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Welcome to Lyman Briggs College

Congratulations on your admission to MSU and welcome to LBC.

Welcome from Dean Michele Jackson



I began my tenure at Lyman Briggs College in the summer of 2018. Like you, I was drawn to this place where students were given all of the opportunities of a world-class university while belonging to a very special and dedicated small college. I was excited to work with internationally-recognized faculty who cared deeply about the success of students and wanted to make science accessible to all.

Even more, I was excited to work with LBC students. Briggsies are well-known across campus as among the most engaged, hardest working, collaborative, mature, and accomplished students. And that is a well-earned reputation.

I invite you to connect over coffee several times throughout the semester.

Welcome from the Student Success and Advising Team



We are excited to help you begin your journey here at MSU. We will work with you this summer, continue the conversation in the fall, and will be available in the East Wing of Holmes Hall to assist you in the coming years, from now until your graduation day.

Find biographical information about our team on the LBC website under [Academic Advisors](#).

Peer Advising Assistants are a great resource for you as well. These current Briggs students are here to teach you how to prepare for your advising appointment, enroll in classes, get involved in the Briggs community, and make the transition to college easier.

The Peer Advising Assistant team includes:

- Serene Abu-Hamdan, senior, human biology major, pre-dental track, entrepreneurship & innovation minor
- Blerta Prenaj, senior, human biology major, Spanish minor
- Abby Struble, senior, physiology major, pre-med track, bioethics and health promotion minors
- Emily Mabry, senior, human biology major, Briggs Ambassador and Summer Student Assistant

Important Dates

The Office of the Registrar posts the [official university calendar](#).

Fall 2020

- Classes begin: Wednesday, September 2
- Holiday, university closed: Monday, September 7
- Deadline to add LB courses/change sections: Wednesday, September 9, 8:00 p.m.
- Deadline to drop a course with refund: Monday, September 28, 8:00 p.m.
- Middle of semester Wednesday, October 21
- Deadline to drop a course with no grade reported: Wednesday, October 11
- Holiday, university closed: Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27
- Fall classes end: Friday, December 11
- Final exam week: Monday, December 14–Friday, December 18
- Holidays, university closed: December 24, 25, 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021

Spring 2021

- Classes begin: Monday, January 11, 2021
- Deadline to add LB courses/change sections: Friday, January 15, 8:00 p.m.
- Holiday, university closed, classes cancelled: Monday, January 18
- Deadline to drop a course with refund: Friday, February 5, 8:00 p.m.
- Middle of semester: Wednesday, March 3
- Deadline to drop a course with no grade reported: Wednesday, March 3
- Spring break: Monday, March 8–Friday, March 12
- Classes end: Friday, April 30
- Final exam week: Monday, May 3–May 7

Advising Times

Once the semester begins, LBC academic advisors are available to meet with you throughout the week. Your next advising meeting should be in mid- to late- fall semester. Check in for your appointment by swiping your MSU ID card in Room 27, East Holmes Hall.

Schedule an appointment with an LBC advisor or any advisor across campus through the Student Success Dashboard at: msu.campus.eab.com.

Appointments

LBC Advising appointments are available in the following time frames:

- Mondays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- Fridays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Walk-in Advising

Wednesday afternoons, from 1:30–4:00 p.m.

During the first week of the semester, our team offers walk-in advising sessions for quick questions. If you wish to make a four-year plan, schedule an appointment instead.

Academic Advisors

You will have more than one academic advisor at Michigan State University. This is one of the advantages of attending a large university. Some of your advisors could include:

- **Lyman Briggs College Academic Advisors**

Most first- and second-year Briggs students consult with their LBC advisor about major exploration, class selection, and guidance on university policies and requirements. You declare your major through our Student Success and Advising Office. You can meet with any advisor on the team, as we do not assign you to a specific person.

- **Coordinate Major Academic Advisors**

Once you have declared your major, you will want to keep in touch with an expert in the area, your coordinate major advisor. Together LBC's advising team and your coordinate major advisor ensure you meet all requirements for graduation.

- **Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative Advisors**

If you need help in deciding on a major outside of Briggs, there are academic advisors trained in this in the Neighborhood Engagement Centers. You can meet with them one-on-one or attend workshops or seminars. The closest centers to Holmes Hall are in Hubbard Hall or McDonel Hall.

- **2nd Degree, Additional Major, Minor, Pre-Health Advisors**

If you choose one of these options, you will want to meet with the representative and expert in this area. Declaring a second degree, additional major, minor, or pre-health track is optional.

- **Honors College Academic Advisors**

Members of the Honors College and the Academic Scholars Program will meet with an Honors College academic advisor. They will suggest and approve Honors College integrative studies (IAH and ISS) substitutions and connect you with enhanced learning opportunities.

- **Other Program Academic Advisors**

If you are a member of another MSU program, such as Dow STEM Scholars, TRiO, OMSP, CAMP, etc., you may have a program-specific advisor to meet with as well.

Tip for Success

Please be sure to read your MSU emails, as you don't want to miss an important announcement, scholarship or research opportunity, or visiting advisor presentation.

Sample Schedule for a First-Year LBC Student

MTH 103 (score 1-11 on Math Placement Exam)

Fall Semester Total: 15 credits

Spring Semester Total: 14+ total credits

Fall Course-Title, # of Credits	Spring Course-Title, # of Credits
MTH 103-College Algebra, 3	LB 117-Functions & Trigonometry, 4
LB 133-Introduction to the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science (HPS), 4	LB 171-Chemistry I, 4
LB 155-Intro to Quantitative Science and Research, 3	LB 171L-Chemistry I Lab, 1
ISS 2xx-Integrative Studies in Social Sciences -or- Major/exploratory elective, 4	IAH 201-210-Integrative Studies in the Arts & Humanities, 4
UGS Freshman Seminar, 1	UGS 10x-Freshman Seminar -or-Major/exploratory elective, 1-3

LB 117 (score 12-18 on Math Placement Exam)

