

Parent and Family Guide

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Dear Parents and family members:

Welcome to the Central Michigan University family! We are pleased your student has chosen to enroll at CMU and be a member of our university community.

This handbook has been designed as a quick guide to answer many of the questions you might have regarding CMU and our student support services. It is not intended to be all-inclusive. We also encourage you to visit our website at: **www.cmich.edu/parentandfamily**. It has helpful stories and information designed for parents. We will begin sending you monthly electronic newsletters shortly.

When you need additional service or information on any issue, we encourage you to call us for assistance. You will find a directory with the telephone numbers of many of our campus service offices on the inside back cover. If there is anything we can do to improve and support your experience as a CMU parent, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please keep in touch with us throughout your student's CMU education. We look forward to working with your student and doing what we can to help them be personally and professionally successful.

All the best,



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Academic Calendar 2021-2022

Dates are subject to change

Fall semester 2021

August 30	Classes begin
September 3	Registration (drop/add) ends for courses that have already started
September 6	Labor Day - no classes, University Offices closed
October 11-12	Fall Wellness Break - No classes, University Offices remain open
November 24- 28	Thanksgiving break- University Closed
December 11	Classes end
December 13-17	Final exams
December 18	Semester ends

Spring semester 2022

January 10	Classes begin
January 15	Registration (drop/add) ends for courses that have already started
January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
March 5-13	Spring break - No classes, University Offices remain open
March 31 - April 1	No classes, University Offices remain open
April 30	Classes end
May 2- 6	Examination week

Summer 2022

May 16 - June 23	Summer I classes begin
June 27 - August 4	Summer II classes begin

Fall 2022

August 30	Class begins
September 3	Registration (drop/add) ends for courses that have already started
September 5	Labor Day - No classes, University Offices closed
November 24 @ 5 p.m.	Thanksgiving break - No classes, University Offices closed
December 10	Classes end
December 13-17	Examination week
December 18	Commencement

ACADEMICS

After academic orientation, how do students register for classes for future semesters?

Students register for classes using Course Search and Registration, found in CentralLink (centrallink.cmich.edu). CMU utilizes a multi-semester registration process. In February of each given year, a student is able to register for the next summer, fall, and spring semesters. Students register based on an appointment schedule determined by the total number of hours they have earned at CMU and any courses in progress at CMU for the current term.

The class schedule is located in CentralLink under Course Search and Registration. It is important for students to meet with their advisors each semester before they register for classes to receive help in selecting appropriate classes for their programs.

How do students change their class schedules?

Students may use CentralLink (Course Search and Registration) to add or drop classes. Adding is available only during the set registration period. Students may drop with a cancellation of tuition provided they do so prior to the course's second scheduled meeting time.

Students will find deadlines and information on adding, dropping or withdrawing from classes online at (cmich.edu/registrars). If they have questions, students may contact the Registrar's Office at 989-774-3261.

When do students receive notification of grades?

Final grades are available on CentralLink (centrallink.cmich.edu). Grades are generally available the Friday following final exam week. The student's global ID and password are needed to access this information.

Who is eligible for the Dean's List?

To qualify for this recognition, students must have registered for and completed 12 or more letter-graded hours of CMU credit during the semester (this does not include courses taken for credit/no credit) AND have earned a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher. The President's List recognizes Dean's List students who have achieved 4.00 semester grade point averages.

What happens when students have academic difficulties?

Students in good academic standing have at least a 2.0 GPA. Students at CMU are responsible for recognizing when they are having academic difficulties and for seeking help as needed. They are encouraged to seek assistance from their instructors, counselors, advisors

or the Academic Advising and Assistance Office.

What is the academic probation policy?

At the end of each semester or summer session, a student is placed on academic probation if his or her cumulative grade point average falls within the probation ranges below. The ranges vary depending on the student's attempted hours or total hours, whichever is greater. Total hours include credits attempted at CMU as well as transfer credits or hours earned in any other manner. A student on academic probation for the third consecutive semester, including summer sessions, is subject to academic dismissal.

Attempted/ Total Hours	Suspension/Dismissal GPA Ranges	Probation GPA Ranges
6-18	0.0-0.99	1.00-1.99
19-35	0.0-1.49	1.50-1.99
36-45	0.0-1.69	1.70-1.99
46-58	0.0-1.79	1.80-1.99
59-71	0.0-1.84	1.85-1.99
72-85	0.0-1.89	1.90-1.99
86 and over	0.0-1.94	1.95-1.99

The university notifies students who are placed on academic probation by sending an email to the student's CMU email account. This notice typically will arrive by the Friday following final exam week and will encourage students to seek advising, counseling, or academic assistance.

What is academic suspension?

Students in their first semester (at least 6 credit hours) of academic courses taken at CMU are assigned an academic suspended status if their first semester or summer session GPA falls below the range for academic probation. Suspended status is a warning and students may not attend the next academic session until they appeal. Details regarding a student's academic suspension status, suggestions for corrective action, and the appeal process are communicated by email from the Academic Advising and Assistance office following the official grade deadline for each semester or summer session.

What is the academic dismissal policy?

