



**University**

**Handbook for International  
Students**

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## Welcome to Wayne State

Welcome to Wayne State University and congratulations on your decision to join us!

You are joining one of the premier urban research universities in the nation. The student experience here is enhanced by the University's location in the heart of Midtown Detroit, which is known for its world class art and science museums and cultural diversity. There are over 70 countries represented on the WSU campus.

I hope that you will have a very enjoyable and successful time here.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), is here to help make your experience at WSU a pleasant and productive one.

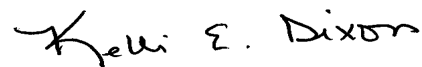
As soon as you arrive in Detroit, please report to OISS to complete the new student check-in process and attend a mandatory new student orientation. Please note that you will not be permitted to register for classes until you have completed these requirements.

If at any stage you cannot find the answer to a query or wish to discuss an issue that concerns you, please do not hesitate to contact us at [oissmail@wayne.edu](mailto:oissmail@wayne.edu) or (313) 577-3422 and/or visit our website at [www.oiss.wayne.edu](http://www.oiss.wayne.edu).

Once again, congratulations on your admission to WSU. The entire OISS staff and I extend you a warm welcome.

With all good wishes for a happy and fulfilling time at Wayne State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli E. Dixon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kelli E. Dixon  
Acting Director

# Wayne State University

Wayne State University is Michigan's only urban research university, fulfilling a unique niche in providing access to a world-class education at a great value. Wayne State's schools and colleges offer more than 350 major subject areas to over 32,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

WSU is located in the heart of Detroit's University Cultural Center, the home of renowned museums, galleries and theatres, most within walking distance. The WSU campus encompasses 203 acres of beautifully landscaped walkways and gathering spots, linking 100 education and research buildings. Our extension centers in the metropolitan area provide convenient access to a wide selection of courses.

## Office of International Student and Scholars (OISS)

Wayne State University is home to over 2,700 international students and visiting scholars from around 70 countries. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) was established to assist international students and scholars in their educational and scholarly pursuits at WSU. This is accomplished by providing quality services, facilitating important linkages to the campus and community, offering cross-cultural educational programs and activities, and assisting in important matters related primarily to immigration regulation compliance.

In addition, OISS strives to promote a positive cross-cultural environment through international education and exchange, and by serving as the "gateway to the world" through international and cross-cultural educational programs provided by the university and surrounding community.

In addition to orientation for new international students, OISS provides ongoing advising, programs, workshops, assistance with immigration regulation and paperwork, social and cultural adjustment, and personal and financial concerns. Advisors are available weekdays on a walk-in basis or by appointment in order to assist you.



## Contact Information

42 W. Warren, Suite #416, Welcome Center  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 577-3422  
Fax: (313) 577-2962  
E-Mail: [oiissmail@wayne.edu](mailto:oiissmail@wayne.edu)  
Homepage: <http://www.oiiss.wayne.edu>

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Fall and Winter)  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Spring and Summer)  
Friday  
8:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### Walk-In Advising Hours

Monday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday  
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
(The advising schedule is subject to change.)

## Important Phone Numbers

### Local Area Code: 313

#### WSU Campus Area

WSU Public Safety - Emergency.....577-2222  
WSU Operator.....577-2424  
OISS.....577-3422  
Housing and Residential Life.....577-2116  
English Language Institute.....577-2729  
University Admissions.....577-3577

#### Detroit Area

All Emergencies.....911  
Detroit Police Department .....596-1300  
Detroit Cab Company .....841-6000  
Checker Cab.....577-0252  
Greyhound Bus Line .....961-8011

## Detroit, Michigan

Michigan is a diverse state with modern industrial facilities and beautiful natural resources. The state has hundreds of inland lakes. The Great Lakes, the largest bodies of fresh water in the world, borders much of Michigan.