Fall Semester Total: 16 credits

Spring Semester Total: 15 credits

Fall Course-Title, # of Credits	Spring Course-Title, # of Credits
LB 117-Functions & Trigonometry, 4	LB 118-Calculus I, 4
LB 171-Chemistry I, 4	LB 172-Chemistry II, 3
LB 171L-Chemistry I Lab, 1	LB 172L-Chemistry II Lab, 1
LB 133- Intro to HPS -or- ISS 2xx- Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences, 4	LB 133-Intro to HPS -or- ISS 2xx-Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences, 4
Major/Exploratory Elective, 3	Major/Exploratory Elective, 3

LB 118 (score 19+ on Math Placement Exam)

Fall Semester Total: 16 credits

Spring Semester Total: 14-15 credits

Fall Course-Title, # of Credits	Spring Course-Title, # of Credits
LB 118-Calculus I, 4	LB 119-Calculus II, 4 -or- STT 231-Statistics, 3 *
LB 171-Chemistry I, 4	LB 172-Chemistry II, 3
LB 171L-Chemistry I Lab, 1	LB 172L-Chemistry II Lab, 1
LB 133- Intro to HPS -or- ISS 2xx- Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences, 4	LB 133- Intro to HPS -or- ISS 2xx-Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences, 4
Major/Exploratory Elective, 3	Major/Exploratory Elective, 3

* Your desired major determines which of these you take. Discuss this with an advisor at NSO.

LB 118 (score 19+ and pursuing physics/astrophysics)

Fall Semester Total: 15 credits

Spring Semester Total: 15 credits

Fall Course-Title, # of Credits	Spring Course-Title, # of Credits
LB 118-Calculus I, 4	LB 119-Calculus II, 4
LB 273-Physics I, 4	LB 274-Physics II, 4
LB 133- Intro to HPS -or- ISS 2xx-Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences, 4	LB 133- Intro to HPS -or- ISS 2xx- Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences, 4
Major/Exploratory Elective, 3	Major/Exploratory Elective, 3

Tips & Suggestions

- The plans are based on the [math placement test](#) and test scores from the ACT/SAT. Questions should be directed to your academic advisor at New Student Orientation.
- The schedule you will leave NSO with is set up during a *conversation with an academic advisor*. The plan is mutually agreed upon with the student and advisor and is based on the expressed information, needs and wants that are shared by the student with the advisor to reach timely completion of their degree.
- Each student will have a different plan based on this conversation, placement tests, and incoming credit.
- Ultimately, the student is responsible for knowing and following university, college, and major requirements as stated in the [Academic Programs Catalog](#) and in any printed or electronic materials.
- This plan is tentative depending on course availability, etc. and is subject to change.
- Go to schedule.msu.edu/ for the most up-to-date information on courses.
- Enrollment limits are based on projected needs. If you fail to enroll during the enrollment period, you may not be able to secure a seat in the course until the next scheduled offering.
- Your academic advisor provides information on when classes are offered, and suggests courses based on expressed interests, recommending a well-balanced schedule to capitalize on your strengths.
- It is the student's responsibility for enrolling in classes, selecting the number of credits per semester for success, enrolling on time and attending and participating in classes.

Homework-Integrative Studies Courses

Please choose your top 4 choices in each category (IAH and ISS) one week before meeting with your advisor at New Student Orientation and list them on the [NSO Homework online form](#).

IAH and ISS courses* are aimed at developing intellectual abilities, including critical thinking and interpretive skills. They help increase knowledge about other times, places, and cultures, key ideas and issues in human experience, and the scientific method and its usefulness in understanding the natural and social worlds. These requirements form the foundation necessary for students to become career-ready graduates. Listed below are options available to fulfill your Integrative Studies requirements.

Course descriptions are available on the Office of the Registrar website: reg.msu.edu/Courses/search.aspx.

Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities

- IAH 201: United States and the World
- IAH 202: Europe and the World
- IAH 203: Latin America and the World
- IAH 204: Asia and the World
- IAH 205: Africa and the World
- IAH 206: Self, Society, and Technology
- IAH 207: Literatures, Cultures, Identities
- IAH 208: Music and Culture
- IAH 209: Art, the Visual, and Culture
- IAH 210: Middle East and the World
- IAH 211-241: LBC students fulfill their IAH 211-241 requirement by taking an LB 321-327 course followed by the letter A. The A version of the upper-level HPS course emphasizes scholarship and methodologies from the arts and humanities.

Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences:

- ISS 210: Society and the Individual
- ISS 215: Social Differentiation and Inequality
- ISS 220: Time, Space and Change in Human Society
- ISS 225: Power, Authority, and Exchange
- ISS 230: Government and the Individual
- ISS 3xx: Lyman Briggs College students fulfill their 300-level ISS requirement by taking an LB 321-327 course followed by the letter B. The B version of the upper-level HPS course emphasizes scholarship and methodologies from the social sciences.

**Honors College and Academic Scholars do not take these courses. Consult with an Honors College advisor for other options.*

College Equivalencies Reference Chart

Lyman Briggs College	University	Honors
LB 133	WRA 101 WRA 110-150	WRA 195H
LB 321-327A	IAH 211+	-
LB 321-327B	ISS 300-level	-
LB 117	MTH 116	-
LB 118	MTH 132	MTH 152H
LB 119	MTH 133	MTH 153H
LB 220	MTH 234	MTH 254H
LB 171	CEM 141	CEM 181H
LB 171L	CEM 161	CEM 185H**
LB 172	CEM 142	CEM 182H
LB 172L	CEM 162	CEM 185H**
LB 144	BS 162 & BS 172	BS 182H & BS 192H
LB 145	BS 161 & BS 171	BS 181H & BS 191H
LB 273	PHY 183 & PHY 191* PHY 231 & PHY 251* PHY 241 & PHY 251* PHY 221 *	PHY 183H & PHY 191
LB 274	PHY 184 & PHY 192* PHY 232 & PHY 252* PHY 242 & PHY 252* PHY 222*	PHY 294H & PHY 192

Notes:

*Physics sequence depends on student's major

**CEM 185H (Fall Semester only) fulfills both inorganic chemistry labs

Transfer Credits

To search for courses with MSU equivalencies at another institution visit transfer.msu.edu.

