range from inner tube water polo to basketball and dodge ball. There are over 600 teams university-wide in the spring.

Other special activities on campus include ice skating at Munn Ice Arena, roller skating at Demonstration Hall, and aerobics classes at a variety of times and locations. Classes for school credit can be taken through the Department of Kinesiology in the IM buildings. Examples of these classes are swimming, bowling, sports medicine, and coaching basketball.

Continue walking to the EAST on the north side of West Circle Drive.

#7 Music Building and Music Practice Building

Ahead on the left are the **Music Building** and **Music Practice Buildings**. These buildings house performing groups in both instrumental and vocal music (audition and non-audition groups for music and non-music majors). The Music Building is home to the School of Music and contains a concert hall for opera and theatre groups and faculty recitals. The Music Practice Building (the taller of the two) has music practice rooms and professor offices.

Walk across the crosswalk that is in front of the Music Building, and head in the direction of the Gazebo. You will see stairs to your left. Walk down those stairs into the Gardens.

#8 Beal Botanical Gardens

The **Beal Botanical Gardens** cover 5 acres with 5,000 different plant species. They were created in 1873, making them the oldest continuously operated teaching facility of its kind. Many classes utilize these gardens for out of the classroom, hands on learning. Also, as you can see, all the plants are labeled, creating a self-guided tour for visitor enjoyment. These gardens are maintained by the Horticulture Department.

Continue along the brick walkway, walk back up the stairs, and follow the sidewalk that veers off the LEFT. Follow this until you are at the fountain.

#9 MSU Library

You are now standing in front of the **Main Library**. It is four floors high and has an East and West wing. This library is open 24 hours a day, most days of the week during the Fall and Spring semesters. In the summer, the hours are more limited. The library has the largest computer lab on campus with over 400 PCs, a Cyber Café, and a Writing Center. Students can access many of the materials like online journals from any on

campus computer. They can read them online, or the database will allow students to see if materials they need are already checked out of the library. In addition to the millions of volumes of books and journals, the main library also has several special collections, including a comic book collection, rare book collections, and the largest academic voice library in the nation.

The **State Walk** program is also housed in the Main Library. It operates from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am during the week. This program provides two students to escort any other student from the library to anywhere on campus.

There are several other **branch libraries** located around campus as well. These libraries are more specialized to the building that they are in. For example in the MSU College of Law there is a Law Library and a Business Library. MSU also has a Math Library, engineering library, and more. Together, the libraries have over 4.8 million volumes of books, add 2 miles of new materials every year, and provide access to over 28,000 print and electronic journal titles.

Walk up the front steps of the Main Library; continue to walk STRAIGHT through the Library and exit on the SOUTH side. From there walk onto the bridge to cross the river.

#10 Red Cedar River

The **Red Cedar River** runs east to west through the middle of campus, dividing campus into two halves, and North side and a South side. Traditionally, more of the liberal arts classes are on the north side of the river, and math and sciences are on the south side. If you look to the east, you will see some small, man made rapids. They are actually heated during the winter, so the ducks do stay on campus year round. Many students enjoy activities surrounding the river like feeding the ducks, canoeing, or just relaxing. You can rent the canoes if that is an activity that interests you!

#11 Spartan Stadium

Spartan Stadium is home to the football team coached by John L. Smith. The stadium seats 75,005 fans and houses the largest press box in the nation. The stadium recently underwent major renovations, adding luxury suites, and a west façade. The stadium complex also houses the offices of the MSU Alumni Association and University Development.

Tickets are readily available to all students if they want to go to any sporting event. Student spirit sections are active for the football, men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's hockey teams.

Follow the sidewalk to the LEFT that runs along the road.

Ahead on the left you will see a covered bus stop. **Bus stops** are located all over campus and the bus service is provided through the Capitol Area Transit Authority (CATA). Students can ride the buses for fifty cents per ride, or purchase a semester pass for \$45.00. Popular routes on campus have a bus come every 5 – 7 minutes to transport students at the busy times of day. Students can also ride the routes in the surrounding area at the same rates. Off campus routes go down to the Capitol Building, to the Lansing Mall and Meridian Mall, to different Meijer stores and more. There is also a Night Owl bus that runs from 2:00 am – 7:00 am during the normal school year. This route will pick a student up anywhere on campus and take them anywhere else on campus.

Continue to walk STRAIGHT ahead into Wells Hall. The first wing you walk through is the C-wing and has smaller classrooms. Turn RIGHT at the end of the hall. You will now be in B-wing where there are larger lecture halls. Feel free to look in.

