

International Student Insight Days

Monday, August 20th & Tuesday, 21st, 2018, Taylor Auditorium of McCool Hall

Monday, August 20th

- 8:30 am ***Early Morning Registration & Breakfast*** *Outside of Taylor Auditorium*
Check-in and pick up your orientation package as a new Mississippi State student. Please meet your international student liaison and group while enjoying some complimentary breakfast.
- *Please be sure to bring your passport, visa, and I-20 / DS-2019 with you.
- 9:00 am ***A Bulldog Welcome*** *Taylor Auditorium*
- Dr. Regina Young-Hyatt (Vice President of Student Affairs)
 - Dr. Julie Jordan (Associate Vice President, International Programs & Executive Director, International Institute)
 - Ra'Sheda Boddie-Forbes (Assistant Vice President for Multicultural Affairs & Director, Holmes Cultural Diversity Center)
 - Mayah Emerson (Student Body President, Student Association)
- 9:20 am ***Icebreaker #1: Your Journey to Mississippi State University*** *Taylor Auditorium*
With your group, please share your story of coming to Mississippi State University.
- 9:35 am ***Mississippi State in a Nutshell*** *Taylor Auditorium*
This session is dedicated to having the Office of Admissions & Scholarships to talk about the history, culture, and traditions of Mississippi State University.
- 10:05 am ***Break***
- 10:15 am ***Healthcare in the United States*** *Taylor Auditorium*
The University Health Services will give a brief overview of what you need to know about health insurance while being a student at the university.
- 10:45 am ***Support System on Campus*** *Taylor Auditorium*
The University Police Department will explain how you can get support when you confront serious, critical, and emergent situations or incidents.
- 11:00 am ***Cultural Adjustment*** *Taylor Auditorium*
The Student Counseling Services will explain about their services for students and ways in which international students adjust to student life in the U.S.
- 11:30 am ***Icebreaker #2: People Bingo*** *Taylor Auditorium*
This activity will let you get to know other students outside of your group.
- 11:45 am ***Break***

11:55 am ***International Student Panel*** *Taylor Auditorium*
Returning students will discuss their experiences of transitioning to Mississippi State University and the United States, and provide answers to any questions you may have related to student life at Mississippi State.

12:15 pm ***Student Organization Session*** *Taylor Auditorium*
Various student organizations will have a few minutes each to talk about themselves and their upcoming events for new students.

12:30 pm ***Lunch*** *Fresh Food Company*
Please bring and show your voucher at the entrance. Enjoy your lunch with your group!

Optional Programs

2:30 pm ***Campus Tour*** *Mississippi State Campus*
The liaisons will guide each group around campus. You will be able to familiarize yourself with our campus and do some errands including registration for the Sanderson Center (gym & recreation facilities) and creating a student ID card if needed.

Other Events on Campus: It would be fun to participate in those events with your group!

1:00 - 3:00 pm ***Dawg Daze Tie Dye Event*** *Grassy Area in front of Longest Student Health Center*
This is a welcome event organized by the Health Promotion & Wellness for students. Students will be able to dye and create their own creative t-shirts.

3:00 - 9:00 pm ***UREC The Day*** *Sanderson Center*
UREC The Day is a University Recreation-sponsored event for Dawg Days. All-encompassing event will include all different aspects of recreation along with introducing different student organizations, campus partners, student resources, and businesses in Starkville. Students will be able to eat food, play games, and have fun with their new friends on campus.

Tuesday, August 21st

- 8:30 am ***Early Morning Registration & Breakfast*** *Outside of Taylor Auditorium*
If you did not check-in on Monday, August 20th, please check-in and pick up your orientation package. You can enjoy some early bird breakfast.
- *If you did not check in the day before, please be sure to bring your passport, visa, and I-20 / DS-2019 with you.
- 9:00 am ***Visa, Social Security Number, Bank Account, etc.*** *Taylor Auditorium*
The International Institute will provide helpful information that new international students should know to start a student life at Mississippi State. Topics include visas, social security number, and documents to open a bank account.
- 9:30 am ***Introduction to myCourses*** *Taylor Auditorium*
Information Technology Services will guide you through functions and ways to use myCourses that is run by the application Blackboard Learn. During the school year, students will be using myCourses for classes not limited to submitting assignments, downloading resources, and receiving grades.
- 10:00 am ***Involvement on Campus*** *Taylor Auditorium*
Several departments on campus will share how you can get involved in their areas. The session will include the Center for Student Activities, the Sanderson Center, the Mississippi State Athletics, the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement, and the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center.
- 10:30 am ***Break***
- 10:40 am ***Icebreaker #3: Interesting Things about You*** *Taylor Auditorium*
Let's share interesting things about yourself to get to know more about students in your group.
- 11:00 am ***Academic Services on Campus*** *Taylor Auditorium*
This panel discussion will include the Libraries, the Writing Center, and the Learning Center to share their services and how they can assist your academic work.
- 11:30 am ***Dining Services on Campus*** *Taylor Auditorium*
The Dining Services will provide information of available dining options on campus for students. They will also explain how meal plans, block meals, flex dollars, and block meal exchange work.
- 12:00 pm ***S.M.A.R.T Bus and Parking on Campus*** *Taylor Auditorium*
The Parking and Transit Services will explain about Starkville-MSU Area Rapid Transit (S.M.A.R.T) Bus and how parking works on campus.
- 12:30 pm ***Closing Remarks*** *Taylor Auditorium*

Optional Program:

Short Bus Tour & Shopping

Taylor Auditorium

A short bus tour will let you see main areas in Starkville. After the bus tour, we will stop at Walmart and Kroger for students to buy things that they need to settle down and start student life.

4:30 pm	Depart from Banes & Noble Bus Tour
5:00 pm	Shopping at Walmart
6:00 pm	Depart for Kroger
6:10 pm	Shopping at Kroger
7:10 pm	Depart for students' apartments and residence halls

* Walmart has anything that you need for your daily life including groceries, furniture, kitchen appliances, stationary, pharmacy, electronics, bath & body, cosmetics, etc. Kroger is similar to Walmart but focuses on groceries. They have more variety of groceries including organic and healthy options.

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2:00 - 4:00 pm	OOS Student Social	<i>YMCA Building</i>
	Join the Division of Student Affairs and other Out-of-State students for an event just for you. Make your own MSU ice cream sundae, grab a home state button for your backpack, meet other out of state (students who are from outside of the state of Mississippi) students, and earn a chance to win some awesome prize packages.	

Friday, August 24th

3:00 - 5:00 pm	International Student Mixer	<i>Old Main Lounge, 2nd Floor of the Colvard Student Union</i>
	Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center (HCDC) and International Student Advisory Board (ISAB) as we host a mixer for international and U.S. students to meet new people and get to know each other through conversations and fun activities. Refreshments will be provided.	