Credit Equivalencies for AP, IB, Dantes and CLEP

The following links are from the MSU Office of Admissions and represent equivalencies in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Dantes and CLEP credits

Advanced Placement: (AP)

admissions.msu.edu/documents/MSU_AP_Equivalencies.pdf

International Baccalaureate (IB)

admissions.msu.edu/documents/MSU_IB_Equivalencies.pdf

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

admissions.msu.edu/documents/MSU_CLEP_Equivalencies.pdf

Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

admissions.msu.edu/documents/MSU_DANTES.pdf

Please note that MSU will receive the scores from the testing agencies when you do, typically in early July. We ask that you give us your best estimate on your exam score during New Student Orientation. Your advisor will then create a plan and/or work around the course.

Keep in mind after scores come in, you can adjust your schedule and will be contacted by the Registrar's Office if there is a conflict. Your academic advisors are happy to help you decide how to proceed based on your expressed interests.

Honors College

[The Honors College](#) strives to ensure an enriched academic and social experience for its members and to create an environment that fosters active and innovative learning. The Honors College emphasizes individualized academic program planning rather than a tightly prescribed set of courses.

Students are extended an invitation at admission to MSU, or after their first semester at MSU.

Honors College students do not take IAH or ISS courses, but will have a conversation with an Honors College advisor and substitute a course in their area of interest. Honors option courses entail advanced work in a course under the supervision of a faculty member, and require approval or an "H" after the course section number.

Elective Courses Available Academic Year 2020-2021

Please use this list to complete your NSO homework online form one week before your advising date.

Topic	Course #	Course Title Semester: F=Fall, S=Spring, Su=Summer	Credits
Armed Services	AS 111	Foundation of the US Air Force I (F)	1
	AS 112	Foundation of the US Air Force II (S)	1
	MS 110	Army Leadership and Officer Development (F)	1-2
	MS 120	Introduction to Army Leadership and Problem Solving (S)	1-2
Business Related Topics	ABM 100	Decision Making in Agri-Food (F,S)	3
	ADV 205	Principles of Advertising(F,S)	3
	ADV 260	Principles of Public Relations(F,S)	3
	ESHP 170	Startup: Business Model Development (F, S, Su)	3
	ESHP 190	The Art of Starting (F, S)	3
	HB 100	Introduction to Hospitality Business(F,S)	2
	HRLR 201	Human Capital and Society(F,S)	3
	HRLR 211	Introduction to Organizational Leadership(F,S)	3
	MI 101	Understanding Media and Information(F,S)	3
	Communication	COM 100	Human Communication(F,S)
COM 225		An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication(F,S)	3
COM 240		Introduction to Organizational Communication(F,S)	4
JRN 108		The World of Media(F,S)	3
JRN 206		Video Storytelling with Cell Phones(F,S)	3
JRN 212		2D Animation Storytelling(F,S)	3
Culture and the World		AAAS 100	Race and Community (F,S)
	ACM 271	Arts and Cultural Management(F,S)	3
	AL 200	Cultural Difference and Study Abroad(F,S)	3
	ANP 200	Navigating Another Culture(F,S)	2
	ANP 201	Intro to Cultural Anthropology (F,S)	3
	ANP 203	Intro to Archaeology (F,S)	3
	ANP 206	Intro to Physical Anthropology (F,S)	3
	ANP 270	Women and Health: Anthropological Perspective (F,S)	3
	CLA 190	Introduction to Classics (F,S)	3
	CLS 201	Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies (F,S)	3
	FLM 200	Film Collective (F, S)	1
	FLM 260	Introduction to Digital Film and Emergent Media (F,S)	4

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	GEO 113	Introduction to Economic Geography (F,S)	3
	GEO 151	Introduction to Human Geography (F,S)	3
	GSAH 201	Introduction to Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities (F,S)	3
	UP 100	The City (F,S)	3
	UP 201	Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning (F,S)	4
Engineering Related	AE101/102	Electrical Wiring Maintenance and Lighting (F,S)	2
	AE151	Fabrication Technology (F,S)	2
	CMP 201	Principles of Construction Management (F,S)	2
	ECE 101	Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering (F,S)	1
	EGR 160	Success in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (F,S)	2
	TSM 121	Fundamentals of Electricity (F,S)	4
Environment	CSUS 200	Introduction to Sustainability (F, S)	3
	ENT 205	Pests, Society and Environment (F,S)	3
	FOR 110	Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Forests and the Environment (F,S)	1
	FOR 202	Introduction to Forestry (F,S)	2
	FOR 204	Forest Vegetation (F,S)	3
	FOR 212	Introduction to Sustainable Bioproducts (S)	3
	FOR 222	Forestry Field Methods (F,S)	2
	FW 101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management (F,S)	3
	FW 110	Conservation and Management of Marine Resources (S)	3
	FW 181	Introduction to Science, Technology, the Environment and Public Policy (F,S)	3
	GEO 201	Introduction to Plant Geography (F,S)	3
	HRT 100	Horticulture: Plants and People (F,S)	3
	HRT 102	Plants for Food, Fun, and Profit (F,S)	2
	HRT 203	Introduction to Horticulture (F,S)	3
	HRT 204	Plant Propagation and Use (F,S)	3
	HRT 207	Horticulture Career Development (F,S)	1
	TSM 251	Informational Technology in Agricultural Systems (F,S)	3
Foreign Language		MSU offers a number of foreign languages that you may wish to consider	