#12 Wells Hall

Wells Hall is the largest classroom facility on campus. The first wing you walked through was the C-wing. This wing houses 53 small classrooms (about 25 – 35 students). The second wing is the B-wing. This hallway has large lecture halls. The largest of the lecture halls is room B-108, with 628 seats, and is the second-largest lecture hall on campus.

The large lecture halls may be somewhat overwhelming, so some things to point out are:

- Large classes like these are more popular during a student's freshman and sophomore year, when they are taking pre-requisites like introduction to economics, psychology, biology, or math.
- These classrooms have large screens so students can see the overhead or PowerPoint slides, and also speakers, as the professors do wear microphones so that everyone can hear.
- A class this size will also have teaching assistants (TA's). The professor may lecture 2 times a week, and then 1 day a week the large lecture will be split into sections so that 25 students meet with one of the teaching assistants for a recitation period. In these recitations, TA's do not teach new material, but rather review material, answer questions, collect homework, or administer tests and quizzes. Both the professor and teaching assistants are required to hold office hours for students to be able to visit with them and discuss anything they would like to. They are also very good at responding to e-mails.
- The average class size for freshmen and sophomores is 45 students, and for juniors and seniors is 35 students. 94% of your classes will be under 100 students, and 86% of classes are under 50 students.

Other things in Wells Hall are the offices for the Departments of Mathematics and several foreign languages, and the Math Help Center. There is also a computer lab and a language lab which teaches 32 foreign languages.

On Thursday – Sunday nights, the large lecture halls in the B-wing are converted to movie theaters. FREE movies are shown to students with a student ID that live on campus. Off campus students pay \$2.00. These movies are the ones that are out of the theater, but not yet released on DVD. It is also used for the East Lansing Film Festival.

Walk out the doors at the end of the hall on your LEFT side. Follow the sidewalks around the building to the RIGHT, but then veer off to the sidewalks to the LEFT towards the road. Take the sidewalk LEFT to end up in the front of the International Center.

#13 Points of Interest Seen From Here

Before you enter the International Center, take a moment to look around you. If you face towards the parking lots, the road in front of you is Shaw Lane. Shaw Lane runs all the way across campus. If you took the road to the right, you would pass **Spartan Stadium, South Complex residence halls, Munn Ice Arena,** and the **Breslin Center**. Across the parking lots in front of you is the **College of Engineering,** and **Anthony Hall**. Anthony Hall houses the Department of Animal Science. Directly behind the College of Engineering is the **Communication, Arts, and Sciences** building. Connected to the end of Anthony Hall is the **MSU Dairy Store**. Here they make ice cream and cheeses from MSU's own dairy herd. If you took Shaw Lane to the left, you would pass the **Chemistry building** and the **CATA transportation center** on campus. The large brick building that you can see from here is the **MSU College of Law**. This also houses the Business and Law libraries. **The Eli Broad College of Business** is located just north of the MSU College of Law. Feel free to visit any of the buildings during your time here, especially if you know what programs you are interested in, or have any academic related questions.

Now enter the International Center

#14 International Center

The **International Center** is home of the Office of Study Abroad. MSU's study abroad program is the largest at any undergraduate university in the nation, with over 200 programs in 60 nations, and on all seven continents! The International Center also houses the International Studies Program encompassing over 4,000 MSU students from over 100 countries. The following facilities are also located in this building:

- Spartan Bookstore (downstairs)
- Food Court (Sparty's, Subway, Villa Pizza, Woody's Oasis, Panda Express)

- Convenience Store (downstairs)
- ATM Machines
- International Library
- Also used for activities on the weekends as part of the Campus Center. (i.e. – concerts, comedians, dances, game shows, and more!)

Exit out the Northwest doors of the International Center. Walk to the back of the building, and then take the sidewalk that veers RIGHT across the field until you have reached the sidewalk that runs along the river.

#15 Erickson Hall

The building to your right is **Erickson Hall**, home of the College of Education. Within the College of Education the Primary and Secondary education programs have been ranked number #1 for the past twelve years, as the best teacher preparation program in the country.

Continue along the river until you reach the crosswalk light at Farm Lane. Cross Farm Lane and take an immediate LEFT, taking the bridge across the river.

#16 The Rock

As soon as you cross over the river, off to your right, you will see the **Rock**. It was originally a gift from a senior class. It was originally located on North campus, before it was moved to this current location. There are layers upon layers of paint on the rock, so we are not even sure of its actual size. Students can “paint the rock” to either advertise a student organization or to leave messages. The field behind the rock is also a popular place for outdoor concerts, gatherings, and picnics.