A continuing student with a cumulative GPA below the cumulative GPA range for probation, or when the student has been on academic probation for three consecutive semesters including summer sessions, will be assigned an academic dismissal status. At that time, the University notifies students that their enrollment is canceled. Details regarding a student's academic status, suggestions for corrective action, and an appeal process

are communicated by e-mail from the Academic Advising and Assistance office following the official grade deadline for each semester or summer session. Consideration for enrollment is based upon individual student circumstances. If students wish to return to the University, they must appeal through the Academic Advising and Assistance office (250 Ronan Hall, 989-774-3465), or see https://www.cmich.edu/ess/academic_advising_assistance/Pages/default.aspx.

How do I return to the university after an Academic Suspension or Dismissal?

A student whose eligibility to enroll (matriculate) has been canceled for academic reasons, may appeal to return through the Academic Advising and Assistance office. Students who have been suspended may apply for immediate rematriculation. Students who have been dismissed, may appeal for reinstatement consideration usually 12 months after dismissal. A student who has been dismissed twice will be rematriculated only under extraordinary circumstances. Rematriculation/reinstatement requires a written application, payment of the rematriculation application fee, and a personal interview with the Academic Advising and Assistance office. Supporting documents may also be required. Interviews for students seeking to return will be scheduled in advance of each enrollment period. Permission to return is not automatic and is based upon individual circumstances.

Withdrawing from all courses

Students enrolled in all full term courses may withdraw from all courses using the complete withdrawal functionality in Course Search and Registration on Centrallink (centrallink.cmich.edu). Students enrolled in any short term courses, online courses or have already withdrawn from an individual course, will be referred to the Registrar's Office (Warriner Hall 212) for assistance. A student requesting a complete semester withdrawal may qualify for full or partial tuition and course-related fee cancellation based on the date he or she files. The student may also qualify for a refund of housing fees if he or she is living in a residence hall. The student should contact the Office of Residence Life at 989-774-3111 about terminating a housing contract and checking on possible refunds. Students should consult Course Search and Registration available at cmich.edu/registrar for deadline dates, the refund schedule for complete semester withdrawals, and the policies on course drops and individual course withdrawals.

What is the tuition cancellation policy if a student withdraws or drops a class?

A student who drops a class by the drop deadline will receive full cancellation of tuition and course-related fees. After the drop deadline, a student may withdraw from an individual course through the 10th week of classes for a full-semester course or through the midpoint for a shorter term course, but there is no cancellation of tuition and course-related fees.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

Where can students obtain tutoring?

The CMU Tutoring Program offers one-on-one tutoring for most 100-400 level courses to all undergraduate students enrolled in face-to-face courses and some online courses. Walk-in tutoring is offered for some high-demand subjects as well. The tutors are students recommended by faculty and, though every effort is made to fulfill every request, occasionally a tutor may not be available for a course. Students seeking these tutors are asked to visit the Academic Advising and Assistance office in 250 Ronan Hall or to call 989-774-3465. Additional areas providing subject-specific tutoring opportunities include:

- The Math Assistance Center (MAC). For information, visit: <https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/se/math/Mathematics%20Assistance%20Center/Pages/default.aspx>, call 989-774-2290 or email MathAC@cmich.edu
- The Writing Center. More information can be found at: <https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/class/Centers/WritingCenter>
- The Supplemental Instruction (SI) program. Students inquiring about SI can contact Academic Advising and Assistance in 250 Ronan Hall, aad@cmich.edu, or 989-774-3465

What can students do when they are concerned about their academic performance?

Making the transition to being an academically successful university student can be difficult for even the most successful high school or community college student. Professional staff members are available in Academic Advising and Assistance, (250 Ronan Hall, 989-774-3465, aad@cmich.edu) or in the Office of Student Success (260 Ronan Hall, 989-774-3401, oss@cmich.edu) to assist all undergraduate students who have concerns about how they are doing in their classes, the effect of academic performance on their grade point average, how to study, how to read more effectively, or how to manage their time to achieve better balance between academics and other

areas of their lives.

We encourage students to get to know their professors so they can more easily seek assistance when encountering difficulties. We emphasize that students who attend classes regularly and who sit in front do better, as do those who prepare and review every subject every day, even if only for 20 minutes each.

Is there a campus-wide, class attendance policy?

No; each individual instructor will share their attendance expectations at the beginning of the semester, usually listing the information in the course syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to communicate directly with each individual instructor regarding absences for illness or other planned and/or unplanned attendance issues.

However, in the event your student will be absent from classes three or more days, he or she should contact the Office of Student Affairs at 989-774-3346. At that time, a courtesy email message will be sent to your student's instructors acknowledging that they have reported being away from campus for an extended period of time. This note should not be viewed as an excuse, rather a simple confirmation of what your student has shared with the Office of Student Affairs — it is done as a courtesy only. Attendance decisions rest solely with the instructor.

If a student experiences a death of a family member, CMU has a bereavement policy which was established to support students who encounter a tragic event that may interrupt their academic studies. To learn more, visit this webpage: <https://www.cmich.edu/ourcmu/Pages/bereavement-and-military-leave.aspx>.