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		African Languages, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew	1-6
		Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish	1-6
Government and Economy	EC 201	Introduction to Microeconomics (F,S)	3
	EC 202	Introduction to Macroeconomics (F,S)	3
	PLS 100	Introduction to American Politics (F,S)	3
	PLS 140	Introduction to Comparative Politics (F,S)	3
	PLS 160	Introduction to International Relations (F,S)	3
	PLS 200	Introduction to Political Science (F,S)	4
	PLS 202	Introduction to Data Analytics and the Social Sciences (F,S)	3
	PLS 302	Urban Politics (F,S)	3
	PLS 304	Minority Politics (F,S)	3
	PLS 310	Public Administration and Policy Making (F,S)	3
Historical Topics	HST 140	World History to 1500 (F,S)	4
	HST 160	Introduction to Asian History and Culture (F,S)	4
	HST 201	Historical Methods and Skills (F,S)	3
	HST 202	U.S. History to 1876 (F,S)	4
	HST 203	U.S. History since 1876 (F,S)	4
	HST 205	The Ancient Mediterranean and the Medieval World (F,S)	4
	HST 208	Introduction to African History, Culture and Society (F,S)	4
	HST 212	National Latin America (F,S)	4
	HST 213	U.S. Business and Economic History (F,S)	3
	HST 220	History of Food and Alcohol (F,S)	3
	HST 251	Doing Digital History (F,S)	3
	HST 293	Witches, Demons and the Occult in Pre-Modern Europe (F,S)	3
	HST 295	The Nazis (F,S)	3
	HST 301	Indigenous-European Encounters in North America (F)	3
	HST 303	The Young American Republic (F)	3
	HST 304	The Civil War Era (F,S)	3
	HST 306	Modern United States (F,S)	3
	HST 309	American Indian History: Pre-contact to the Present (S)	3
	HST 310	African American History to 1876 (S)	3
	HST 311	African American History since 1876 (S)	3

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	HST 312	African American Women (F,S)	3
	HST 314	Women in the United States since 1869 (S)	3
	HST 317	American Jewish History (S)	3
	HST 320	History of Michigan (F)	3
	HST 326	United States Foreign Relations since 1914 (S)	3
	HST 327	History of Mexican Americans in the United States (F,S)	3
	HST 328	Military History of the United States 1900-Present (F,S)	3
	HST 332	Medieval Europe (S)	3
	HST 335	Europe in the Age of Revolution, 1700-1870 (S)	3
	HST 338	European Power, Culture and Thought: The Modern Era (S)	3
	HST 340	England and Its Culture to 1688 (F,S)	3
	HST 344	Russia in the Twentieth Century (S)	3
	HST 355	Spain and the Muslim World (F,S)	3
	HST 364	South Africa: From Shaka Zulu to Mandela (F,S)	3
	HST 365	The Vietnam War (F)	3
	HST 368	China since 1900 (F,S)	3
	HST 370	Modern Japan: History, Culture, and Society (F)	3
	HST 371	Women and Gender in Asia (F)	3
	HST 372	The Middle East: Islam and Empires (F)	3
	HST 373	The Modern Middle East: From Empires to Nation States (S)	3
	HST 383	The Caribbean (F,S)	3
	HST 387	The First World War (F)	3
	HST 388	World War II: Causes, Conduct and Consequences (S)	3
	HST 389	World War II in Asia and the Pacific (F)	3
	HST 391	Environmental History of North America (S)	3
	HST 392	History of the Holocaust (S)	3
	WS 420	History of Sexuality Since the 18th Century (F,S)	3
	WRA 211	Documentary History and Theory (F,S)	3
Kinesiology/Health	KIN 101-118	Physical Activity Education Courses (F,S)	1
	KIN 121	The Healthy Lifestyle (F,S)	3
	KIN 125	First Aid and Personal Safety (F,S)	3

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Language and Arts	ATD 111	Basic Apparel Structuring (F,S)	1
	CSD 203	Introduction to Communicative Sciences and Disorders (F, S)	3
	CSD 213	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (F)	3
	ENG 1XX	Any literature class available to non-majors (F, S, Su)	3-4
	ENG 2XX	Any literature class available to non-majors (F, S, Su)	3-4
	GD 160	Digital Graphic Design: Tools and Methods (F,S)	3
	GD 200	History of Graphic Design (F,S)	3
	GD 260	Concepts of Graphic Design (F,S)	3
	HA 101	Western Art from the Paleolithic to Medieval Era (F)	3
	HA 2XX	History of Art Courses (F,S)	3
	LIN 200	Introduction to Language (F,S)	3
	LIN 291	Special Topics in Linguistics (F,S)	3
	LIN 401	Introduction to Linguistics (F,S)	4
	MUS 116	Campus Band (F,S)	1
	MUS 123	Campus Choir (F,S)	1
	MUS 125	Glee Club, Men and Women (F,S)	1
	MUS 145	Class Instruction in Voice I (F,S)	1
	MUS 177	Principles of Music Education I (F,S)	2
	RUS 231	19th Century Russian Literature in Translation (F)	3
	STA 110	Drawing I (F,S)	3
	THR 100	Introduction to Theater (F,S)	3
	THR 101N	Acting I for Non-Majors (F,S)	3
	THR 111	Introduction to Technical Theater (F,S)	3
	WS 225	Language and Gender (F,S)	3
	WS 356	Philosophical Aspects of Feminism (F,S)	4
Philosophy	PHL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (F,S)	3
	PHL 130	Logic and Reasoning (F,S)	3
	PHL 210	Ancient Greek Philosophy (F,S)	3
	PHL 213	Africana Philosophy (F,S)	3
	PHL 214	Indigenous Philosophy (F,S)	3
	PHL 225	Paradoxes (F,S)	3
	PHL 247	Aesthetics (F,S)	3