#17 Auditorium

Ahead to your right is the **MSU Auditorium**. This building and the surrounding area hosts the annual “Party at the Aud” during Welcome Week, an event that introduces students to more than 500 clubs and organizations on campus. Inside the auditorium can hold 3,500 people, and has hosted people like comedian Dane Cook, political icon Michael Moore, and bands like Switchfoot, Jimmy Eat World, and Guster. There is also classroom space and the offices of the Department of Theatre.

At the intersection, cross Farm Lane, staying on the south side of Auditorium Road, and continue to walk WEST.

#18 Bessey Hall

To your left is **Bessey Hall**. Along with three floors of classrooms and a large computer lab, there are many departments and programs located in this building including:

- Department of Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC)
- Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures
- Arts & Letters Gifted and Talented Program
- The Writing Center
- Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Undergraduate University Division (advising for students with undecided majors)

#19 Kedzie Hall

Across the street to the right is **Kedzie Hall**. This building was built back in the 1920's as the original Chemistry building on campus. Now, there are many small lecture halls and classrooms as well as many biology lab rooms. The departments located in this building are Philosophy, Political Science, Labor & Industrial Relations, the Division of Science and Mathematics Education, and the Center for Integrative Studies in General Science. The office of the Ombudsman is also located in this hall.

#20 Computer Center

Ahead on the left is the **Computer Center**. This is the most centrally located computer lab on campus. It also houses the Computer Store, where students can purchase hardware and software, often at discounted prices. They also work on computer repairs here.

All students at MSU *must* have a computer on campus, either a desktop or a laptop. It can be a PC or a Macintosh operating system. Many areas of campus including the Library and the Union have wireless internet at this point, so many students make sure they buy a wireless card for their laptop if it is not included. The Computer Store is able to help make recommendations on good desktop or laptop for an incoming student to have. Also, each student at MSU is issued an e-mail account. E-mail is used as a major form of communication among students, professors, and teaching assistants.

After the Computer Center, veer off to the RIGHT to walk in front of the Administration Building. You will see a statue of John Hannah.

#21 John Hannah Administration Building

To your left is the **John Hannah Administration Building**. It was named after former President of the University, who served from 1941 to 1969, and is responsible for the largest period of growth in MSU history. The first floor contains the Registrar's Office, Payroll Office, Loans Receivable Office, and a branch of Financial Aid. The second

floor is the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, and on the fourth floor are the President and Board of Trustees offices.

Continue to walk past the statue of John Hannah.

#22 Olds Hall

The building ahead on your left is **Olds Hall**. It was built in 1916 with grant money from Ransom E. Olds, the founder of the Oldsmobile car company. The building originally housed the Engineering College (the second college on campus, after the Agriculture College). Mr. Olds even personally selected the wood and trees in and around the building, so that the grains would all match.

Cross West Circle Drive in front of Olds Hall, turn LEFT, then take the sidewalk RIGHT towards the Bell Tower.

#23 University Museum

On your right is the **MSU Museum**. It now contains four floors of anthropological, biological, geological, and historical displays, along with many special exhibits. It is a popular place for area schools to visit. Originally, this building served as the Campus Library. It soon became too small to house all the materials and in 1954, the new Main Library across the street was completed. Over a million volumes had to be moved to the new facility; students formed a human to chain to pass the books across the street!

#24 Beaumont Tower

Ahead is **Beaumont Tower**, built in 1928 as a gift from John W. Beaumont, an 1882 graduate. The tower stands 104 feet high on the site of Old College Hall (1857 – 1919), the first building in the world erected for the teaching of agriculture as a science; Old College Hall fell in 1919 because of a poor foundation. Beaumont Tower now contains a 49-bell carillon that rings on the quarters of every hour and plays several times a day. On game day Saturday's it plays the MSU fight song and MSU Shadows, our Alma matter. The bells range in size from 20 pounds to 2.5 tons (and total over 60 tons). On some days the doors will be open for tours, and you can watch people manually play these bells at the top of the tower. This is also a popular proposal and photo site for MSU students and alumni. There is a tradition that if a couple kisses under the tower at midnight, there are promises of good luck for the relationship.

That concludes the walking tour of campus today. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the Student Alumni Foundation Office (333 Union Building), or call us at (517) 355-4458. If there is a specific department you would like to reach, please call the University Operator at (517) 355-1855. Enjoy your time here at Michigan State University! GO GREEN!