Detroit, Michigan is a city of close to one million residents. It is culturally diverse and has many wonderful

activities from which to choose. Detroit experiences four seasons each with a different weather pattern. Summer in Detroit is warm, and residents enjoy swimming, hiking, boating, bicycling, and other outdoor sports. There are also many different sites and museums in the Metro Detroit area. Spring and fall are mild seasons that are suitable for outdoor activities. Winter temperature may range from 15°F to 45°F (-9°C to 9°C). Winter sports include downhill and cross-country skiing and ice-skating. Lightweight clothing is needed for summer. Sweaters, jackets, or raincoats are needed in the fall and spring. Heavy coats and hats are needed in the winter.

## Things to Complete before you Arrive in the U.S.

### Select a place to live near WSU

**BEFORE SIGNING THE ONLINE WSU HOUSING APPLICATION AND CONTRACT, READ THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES. ONCE YOU SIGN AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE APPLICATION OR LEASE YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY THE RENT. THIS MEANS THAT AFTER YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOUR MIND AND FIND ANOTHER APARTMENT. A LEASE IS A BINDING CONTRACT THAT YOU CANNOT GET OUT OF, SO MAKE SURE YOU ARE GOING TO FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION.**

Finding a place to live is obviously one of the most important and immediate concerns you will have in the beginning of your stay at WSU. The following section gives you some of the options available to you.

### On Campus Housing

The Office of Housing and Residential Life administers Wayne State University's on-campus housing, providing information to all interested students, faculty and staff, and offers a wide variety of residence halls and apartment living for individuals and families.

Ghafari Hall and South Hall are two of Wayne State's residence halls and are open to first-year undergraduates. They offer double and triple occupancy rooms, each fully furnished and equipped with high-speed internet and cable connections, air conditioning and heat controls and a private bathroom. An activity room is located on the first floor of each building, along with a laundry room and buffet style cafeteria. Hotel-like key card swipe systems control access to each building and a 24-hour front desk provides added security.

The Towers Residential Suites are the newest addition to Wayne State University's on-campus housing. Open to sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate and professional students. The Towers offers seven different room styles, ranging from single rooms to four person suites. Each room is equipped with high-speed internet and cable connections and air conditioning and heating controls. Common kitchen areas with an oven/stove, refrigerator and microwave are located throughout the building along with quiet and social study lounges, laundry rooms, exercise facilities and an on-site 400-person cafeteria.

University Towers Apartments are open to juniors, seniors, graduates and professional students. University Towers offers a variety of apartments ranging from one-bedroom with one-bathroom units to three-bedroom with two bathroom units. Each apartment is equipped with high-speed internet access and cable connections, air conditioning and heating controls and a kitchen with a stove, oven and refrigerator. The building has a 24-hour front desk for added security, on-site laundry facilities and parking.

Chatsworth Tower is located in the heart of the campus, just steps away from class. Open to graduate and professional students, Chatsworth offers large and comfortable units; one-bedroom and two-bedroom units are available.

Helen L. DeRoy Apartments are open to graduate and professional students. The DeRoy Apartments feature studio apartments, and one or two-bedroom units with a limited number of family suites available. Each unit is equipped with carpeted floors, air conditioning and heating controls and laundry facilities on each floor. The 24-hour front desk provides security to the DeRoy Apartments and the well landscaped

grounds and playground area provide a family setting.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

## **Housing and Residential Life**

5221 Gullen Mall, Room 598  
Student Center Building  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 577-2116  
E-Mail: [housing@wayne.edu](mailto:housing@wayne.edu)  
Homepage: [www.housing.wayne.edu](http://www.housing.wayne.edu)

Note: Students are advised to contact the Housing and Residential Life Office well in advance. It is recommended to apply at least one semester before you plan to start at WSU since the number of housing units on-campus is limited.