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	PHL 330	Formal Reasoning (F,S)	4
Religion	REL 101	Exploring Religion (F,S)	3
	REL 150	Introduction to Biblical Literature (F,S)	3
	REL 175	Religion in Film (F,S)	3
	REL 185	Introduction to Religion and Nonprofits (F,S)	3
	REL 205	Myth, Self, and Religion (F,S)	3
	REL 210	Religion and the Environment (F,S)	3
	REL 220	Religion in America (F)	3
Science-Related Topics	ANS 110	Introductory Animal Agriculture (F,S)	3
	ANS 110L	Introductory Animal Agriculture Lab (F,S)	1
	ANS 141L	Draft Horse Basics (F,S)	2
	ANS 211	Animal and Product Evaluation (F,S)	3
	ANS 282	Companion Animal Biology and Management (F,S)	3
	CJ 210	Introduction Forensic Science (F,S)	3
	CSS 101	Introduction to Crop Science (F, S)	3
	CSS 120	Issues in Food and Agriculture (F)	3
	CSS151	Seed and Grain Quality (S)	2
	CSS 201	Forage Crops (F)	3
	CSS 202	World of Turf (F, S, Su)	2
	CSS 210	Fundamentals of Soil Science (F, S)	3
	CSS 222	New Horizons in Biotechnology (F)	2
	ENT 264	Turfgrass Entomology (F,S)	3
	FSC 211	Principles of Food Science (F,S)	3
	GEO 203	Introduction to Meteorology (F,S)	3
	GEO 204	World Regional Geography (F,S)	3
	GEO 206	Physical Geography (F,S)	3
	GEO 214	Geography of Drugs (F even years)	3
	GEO 221	Introduction to Geographic Information (F,S)	3
	GLG 201	The Dynamic Earth (F,S)	3
	HNF 150	Introduction to Human Nutrition (F,S)	3
	PLB 105	Plant Biology (F,S)	3
	VM 101	Veterinary Medical Terminology (F,S)	1
Science-Related Seminars	NSC 102	Preprofessional Freshman Seminar (F,S)	1
	PSL 101	Frontiers in Physiology (F,S)	1

Topic	Course #	Course Title Semester: F=Fall, S=Spring, Su=Summer	Credits
Society and Behavior	CEP 260	Dynamics of Personal Adjustment (F,S)	3
	CEP 261	Substance Abuse (F,S)	3
	CJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice (F,S)	4
	DH 285	Introduction to Digital Humanities (F,S)	3
	HDFS 145	The Individual, Couples and Families (F,S)	3
	HDFS 211	Child Growth and Development (F,S)	3
	HDFS 212	Children, Youth and Family (F,S)	3
	HDFS 225	Lifespan Human Development in the Family (F,S)	3
	HDFS 238	Personal Finance (F,S)	3
	PSY 101	Introductory Psychology (F,S)	4
	SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (F,S)	3
	SOC 161	International Development and Change (F,S)	3
	SOC 214	Social Inequality (F,S)	3
	SOC 215	Race and Ethnicity (F,S)	3
	SOC 216	Sex, Gender, and Sexuality (F,S)	3
	SOC 220	Criminology (F,S)	3
	SOC 241	Social Psychology (F,S)	3
	SOC 252	Introduction to Environmental Sociology (F,S)	3
	SOC 281	Social Research Methods (F,S)	4
	SOC 310	Global Migration (F,S)	3
	SOC 315	Family and Society (F,S)	3
	SOC 316	Youth and Society (F,S)	3
	SW 200	Introduction to Social Work (F,S)	3
	WS 201	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (F,S)	3
	WS 202	Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms (F,S)	3
	WS 203	Introduction to Gender Methods (F,S)	3
	WS 304	LGBTQ Studies (F,S)	3
Teaching	TE 150	Reflections on Learning (F,S)	3
	TE 201	Current Issues in Education (F,S)	3
	TE 250	Human Diversity, Power, and Opportunity in Social Institutions (F,S)	3
	TE 348	Reading and Responding to Children's Literature (F,S)	3
	TE 352	Immigrant Language and Culture (F,S)	3
Freshman Seminars	UGS 101	Consult your Freshman Seminars @ State list for offerings (F, S)	1

Success Tips from Advisors

Within the first four weeks of classes:

- Access your STUINFO account
- Use a planning tool
- Write in due dates based on each syllabus
- Write in specific times to study and complete assignments
- Contact advisors, professors, and/or undergraduate learning assistants for academic support, recommendations, or in the event of an emergency that necessitates missing class/assignments
- Exchange names, email addresses, and phone numbers with at least one person in your class so you will have someone to study with
- Get to know your resident assistant (RA) and intercultural aide (ICA)
- Participate in floor events and meetings
- Visit the office hours of your professors and learning assistants

In your first semester:

- Meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester to ensure you are on the right track and ask any questions you may have
- Get to know [your neighborhood](#)
- Check out campus resources
- Get involved to explore your interests, strengths, values, and goals
- Use STUINFO to track academic progress and look up enrollment dates
- Learn how to use Career Services Network's [Handshake](#)
- Start your resume
- Meet with your career consultant

Embrace Community Norms

Community norms are a set of agreements informing member behavior and rooted in community values, beliefs, and interests. Utilizing norms create opportunities for individuals to impact society. Some LBC norms include:

- Be engaged
- Communicate directly, clearly and with respect
- Use active and reflective listening
- Lean into brave spaces by allowing yourself to be challenged
- Utilize conflict resolution skills
- Engage with mistakes as learning opportunities
- Show care and concern for your community
- Be open to learning from others that are not like you

Important Websites at MSU

Academic Calendar

reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Calendar/Academic.aspx

The MSU Academic Calendar has important dates and deadlines including enrollment, billing, final exams, university holidays. Download it to your phone.

Schedule of Courses

schedule.msu.edu

Information on enrollment, course offerings, schedules, availability, locations, textbooks required, etc.

StuInfo

stuinfo.msu.edu

Keep track of your academic progress, your enrollment dates for fall and spring semesters, billing information, and confidential messages.

Financial Aid

finaid.msu.edu

Office of Financial Aid, 252 Student Services, 517-353-5940

The Office of Financial Aid has information on scholarships, loans, work-study programs, and other forms of financial aid.

LBC Majors

Find information about LBC majors and minors on the LBC website:

lbc.msu.edu/advising/briggs-majors-minors.html.

