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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 or (313) 577-3422 and/or visit our website at 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,

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: oissmail@wayne.edu
Homepage: http://www.oiss.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  
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.aptusa.com](http://www.aptusa.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](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

Inn on Ferry Street  
The Inn On Ferry Street 84 East Ferry Street, Detroit, 313-871-6000  
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  
400 Bagley Avenue, Detroit, 1-313-962-2300

Comfort Inn  
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=tsofinder&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 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.

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:fieridetroitmama@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
Multicultural Council of America
1787 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084-3548
Phone: 248- 614-5200
Email: info@multiculturalcouncil.org
Website: 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

Philippine 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

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

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

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**

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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.

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

- **Target**  
  15901 Ford Road  
  Dearborn, MI 48126  
  Tel: (313) 336-5000

- **Wal-Mart**  
  5851 Mercury Drive  
  Dearborn, MI 48126  
  Tel: (313) 441-0194

- **Target**  
  32001 John R Road  
  Madison Heights, MI 48071  
  Tel: (248) 585-9000
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 form 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):

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International Food Markets

Detroit Eastern Market

2934 Russell Street
Detroit, MI 48207
Tel: 313.833.9300
Email: 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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