## **Off-Campus Housing**

In addition to the on-campus housing, some students utilize online apartment search websites as a more efficient way to look for a place to live. These websites generally provide photos and a brief description of the property as well as floor plans, prices, features and amenities. Some common websites are:

[www.apartmentfindersdetroit.com](http://www.apartmentfindersdetroit.com)  
[www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com)  
[www.apartmentlinks.net](http://www.apartmentlinks.net)  
[www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com)  
[www.homestore.com](http://www.homestore.com)  
[www.apptusa.com](http://www.apptusa.com)

### **University Club Apartments**

4707 Anthony Wayne Drive  
Detroit, MI 48201-3722  
313- 831-4336

### **Palmer Court Townhomes**

5721 St. Antoine Street  
Detroit, MI 48202  
313-871-4621

### **The Union At Midtown**

4710 Second Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201  
1-888-481-7397

Located across the street from Old Main (considered on campus - but not owned by WSU Housing)

Advertisements for houses and apartments also can be found in the classified section of local newspapers. Major Detroit and campus newspapers are:

Detroit News     <http://detnews.com>  
Free Press       [www.freep.com](http://www.freep.com)  
Metro Times     [www.metrotimes.com](http://www.metrotimes.com)  
South End       [www.thesouthend.wayne.edu/](http://www.thesouthend.wayne.edu/)

## **Temporary Housing**

Many new international students have a friend or relative in the Detroit area to assist them with

transportation from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport to the campus and temporary housing if needed. However for those who do not have friends or family in the area, we have listed local hotels below:

Hostel Detroit  
2700 Vermont St, Detroit, 313-451-0333  
[www.hosteldetroit.com](http://www.hosteldetroit.com)

Inn on Ferry Street  
The Inn On Ferry Street 84 East Ferry Street, Detroit, 313-871-6000  
[www.innonferrystreet.com/05/](http://www.innonferrystreet.com/05/)

Hotel St. Regis  
<http://www.hotelstregisdetroit.com/home.html>  
3071 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, 313-873-3000

Pontchartrain Hotel  
2 Washington Blvd, Detroit, 1-800-927-8483

Ramada Inn  
[www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)  
400 Bagley Avenue, Detroit, 1-313-962-2300

Comfort Inn  
[www.comfortinn.com](http://www.comfortinn.com)  
1999 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 1- 313-567-8888

## What to pack in your luggage

Be sure to pack appropriate clothing for the Detroit climate. Summer temperatures are between 75°F and 95°F (24°C and 34°C) and winter temperatures range from 15°F to 45°F (-9°C to 9°C). Winter clothing can also be purchased in Detroit.

Be sure to bring your medical records (with English translation); information about any long-term health problems you may have; prescription medication; and information about any health insurance policy by which you are covered. **We recommend that you carry your immigration documents with you on the plane (passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and verification of financial support).**

Do not pack fresh fruit, produce, meat, prepared food, seeds, or spices. The bureau of Customs and Border Protection will not allow you to bring these items into the United States.

## Special Admissions Information

### English Language Institute

Note: If you have a conditional admission to WSU because you have not met the English proficiency requirements, you should report to the English Language Institute (ELI) at 351 Manoogian Hall, telephone (313) 577-2729.

## Admissions Information

For assistance with the following matters, please contact the WSU Office of Admissions:

- To change your admission to WSU to an earlier or later semester
- If you have questions about the transfer of courses from a previous college or university

## Office of Undergraduate Admissions

42 W. Warren  
(Lobby, Welcome Center)  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 577-3577  
Email: internationalundergrad@wayne.edu

## Office Graduate Admissions

42 W. Warren  
4th Floor, Welcome Center  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 577-4723  
Email: gradadmissions@wayne.edu

## At the Airport

### Immigration Documents

Make sure your passport and immigration documents are carried on the plane with you – DO NOT pack them in your checked luggage. You will need to show your Passport, Form I-20 or DS2019 and U.S. Visa to a Customs Officer before you can collect your checked luggage. It is also extremely important that you make sure you have your Passport, Form I-20 or DS2019 and U.S. Visa back from the Customs Officer before you leave the inspection area.