Biological Sciences

- Animal Science
- Biology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology/Biotechnology
- Biomedical Laboratory Science
- Entomology
- Food Science
- Genomics and Molecular Genetics
- Human Biology
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Nutritional Sciences
- Physiology
- Zoology

Environmental Sciences

- Earth Sciences
- Environmental Biology/Microbiology
- Environmental Biology/Plant Biology
- Environmental Biology/Zoology
- Environmental Geoscience
- Environmental Sciences and Management
- Fisheries and Wildlife

Mathematical & Computational Sciences

- Actuarial Science
- Computer Science
- Computational Mathematics
- Computer Science Coordinate Major
- Mathematics
- Mathematics, Advanced (Honors)
- Statistics

Physical Sciences

- Astrophysics
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Geological Science
- Physical Science
- Physics

Social Sciences

- History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science

Teaching

- Biological Science-Interdisciplinary
- Physical Science-Interdisciplinary

LBC Minors

Bioethics

The minor in bioethics is designed to prepare students to engage with the evolving set of ethical issues in biomedicine that they will encounter in their careers or their daily lives. The minor's interdisciplinary foundation fosters students' abilities to understand, communicate, and question health care systems from a wide variety of intellectual viewpoints.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

The minor in entrepreneurship and innovation is designed to provide students with the mindset and skills that will enable them to passionately pursue and engage in opportunities without regard to currently controlled resources.

History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science

The minor in history, philosophy and sociology of science is designed to examine how scientific knowledge is created, justified, and sustained. Students learn the history of some areas of science, consider the ethics of science, and come to appreciate the complex ways that science is connected to other social institutions and practices.

Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy

The minor in science, technology, environment and public policy exposes students to policy-making processes at the local, state, national and international levels; examines historical trends and analyze social relationships; builds a strong understanding of scientific principles used to formulate sound policy initiatives; and facilitates a linkage between policy-making and science, technology and the environment.

Lyman Briggs students can pursue these or any of the other minors available at MSU. For a list of all minors offered at MSU, visit the Office of the Registrar's website:

reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/Programs.aspx?PType=MNUN

Experiential Learning

Experience is the best teacher. At Lyman Briggs College, students are encouraged to complement their academic work in courses with real-world experiences and research opportunities. Read about some of the opportunities on the “[In the Field](#)” webpage of the LBC website.

Undergraduate Research

Michigan State University provides undergraduate students a unique opportunity for one-on-one faculty mentoring through research. Undergraduate research allows for hands-on experiences, where you will learn valuable skills that translate beyond the classroom. Through research you have the ability to find your purpose while exploring your passions.

MSU has an Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, which advises students on how to find research and creative opportunities, prepares them to work effectively with mentors, and provides the opportunity for them to present scholarship. Visit urca.msu.edu.

Education Abroad and Away

Michigan State University currently offers more than 275 education abroad programs in over 60 different countries. Briggs students have studied on every continent, including Antarctica! Beyond courses abroad, Lyman Briggs College is developing programs within the United States, including Maine and the Appalachian Trail, for students who wish to study away from MSU but not outside of the country.

There are several types of programs abroad and away, but we typically categorize them as either faculty-directed or partner programs. On faculty-directed programs, you will be accompanied by an MSU faculty member (Briggs or non-Briggs) who will be teaching you and several other MSU students abroad or elsewhere in the United States. Students participating in partner programs will enroll in credits at an international institution and take courses alongside students from that institution, as well as students from around the world who are also studying abroad there.

If you're considering an education abroad or away experience, it's best to plan early. Please review MSU's Education Abroad website at educationabroad.isp.msu.edu/ to learn more about particular programs and funding opportunities. Consider attending the Education Abroad Expo every fall in the Breslin Center. You are welcome to schedule an advising appointment with Anne Slavin to discuss next steps and the semester you wish to study away or abroad. Below you will find some of the most popular programs for Lyman Briggs students, but remember that there are more

than 275 programs available through MSU. Many of the programs listed below can fulfill Briggs degree requirements.

Recent Lyman Briggs Faculty-Directed Opportunities

- History of Biology in Nice, France – Summer
- Maintaining Nature: Cultivating Industry, Natural Resources & Tourism in Maine – Summer
- History of Science in Paris – Summer
- History of Math in Europe (Italy, France, and London) – Summer
- The Natural and Human Environments of Queensland, Australia – Summer
- Rainforests and Reality in Nicaragua – Spring Break

Recent Partner Program Research Opportunities Abroad

- Arcadia Summer STEM Research Abroad (Ireland, England, Scotland, Spain, Australia)

Recent MSU Faculty-Directed Opportunities Abroad

- One Health in Nepal – Summer
- Infectious Diseases of Africa in Malawi – Summer
- Health and Culture in Japan – Summer
- Foundation of Neuroscience in England & Italy – Summer
- Natural Science: Fire and Ice in Iceland – Summer
- Forensic Anthropology and Human Identification in the UK – Summer
- Conservation Medicine in New Zealand – Spring
- Natural Science in New Zealand – Winter Break
- Antarctic System Science in Antarctica – Winter Break

Recent Partner Program Semester Opportunities Abroad

- University of Sydney, Australia – Fall, Spring & Summer
- University of New South Wales, Australia – Fall & Spring
- LaTrobe University, Australia – Fall & Spring
- Oslo University, Norway – Fall, Spring & Summer
- Lund University, Sweden – Fall & Spring

Scholarships

Scholarships are available from many agencies, organizations and donors. First, fill out your Federal Application for Federal Student Aid each year, even if you didn't get funding the previous year. The FAFSA activates many university, college and department funding sources that you don't even have to apply for. Apply online at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa. Make sure the extension is .gov. Some companies (.com) charge for this free application.

The scholarship database at MSU may be found at scholarships.msu.edu. Log in and read through the criteria for scholarships. Start a 'base' essay so you have it ready to go when due dates come up.

You will receive news of scholarship opportunities from the LBC dean's office several times each year to your MSU email address.

Michigan State University & Lyman Briggs College Policies

At Lyman Briggs College, we have a tradition of upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. The Office of the Registrar's [Academic Programs Catalog](#) is the primary source for university regulations, policies, and procedures.

Spartan Code of Honor

“As a Spartan, I will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. I will practice honesty in my work, foster honesty in my peers, and take pride in knowing that honor is worth more than grades. I will carry these values beyond my time as a student at Michigan State University, continuing the endeavor to build personal integrity in all that I do.”

