

Academics, Student Success, & Support for Fall 2020

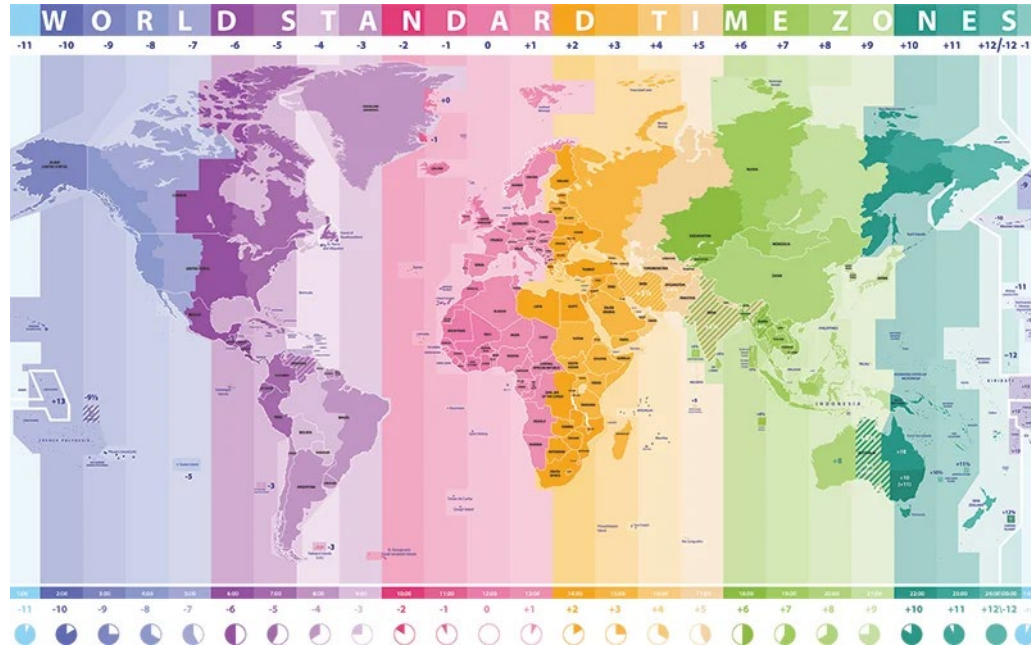
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Are there any additional academic resources and services for students to help them prepare and adjust to the new way of learning?

- New students had instruction related to online learning as part of the New Student Orientation (NSO) and all students will have access to support resources about online learning on the Collaborative Learning Center website.
 - <https://remote.msu.edu/learning/index.html>
 - <https://nssc.msu.edu/oec/workshops/index.html>
- A new Online Engagement Center will also offer support for students, and this center is specifically thinking about ways to support international students.
 - <https://nssc.msu.edu/oec/index.html>

Are there any alternative schedules related to time zone differences?



Instructors have been asked to list the modality of their courses with all students' needs in mind, so students studying from other time zones should have access to asynchronous online classes.

Students should work with their advisors to find

ISS 220 : Time Space & Chg Human Soc (D)

Section	Status	Credits	Enrolled	Limit	Hours Arranged	Day(s)	Times	Instructor	Location	Room Size
001	✘	4	195	195	56				Online	
Instruction requires online interaction with flexible time frames for meeting course requirements. This asynchronous class provides learning materials and requirements for interaction with faculty and other students, including deadlines for completion of learning objectives and testing. TOPIC: Approaches to human and cultural evolution.										
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003	✘	4	150	150		M W	5:00 PM - 6:50 PM	B. Marley	Online	
Instruction requires interaction online and at scheduled meeting times. This synchronous class has required attendance and includes deadlines for completion of learning objectives and testing. TOPIC: History and Crisis of Capitalist Civilization.										

Can students take a gap semester/year? If so, what would be the effect on students beyond simply delayed graduation?

New Students - Semester

If you wish to begin your studies to Spring 2021, you have the option to defer your fall semester by [contacting your admissions counselor](#).