### Complete Currency Exchange

Exchanging currency is not a common service in the U.S. You will need to do this either at the currency exchange in the terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport when you arrive or by visiting a travel office. The following link can assist you locate a travel office:

[http://www134.americanexpress.com/travel/CTNWTServlet?request\\_type=tsfinder&ctrywrap=us](http://www134.americanexpress.com/travel/CTNWTServlet?request_type=tsfinder&ctrywrap=us)

### U.S. Currency

The currency denominations in the U.S. are \$1 (a dollar or a “buck”), \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. The \$50 and \$100 dollar bills are not often used nor easily exchanged for small purchases. Coin denominations are 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), 10 cents (dime), 25 cents (quarter), 50 cents (half dollars) and \$1 dollar.

### Transportation from the Airport

The majority of international students travel to Detroit by air. The Detroit [Metro](#) Airport (DTW) is about 20 miles from campus and is the nearest airport with commercial airline service. OISS (Office of International Students & Scholars) does not provide transportation between the airport and campus at this time. The **Above Excellent Transportation** shuttle services provide transportation to and from the Detroit Metro Airport and their rates are much lower than regular cab services. In order to make your reservation you must contact the Above Excellent Transportation either by email [info@aboveexcellent.com](mailto:info@aboveexcellent.com) or call them at. 313-425-1710.

**The shuttle service requires a reservation at least 48 hours before your arrival time. In order to receive the discount, you have to mention that you are a Wayne State University student when you make your reservation.**

## **When to Arrive On-Campus and What to Do**

We recommend that you plan to arrive at WSU one to two weeks prior to the first day of classes, so that you have enough time to complete the check-in, attend orientation, arrange housing, meet with an academic advisor, and schedule classes. However, federal regulations do not allow F-1/J-1 students to arrive more than 30 days before the program start date on your I-20 (see section 5 on your I-20).

### **1. New Student Check-In Requirement**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires all new and transfer international students to physically report to the institution they plan to attend. You must complete this requirement by coming in person to OISS. **To complete this requirement you will need to bring the following documents with you to OISS:**

Form I-20 (F-1 students) or Form DS-2019 (J-1 students)

Form I-94

Passport

Visa (except for Canadian citizens)

If your dependents have entered the U.S. with you, bring copies of their documents

### **2. Purchase International Student Medical/Sickness Health Insurance**

Healthcare is great in the United States, but it is expensive. Staying in the hospital for a single day may cost more than \$700, and this amount does not include the cost of treatment or necessary prescriptions. As a result, **all international students and their dependents at WSU are required to have adequate health insurance coverage at all times.** You must purchase a medical/sickness health insurance policy for you and your family in OISS. **You will complete this requirement when you arrive on campus and check-in with OISS. Health Insurance purchases will be made by credit card or a check from a U.S. bank.**

## **Canadian Students Living in the U.S.**

**Canadian students residing in the U.S. cannot use their OHIP because it does not provide adequate coverage in the U.S. Canadian students living in the U.S. must purchase medical/sickness health insurance in OISS.**

## **Commuting Canadian Students**

F-1 Canadian students who live in Canada and commute to the U.S. have the option to either waive out of the WSU international health insurance program or purchase the WSU international health insurance as a supplement to their OHIP coverage. The Ontario Ministry of Health strongly recommends commuting Canadians to purchase supplementary insurance due to limited benefits OHIP provides to foreign healthcare providers. J-1 students must purchase the OISS health insurance for students.

**Note: A health insurance hold will be placed on your student account and prevent course registration. OISS must have your proof of insurance before this hold can be released. WSU does not accept travel insurance as health insurance coverage while studying at Wayne State University.**

## **1. Complete TB Testing**

This requirement is completed at the campus health center. After you are tested, you will receive your test confirmation from the clinic in 48-hours. The clinic's information is listed below:

Campus Health Center  
Helen DeRoy Apartment Bldg  
5200 Anthony Wayne Dr., Suite 115  
Detroit, MI 48202  
(PH) 313-577-5041

## **2. Attend a mandatory New International Student Orientation**

**Note: Once you have completed all four requirements of check-in, your account holds will be released and you will be able to register for courses.**

## **What You Should Do After You Complete Check-In**

### **1. Activate your WSU Email Account**

International Students are required to activate their WSU e-mail accounts. OISS will use this e-mail account as a primary method in communicating the regulatory and policy changes. WSU will not send an email to your personal email account, i.e. yahoo, gmail, etc.