LBC Honor Code

“As a member of the Lyman Briggs College community, I vow to hold myself and my peers to the highest measures of honesty and integrity. I will neither give nor receive any unauthorized assistance in completing my work (through any resource — electronic or printed), which includes, but is not limited to: papers, essays, laboratory reports, group-work, and exams. I understand that this benchmark is set forth to uphold the intrinsic values of academic honesty and integrity.”

LBC Inclusion Statement

Lyman Briggs College is dedicated to promoting inclusion and fostering diversity in all of its forms. We will treat all community members with respect, civility, and empathy. We embrace learning environments that celebrate different beliefs, practices, and lives. We believe that inclusive learning is stronger learning and diverse workplaces are stronger workplaces. Thank you for contributing to this mission. You belong here.

MSU Mandatory Reporting Protocol

Be aware that university employees, including instructors and academic advisors may not be able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report certain issues to protect the health and safety of MSU community members and others. They must report the following information to other university offices (including the Department of Police and Public Safety) if you share with them:

- Suspected child abuse/neglect, even if this maltreatment happened when you were a child
- Allegations of sexual assault or sexual harassment when they involve MSU students, faculty, or staff
- Credible threats of harm to oneself or to others.

Career Services-Overview

Welcome to MSU, and to Lyman Briggs! While we may be welcoming you to college in a way that none of us could have anticipated, we are looking forward to officially welcoming you in a few months.

An important component of your college experience will be your career exploration journey. We want you to enjoy your time at MSU: go to football games, make new friends, take on a research role, apply for that internship, and study abroad! Remember, it is never too early to begin thinking about what comes after graduation, and taking advantage of the opportunities that you'll have as a Briggsie that will help to get you there. As part of the University's Career Services Network, and your career consultant in Lyman Briggs College, I'll be here when you're ready to talk about resumes, internships, preparing to apply to graduate/professional school, or if you just want to do some career exploration.

The following sections will detail how you can best access resources provided by the Career Services Network, including job searching resources, career consultations, workshops, and more. I look forward to meeting each of you during your time here at MSU!

Go Green!

Krysta Coleman

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Web Resources

- **Video Introduction to LBC Career Services** bit.ly/lbc-career-intro
- **LBC Career Services** lbc.msu.edu/careers
Access career resources tailored to your Lyman Briggs experience.
- **Career Services Network** careernetwork.msu.edu/
Access hundreds of resources available to MSU students through the Career Services Network, including resume samples, interview strategies, and more.
- **Handshake** msu.joinhandshake.com/login
Find job and internship opportunities, book an appointment with your career consultant, and access events and workshops.
- **MSU Connect/Briggs Connect** msuconnect.msu.edu/

Network with MSU alumni from around the globe to learn more about their career journeys and connect with a mentor. Be sure to join Briggs Connect, a hub just for LBC grads and students.

Career Services-Handshake

The Career Services Network at Michigan State University has partnered with Handshake, a user-focused career development website.

Handshake offers students access to:

- A tool for scheduling appointments with career consultants
- Career resources
- Internship, part-time, and full-time job postings for MSU students
- Career exploration resources
- Career related workshops and presentations
- Employer events, including career fairs

It also works well on your phone. Create your profile and get your career journey started!

Creating a profile in Handshake

To activate your profile, all you need to do is visit msu.joinhandshake.com and log in to your account using your MSU email address and password.

Once you've activated your profile you can:

- Update your personal/contact information
- Upload a profile picture
- Add experiences/jobs that you have had
- Upload your resume (if you don't have one, contact your career consultant to develop one)
- Explore opportunities like workshops, career fairs, and jobs & internships

How can I book an appointment with my career consultant in Handshake?

1. Login to your Handshake account.
2. Click on Career Center, then click on appointments and select schedule a new appointment
3. Select Lyman Briggs College and then choose Lyman Briggs-Krysta
4. Select your preferred date/time for your appointment
5. Select an appointment medium, let us know what we can help you with, select a meeting topic and enter your phone number

Academic Resources

Tutoring

For help with specific courses, students should check with their professors about office hours. Holmes study lounges are also available, and for-hire tutors.

Undergraduate Learning Assistants

Briggs [Undergraduate Learning Assistants](#) (ULAs) are other Briggsies who help students navigate our rigorous courses. These students help during class, hold recitations, and offer office hours.

Help Rooms

Visit the [Help Room list](#) compiled by the College of Natural Science. Topics include:

- Biology
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Math](#)
- Physics
- [Statistics](#)

MSU Main Library

lib.msu.edu

One of the largest research libraries in the nation, the MSU Library offers the latest resources, ample study space, a makerspace, a digital scholarship lab with 3D immersive visualization space, and workshops.

Workshops on Academic Success Skills

nssc.msu.edu/clc/index.html

The Collaborative Learning Center offers workshops where students can learn to set goals, use their time more efficiently, and expand their study strategies.

Consultations on Writing

writing.msu.edu/

If students need assistance with writing, the Writing Center offers one-on-one consultations at locations all over campus, and also online. Schedule a consultation online, as walk-ins are not typically accepted.

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)

rcpd.msu.edu

The Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities provides support and accommodation to students who have disabilities that substantially limit major life activities.

Lyman Briggs College & Holmes Hall Organizations

Briggs Ambassadors

Give tours and share experiences to recruit and welcome Briggs students

Black Caucus

Promotes unity and support for black students at MSU

BMA–Briggs Multiracial Alliance

Promotes a multicultural community of scholars and learners

FCC–Freshman Class Council

The LBC governing group for first-year students

HELP–Holmes Excursions & Learning Program

Focuses on community service and civic engagement

HHA–Holmes Hall Association

Student government and programming body for Holmes Hall

HPSSA–History, Philosophy & Sociology of Science Student Assoc.

Creates a community for students interested in HPS and helps connect HPS to college life and beyond

LBC INC–LBC Inclusivity Committee

A group of faculty, staff, advisors, and students who work to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in the college

LBC SAC–Student Advisory Council

LBC student voice in governance, policy, and curriculum

LBC SOS–Lyman Briggs College Support on Success

Offers workshops and study sessions to encourage Briggsies

Spectrum–LGBTQ East Campus Caucus

Educational, social, and cultural resources for LGBTQ students and allies

SPPC–Spartan Pre-Professional Club

Support, resources, and monthly discussions for pre-health students

Students, Allies and Survivors Speak

Working to change the culture on campus by supporting organizations in our university that work to educate on sexual violence and provide support for victims of sexual violence and assault.