You do not need to complete a new application. Housing will be flexible with student contracts if you defer your start date to

There are potential immigration issues that you need to discuss as well, so in addition to speaking with Admissions, you should consult with OISS as well.

New Students - Year

If you are considering deferring the start of your college career to fall 2021, we strongly encourage you to [contact your admissions counselor](#) about your plans.

Students who defer to fall 2021 will not be required to reapply, but availability of scholarships and additional admissions requirements will vary depending on your plan.

Returning Students

- If you are a returning student who takes a gap of three consecutive semesters, you typically must complete an application for readmission. You should consult with your academic advisor if you plan to take a gap year as a returning student.

All students

- Students who have specialized scholarships and sponsorships should ensure their aid program will allow for an extended timeline or gap in coursework.
- Some classes are only offered in certain semesters, so students should speak with their academic advisors to avoid

If students miss internship opportunities due to the pandemic, can students regain those opportunities when back on campus?

This concern depends somewhat on the students' major and the specific opportunity and requirement.

- If a student have something planned for the 20-21 academic year, they should be able to work with their advisor to move the experience or find a new experience. Some units are also helping students find virtual, online internships.
- Although this would be dependent on the students' major, in the past departments have waived requirements or found similar experiences to ensure

Reminder: Remember to speak with OISS advisor about relevant immigration polices related to off-campus, experiential learning.

How will students' academic performance be evaluated differently this fall?

Will the S/NS grading policies or anything similar be available?

- The S/NS system was implemented to account for students and faculty moving from their planned class format to distancing learning in an emergency situation.
- For Fall, MSU instructors have been preparing their classes for changed formats, so MSU will not use the S/NS program for fall at this time.
- If there was another major waive of COVID or another emergency that causes major changes to students and instructors, then MSU could consider such action.

What is instructor's readiness on online teaching, how will they accommodate students; and how accommodating are instructors expected to be?

With thousands of individuals teaching, it is hard to state how everyone will work with their students; however, MSU has taken steps with faculty that include:

- Training sessions about online teaching, pedagogy, and technology
- New language, information, and policies for syllabi
- Training related to ensuring healthy, safe, and inclusive online learning environments
- New technology resources and support for instructors and students
- Guidance about working with diverse students – including guidance about geo-blocking and time zones
- Request to be accommodating of diverse students' needs

- MSU has several offices monitoring international student interests, including OISS, Office of China Programs, Admissions, and APUE.
- College leadership has been briefed about the need to work within international students using flexible office hours, extra teaching support, and mentoring.

Have you had conversations about firewalls and blocking, especially accessing course materials?

Who should they contact if they have issue in this regard? MSU IT?

- MSU staff have made instructors and advisors aware of commonly used online services that are inaccessible in different world regions.
- If you have problems related to a class, you should email your instructor immediately.
- For general questions about IT services, you can visit:
www.tech.msu.edu
- It has an email, 24-hour help line, and chat option.

Why does tuition remain the same
when things have moved online?

- First, note that MSU kept tuition the same this year instead of raising tuition as schools often do year-to-year.
- Second, some people think of online learning as being less expensive than face-to-face learning. For organizations that run MOOCs, massive open online courses, the cost can be low because the course is automated and designed to be self-directed. MSU is not offering MOOCs and switching to the online system is costing MSU more money than offering the classes in person.
- MSU has asked its faculty members to go through extra training to deliver the same high-quality class online that they would have done on-campus. MSU has also worked to create extra support structures and buy extra technology to assist faculty and students in an online environment. Also, it has asked its support systems, such as student groups, tutoring, and health services to offer online support.

Any word of wisdom during this challenging time?

A crisis is an **opportunity** riding the dangerous wind.

What are the options for Chinese students to continue making progress to their degree completion while remaining in China?

- All students, new and returning, have the option to take a full schedule of MSU online classes while staying in China, allowing them to make progress toward their degree without leaving home.
- MSU is also looking into options for Chinese students to study with MSU partner schools in China , and we intend to have options for both first-year and returning students. When details are finalized, MSU will make you aware of your options.
- If you are a student about to complete your degree, please consult with your OISS advisor, as finishing your degree outside of the US may limit