### **2. Open a Bank Account**

Americans don't usually carry a lot of cash; even small purchases are paid by credit/debit card. You will need to open a checking account at a local bank. You will need to show two photo identifications. These can be your passport and driver license or WSU OneCard. When selecting a bank, you should compare their services and fees and choose the bank that is most convenient for you. There are major banks and credit unions that are located near WSU.

## **Opening an Account**

To open any bank account, simply go to the bank of your choice and tell the receptionist that you would like to open an account. The receptionist will direct you to a person who can explain the kind of accounts that are available and can open one for you. Banks have "customer service" personnel whose job is to answer customers' questions and assist with problems that have to do with banking services.

## **Checking Accounts**

Sometimes checking accounts are called current accounts in many countries. Banks offer a variety of checking account types each with different fees or costs. The type of account you choose should depend on the number of checks you will write each month and/or the amount of money you will retain in your checking account. Some banks require minimum balances that affect the fee charged.

## **Regular Checking Account**

With a regular checking account there are no service charges if you keep a minimum amount of money in your account. If your balance goes below the specified amount, you will be assessed a service charge of the month regardless of the number of checks you write. You should open a regular account if you keep your balance above the required minimum balance, thereby avoiding all service charges. There are types of checking accounts that do not charge a service fee based on the minimum balance or the number of checks written.

## Costs and Budgets

International students should budget their money carefully. The estimated annual cost of tuition, fees and living expenses are indicated on your Form I-20 or DS-2019. **Please note that tuition costs can be raised from 7-15% each year. Additional funds are required to cover living expenses for family members.**

International students are admitted to WSU only if they show evidence that they will have sufficient means to support themselves throughout their course of study. Students should not rely on supplementing their finances with money earned through on-campus or authorized off-campus employment.

You will have considerable expenses when you first arrive in Detroit (health insurance, tuition, fees, books and supplies, deposits for housing, utilities, etc.). In addition to money for tuition, we recommend that you bring additional \$1,500—\$2,500 to cover these expenses and temporary housing for a few days. You should carry some cash in U.S. dollars for immediate use. The rest of the money should be in the form of a traveler's check, cashier's check, or an international draft in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank.

## Temperature

In the United States the Fahrenheit scale rather than the Celsius scale is used to express temperature. Most thermometers have Fahrenheit readings whether used for air and water temperatures, body temperatures, or for cooking. To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius:

Subtract 32 from the number of degrees Fahrenheit, Multiply this figure by 5, and divide by 9.

## Keep in Touch with your Family

While it can be an exciting experience for your spouse and children to live with you in the United States, bringing your family will mean additional responsibilities and pressures. You must decide whether you can afford to bring your family to the United States.

International students must prove that they have the financial means to support their family for their entire stay. They must not rely on income from employment to support their families since immigration regulations limit the ability of most students to work. F-2 spouses are prohibited from working in the U.S.

## Adjusting to a New Environment

### Driving in Michigan

Michigan law requires all drivers to have a Michigan driver's license to operate a motor vehicle. Thus, the international driver license is not valid. Driving without a valid Michigan driver's license could result in a fine or revocation of all privileges to drive.

A Michigan driver's license can be obtained at any Secretary of State office. For more information, please visit [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

#### Special Reciprocity Agreements with France and Germany

Pursuant to MCL 257.302a(2) of the Michigan Vehicle Code, the Secretary of State has determined that the standards for licensing operators in France and Germany correspond substantially to those of the State of Michigan. Persons holding valid driver licenses issued by France or Germany may operate passenger vehicles in Michigan on such licenses, if they are not receiving compensation for such

operation.