Women in Science

Educates both men and women about equality in the science field

Campus Engagement Resources

This list is a great starting place for you, but it is not exhaustive.

Center for Service Learning & Civic Engagement

servicelearning.msu.edu

Assists students in finding short- and long-term volunteer placement experiences

Collegiate Recovery Community

healthpromotion.msu.edu/recovery/index.html

Provides a safe and supportive campus community in which students in recovery from addiction can achieve their academic, personal and professional goals

Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, and Transgender Resource Center

lbgtrc.msu.edu

Leads and collaborates on university-wide initiatives that enhance campus climate and support services for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender students, and their communities

Multi Racial Unity Living Experience and Intercultural Aides

<http://mrule.msu.edu/>

The MRULE team works to build genuine community among people of different backgrounds in a variety of spaces. They believe one of the best ways to learn is through sustained intercultural engagement and discussion.

Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions

<http://ocat.msu.edu/>

OCAT supports individual students in their navigation of cross-cultural encounters, and in their own understanding, exploration and development of cultural identity.

Student Government-Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU)

asmsu.msu.edu

ASMSU is the undergraduate student government of all MSU students. Their mission is to enhance the individual and collective student experience through education, empowerment and advocacy by dedication to the needs and interests of students.

Student Government-Residence Hall Association (RHA)

<http://rha.msu.edu/>

RHA is the on-campus student government at Michigan State University, representing about 15,000 students. MSU RHA is dedicated to improving the on-campus living experience, and providing many services to students.

Student Organizations

<https://studentlife.msu.edu/rso-s/index.html>

There are over 900 student organizations at MSU. Get involved, participate, and belong! Make the most of Sparticulation in the fall, a chance to connect with students who are involved in student organizations offered each fall.

Women's Student Services

studentlife.msu.edu/get-involved/womens-student-services.html

WSS promotes and advocates for gender equity at MSU through the engagement, empowerment, and leadership of all students. The WSS offers leadership programs and events.

Health and Wellness Resources

Clinics and Centers

Olin Health Center

www.olin.msu.edu/ 517-884-6546

Medical, dental, immunizations, health education, lab tests, radiology & pharmacy. Located between Berkey Hall and Grand River parking ramp

Olin Health Center's 24-hour Nurse Line

Call 517-353-5557 if you need help deciding if you should go to the doctor.

Clinic at 127 Hubbard Hall

Available on an appointment basis for minor injuries or illnesses, as well as preventive services such as flu vaccines. Call (517) 353-4660 for availabilities.

Counseling

Counseling is available on the third floor of Olin Health Center. Some support can be provided in-person or online. Read about options on the [Counseling & Psychiatric Services website](#) or call 517-355-8270.

Visiting Social Worker

caps.msu.edu/services/CAPSConnect.html

CAPS Connect offers an informal and free confidential counseling program. A licensed social worker is available to meet with students in Holmes Hall.

MSU Safe Place

safeplace.msu.edu 517-355-1100

Addresses relationship violence & stalking. Provides emergency shelter, counseling & support.

MSU Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline

517-372-6666

Safe Transportation Options

Capital Area Transit Authority Bus Service

<https://www.cata.org/Routes-Schedules/Where-can-I-Ride/MSU-Campus>

Routes offered weekdays and limited weekend coverage

[CATA Night Owl](#) (offered between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.)

[ASMSU SafeRide](#) (offered between 9:00 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.)

Sports and Fitness

Recreational Sports and Fitness Services

<https://recsports.msu.edu/>

MSU offers a large intramural sports and club sports program.

Make use of recreational on-campus facilities, in addition to Holmes fitness facilities and campus trails.

Sports-Collegiate

<https://msuspartans.com/>

Attend athletic events for free* with your MSU ID card.

*except for men's football, basketball, and ice hockey

Student Events

uabevents.com

The University Activities Board (UAB) programs events for students, by students.

Wharton Center

<https://www.whartoncenter.com/>

The Wharton Center for Performing Arts, located near Briggs, is one of the top performing arts venues in the world. Students are offered discounted tickets.

Lyman Briggs College Social Media Accounts

 Facebook: [LymanBriggsCollege](https://www.facebook.com/LymanBriggsCollege)

 Twitter: [@lymanbriggs](https://twitter.com/lymanbriggs)

 Instagram: [lymanbriggscollege](https://www.instagram.com/lymanbriggscollege)

Tips for Families/Guardians in the College Transition

Family support is fundamental to the academic success of college students. Here are some essential steps that families can take to ensure that their student makes a smooth transition to college.

- Attend MSU's [Family Orientation Program](#) to become knowledgeable about the resources and services available to your student.
- Familiarize yourself with the college process and what to expect at different times of year.
- Encourage your student to make copies of all important paperwork and, when asking questions across campus, to write down the date, name, department, and comments of the person they speak to.
- Be patient with one another, especially since this is a learning experience for everyone, both you and your student. You will be learning about this transition process together!
- Stay involved and be supportive of this transitional moment for your student; it helps to learn about the process together.

It is with your support and guidance that your student was able to make it through high school and open up a new chapter of their life here at MSU. As you continue to support and encourage your student, they will feel more confident and informed, and surely discover a greater sense of belonging and community.

How to Encourage Your Student During the Year

- Encourage them to visit their professor during office hours
- Remind them to see their academic advisor once a semester
- Help them know and use their campus resources early and often
- Encourage them to get to know people who are from different places and have different life experiences
- Encourage your student to engage in experiences such as education abroad, service-learning and undergraduate research
- Help them discover ways to invest in the MSU community through leadership, involvement and engagement with their peers
- Remind them to read their MSU emails
- Check in on their time management skills and behaviors
- Ask them what goals they have set for themselves, both by the semester and the academic year
- Remind them that help-seeking behavior is a successful behavior