## **Cultural Organizations**

### **ACC-Arab Chaldean Council**

28551 **Southfield** Road # 204  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076  
Phone: 248-559-1990  
Email: radwank@myacc.org  
Website: www.myacc.org

### **ACCESS- Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services**

2651 Saulino Ct.  
Dearborn, MI 48120  
Phone: 313-842-7010  
Email: banouti@accesscommunity.org

### **African Student Association**

9911 Forrer St.  
Detroit, MI 48120  
Phone: 313-842-7010  
Email: asamichigan@yahoo.com

### **Association of Chinese Americans**

32585 Concord Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
Phone: 313-831-1790  
Email: acacenterdir@ameritech.net  
Website: www.acadetroit.org

### **Belize Association of Michigan**

1440 Knightsbridge  
Shelby Twp., MI 48315  
Phone: 586-419-1231  
Email: la-luz@juno.com

### **Bharatiya Temple: SEVA Committee**

3680 Adams Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48098  
Phone: 248-879-2552  
Email: admin@bharatiya-temple.org  
Website: www.bharatiya-temple.org

### **Centro Multicultural La Familia**

35 West Huron, Suite 500  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
Phone: 248-858-7800  
Email: sacosta@centromulticultural.org  
Website: www.centromulticultural.org

### **FIERI Metro Detroit**

196 Cesar Ave.  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
Phone: 248-217-0104  
Email: fieridetraitmama@aol.com

**Guyana Association of Metro Detroit**

P.O. Box 901  
Novi, MI 48377  
Phone: 586-506-3944  
Email:blairbiz@gmail.com

**Haitian Network Group of Detroit**

P.O. Box 19195  
Detroit, MI 48219  
Phone: 313-585-3360  
Email:rfanier1@gmail.com  
Website: www.hngd.com

**International Institute of Detroit**

111 Kirby St.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: 313-871-8600  
Email:wojciech517@yahoo.com  
Website: www.iimd.org

**Jamaican Association of Michigan**

15310 W. McNichols Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48235  
Phone: 313-720-5637  
Email:ejeckins@yahoo.com  
Website: www.jml.org

**LASED-Latin American for Social and Economic Development**

4138 W. Vernor Hwy.  
Detroit, MI 48126  
Phone: 313-846-8480  
Email:balmanza@lasedinc.org  
Website: www.lasedinc.org

**Lebanese American Heritage Club**

4335 Maple. St.  
Dearborn, MI 48126  
Phone: 313-846-8480  
Email:wmahfouz@lahc.org  
Website: www.lahc.org

**Liberian Association of Michigan**

1330 Puritan Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48227  
Phone: 313-397-1345  
Email: evonneweeks@yahoo.com  
Email: yokpo@hotmail.com  
Website: www.liberians-in-michigan.org

**Michigan Korean Weekly**

P.O. Box 130521  
Ann Arbor, MI 48113  
Phone: 248-444-8844  
Email: mkweekly@gmail.com  
Website: [www.michigankoreanweekly.com](http://www.michigankoreanweekly.com)

**Multicultural Council of America**

1787 West Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48084-3548  
Phone: 248- 614-5200  
Email: info@muticulturalcouncil.org  
Website: [www.multicultural.org](http://www.multicultural.org)

**Nigerian Foundation of Michigan**

15800 West McNichols, Suite 210  
Detroit, Michigan 48325  
Phone: 313 270 2954  
Email: secretary@nigerianfoundation.com  
Website: [www.nigerianfoundation.com](http://www.nigerianfoundation.com)

**Phillippine American Community Center of Michigan**

17356 Northland Park Court  
Southfield, MI 48075-4303  
Phone: 248-443-7037  
Email: paccm@comcast.net  
Website: [www.paccm.org](http://www.paccm.org)

**Polish American Congress**

11333 Joseph Campau Ave.  
Hamtramck, MI 48212  
Phone: 313- 365-9400  
Email: polishtimes@comcast.net  
Email: metyszka@sbcglobal.net  
Website: [www.pacmi.org](http://www.pacmi.org)

**Prezens**

25062 Code Road  
Southfield, MI 48033-2707  
Phone: 313-971-5756  
Email: dservices1@yahoo.com

**Senegalese Association of Michigan**

P.O. Box 871046  
Canton, MI 48187  
Phone: 734-502-7007  
Email: allhousseyhoy@saom.org  
Website: [www.saom.org](http://www.saom.org)

**Thai American Association of Michigan**

441 W. Fairmont Ave.  
Pontiac, MI 48340  
Phone: 419-464-9757  
Email: thai2michigan@aol.com

**Yemeni American Association**

10415 Dix Ave.  
Dearborn, MI 48210  
Phone: 313-841-4200  
Email: daifall\_a@aol.com

## U.S. Holidays/Observances

January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
3rd Monday in February	Presidents Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
2nd Sunday in May	Mother's Day
4th Monday in May	Memorial Day
3rd Sunday in June	Father's Day
July 4th	Independence Day
1st Monday in September	Labor Day
3rd Saturday in October	Sweetest Day
October 31	Halloween
November 11	Veterans Day
4th Thursday in November	Thanksgiving
December 4	Hanukkah begins
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Kwanzaa

We understand we have provided you with a lot of information. Please know that OISS is here to assist you from the time you arrive in the U.S. and beyond.

We are your home away from home!

## Shopping in Detroit

Becoming familiar with the best places to shop for your particular needs is important. Below are some general information regarding shopping in the United States.

Most importantly, compare prices: the same items are often sold at different prices at different stores. Ask your friends where to buy at bargain prices. Watch for sales advertised in the newspapers and for items "on special." "Want ads" in the newspapers list sales of used household goods and furnishings.

Prices in stores are normally fixed, and the customer does not bargain with the sales clerk. You should, however, bargain when you buy from a private individual, or in the case of purchasing a home or a car.

To find shops that carry the merchandise you are looking for, consult the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory or on line at: [www.yellowpages.com](http://www.yellowpages.com).

For general needs such as clothing, shoes, bedding, and household appliances, you may want to go to one of the large shopping centers not too far from campus. Some nearby stores that carry a variety of items are:

- Joe Randazzo's Fruit & Vgtbl  
5240 E Outer Dr  
Detroit, MI 48234  
Tel: (313)892-0093
- Wal-Mart  
5851 Mercury Drive  
Dearborn, MI 48126  
Tel: (313) 441-0194
- Target  
15901 Ford Road  
Dearborn, MI 48126  
Tel: (313) 336-5000
- Target  
32001 John R Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
Tel: (248) 585-9000

- Meijer  
3565 Fairlane Blvd.  
Allen Park, MI 48101  
Tel: (734) 728-1800

- Meijer  
1005 E. Thirteen Mile Rd.  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
Tel: (248) 307-4900

**Sales Tax** - In Michigan, there is a 6% sales tax on all non-food goods, except for prescription medicine and periodical publications such as newspapers and magazines. Usually the tax is not included in the quoted price but is added to the bill when you pay.

**The Classified Section in the Back of Newspapers** lists other sources for buying used furniture, used electrical appliances, used cars and used clothing. The section also lists “garage, yard, and rummage” sales. A garage sale is a sale of household items and clothing in someone’s garage or on the street in front of their house. A rummage sale is a collection of goods from many people who belong to a specific organization; the profits from the sale go toward operating the organization or toward civic projects which the organization supports. However, be careful when purchasing from personal sellers, especially lists like Craigslist, AngiesList. Never go by yourself when purchasing from a personal seller.

## Shopping near Wayne State

### Jimmy Johns

5118 Anthony Wayne Drive (Near DeRoy Apts)  
Tel: (313) 832-7614

### Starbucks

695 Williams Mall Drive (Near DeRoy Apts)  
Tel: (313) 577-4678

### Einstein Bro. Bagels

695 Williams Mall (Near DeRoy Apts)  
Tel: (313) 577-4848

### FedEx Kinko’s

5266 Anthony Wayne Drive (Near DeRoy Apts)  
Tel: (313) 833-3876

### WSU University Pharmacy/Postal Service

5254 Anthony Wayne Drive (Near DeRoy Apts)  
Tel: (313) 831-2008

### CVS Pharmacy

350 E. Warren  
Tel: (313) 833-0201

### Olympic Grill of Wayne State

119 W. Warren Ave  
Tel: (313) 832-5809

### Byblos Café & Grill

87 W Palmer St  
Tel: (313) 831-4420

### Third Avenue Hardware

3645 Third (Between Selden & Brainard)  
Tel: (313) 832-7241

### Shangri-La

4710 Cass Ave (Near UT Apts)  
Tel: (313) 974-7669

### University Foods

1131 W. Warren  
Tel: (313) 833-0815

### Food Pride Super Market

500 E. Warren  
Tel: (313) 832-1151

### Epicurus Place

111 W. Warren Ave  
Tel: (313) 832-0133

### Radio Shack

4501 Woodward  
Tel: (313) 831-7561

### Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant

511 West Canfield St (Near UT Apts)  
Tel: (313) 831-9470

### Wasabi Korean & Japanese Cuisine

15 East Kirby St  
Tel: (313) 638-1272

**Other Shopping Areas  
(Take bus from Woodward):**

Oakland Mall	Bus # 495
Somerset Collection	Bus #460
Great Lake Crossing	Bus #450 to Pontiac, then transfer to #753
Fairlane Mall	go to downtown, then transfer to Bus #200

## International Food Markets

### Detroit Eastern Market

2934 Russell Street  
Detroit, MI 48207  
Tel: 313.833.9300

Email: [admin@detroiteasternmarket.com](mailto:admin@detroiteasternmarket.com)

Website: <http://www.detroiteasternmarket.com>

*Carries great selections of fruits, veggies, fresh-cut flowers, homemade jams, maple syrups, locally produced specialty food products, pasture and/or grass-fed meat and even an occasional goose or rabbit.*

### Near Eastern, Greek, Indian, & Pakistani

- Big Market  
341 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Tel: (734) 662-4445  
*Carries a wide variety of Near Eastern and Greek foods.*
- Foods of India  
1168 Broadway St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
Tel: (734) 332-0500  
*Carries a wide variety of Indian foods.*
- Golfside Market  
2642 Golfside  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
Tel: (734) 434-4433  
*Carries a lot of food from the Middle East.*

### East Asian

- Fuji Japanese Buffet  
32153 John R Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
Tel: (248)616-8868  
*Carries all kinds of Asian food (sushi bar, dim-sum bar, BBQ, seafood).*

- Chinatown Market  
27651 John R Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
Tel: (248)336-2188  
*Carries a lot of Chinese and Asian food.*
- E Mart  
2963 East Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48083  
Tel: (248)689-2222  
*Carries a wide variety of Asian (especially Korean) food.*
- Noble Fish  
45 E 14 Mile Rd  
Clawson, MI 48017  
Tel: (248)585-2314  
*Japanese grocery and sushi bar.*

### **European**

- Polish Village Café  
2990 Yemans St  
Hamtramck, MI 48212  
Tel: (313) 874-5726  
*One of the best European restaurants not far from campus.*
- Moro's Dining  
6535 Allen Rd  
Allen Park, MI 48101  
Tel: (313) 382-7152  
*A great cuisine of Greek, Italian and European food, outstanding service!*
- Pegasus Taverna  
558 Monroe St  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Tel: (313) 964-6800  
*Enjoy special treats from both European and Greek, rated as one of the best European restaurants.*

### **WARNING:**

You may find that shopping is very different from what you are used to at home. Generally, merchandise is sold "self-service." When shopping in U.S. stores use a shopping cart or basket provided at the front of the store. Do not place items in a purse or pocket. This may be interpreted as stealing or shoplifting.



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