Student Ombuds Office

The Student Ombuds Office welcomes all students to speak openly about any university-related question, concern, or challenge they may experience as they navigate their CMU experience. The Ombudsperson is an impartial, informal, and independent source of information for students. Together, we can discuss your situation, resources that are available to you, and options for next steps to get your concern resolved. Our conversations are private, and you will be empowered to make informed decisions about how you want to move forward. Feel free to contact the office at 989-774-3010 or ombuds@cmich.edu.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

How can my student get in contact with an academic advisor and what services do they provide? Academic advisors provide personalized support to students during their academic journey from start to finish. They discuss academics in areas such as course selection, degree or graduation requirements, and transfer credit as well as provide academic coaching in areas such as time management, college transition, and goal setting. If a student needs support or answers to questions, advisors are a great resource and can connect them to other campus resources if needed.

All students are assigned an academic advisor at their New Student Orientation based of their area of interest. Their advisor serves as a continued point of contact and support until graduation. Advisors take a proactive approach to advising and want to meet with their students at least twice over the course of their first year. A student can see who their academic advisor under the Advisor Tab in their Degree Progress, which can be accessed via Centrallink. They can also schedule an appointment by calling 989-774-7506. Advisors are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What expectations will an academic advisor have for my student?

An academic advisor works in partnership with your student to help them progress toward graduation. Advisors do not make decisions for your student but instead help your student navigate their college and academic path by asking them questions and getting to know them on an individual basis. In addition, the advisor expects your student to engage in regular meetings (twice a year for freshman, once a year for transfers) to ensure they are getting the guidance needed for success. It is important for your student to come prepared for each advising appointment which includes bringing technology or any relevant documentation, as well as a list of questions or goals for the meeting. Your student should always follow through on referrals and suggestions made by the advisor.

Advisors also regularly share important information and deadlines via (usually via email) and encourage students to review those messages.

How does my student declare a major?

Your student must declare a major by the time they earn 56 credit hours (typically at the end of their second year). Most majors can be declared at any time, while others have admission standards which may require the student to declare an intent to major prior to an official major declaration.

Your student should plan to meet with their academic advisor to discuss any details or processes specific to their area of interest. Students are also encouraged to reach out directly to an academic department for more information.

If your student is undecided and still exploring, the advisor will likely refer them to take the Awato Assessment, make an appointment with a Career Coach in the Career Development Center, take exploratory classes within our General Education, or to enroll in CED 101, a 1-credit career exploration course.

Important advising milestones

Beyond declaring a major before earning 56 credits, there are additional milestones important to your student's overall success. The term or year a student completes these milestones are recommendations; your student will work with their advisor on a customized timeline specific to their individual academic history and area of study.

- Create an academic plan and/or graduation plan: Students will work with their academic advisor to map out their program of interest.
- Completing a Degree Progress meeting: Around 75 credits or within the third year, students should schedule a degree progress meeting with their advisor. This is a touchpoint to ensure students are still on track and on a successful path for graduation. Students, particularly transfers, may complete a graduation plan and a degree progress meeting at the same appointment.
- Applying for graduation: At 86 credit hours or a year out from their intended graduation, students will apply for graduation. After applying, a student is issued a graduation audit from the Registrar's Office which details remaining requirements.

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their programs.

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program provides high academic ability students with unique educational opportunities and challenges students to aim higher and achieve more meaningfully. Engagement with a vibrant Honors community, opportunities for research and creative work with top University faculty, and unique Honors coursework both on campus and around the world all help to transform Honors students' lives empowering them to help transform the world for the greater good.

Track II Honors Program Admission

The majority of Honors Program students are admitted to the Honors Program right out of high school. However, The Honors Program reserves space each year, for "Track II admits" which includes transfer students, current CMU students, and international students. If your student falls into either of these categories, and has a cumulative college GPA of 3.5 or higher (as recommended by the Honors Council), then we encourage your student to apply to the Honors Program at the start of the Spring semester for priority consideration. If spaces in the class remain, there will be an extended application deadline of August 1. The current Honors Track II Application and Protocol are available online at www.cmich.edu/honors. All accepted Track II admits must begin as a cohort in the fall semester immediately following their acceptance, and must enroll during that same fall semester, in HON 300, an introductory course to Honors, that focuses on the Honors Protocol, and senior project requirements. If you have questions about Honors Program Admission please contact the Honors Program Office at 989- 774-3902.

SARAH R. OPPERMAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE **www.cmich.edu/leadership**

The Leadership Institute is named for Sarah R. Opperman, retired Vice President of the Dow Chemical Company. Opperman was appointed to the CMU Board of Trustees by Governor Jennifer Granholm on January 27, 2009, for an eight-year term expiring December 31, 2016. Ms. Opperman joined the Dow Chemical Company in 1981 and retired from the company in 2009 as global vice president of government affairs and public policy. She now owns a public affairs consultancy. A 1981 graduate of CMU, Ms. Opperman previously served on the CMU Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a member of CMU's Development Board.

The Leadership Institute was established in 1997 to help Central Michigan University prepare students to serve as leaders in business, government, education,

and community agencies. Since its creation, the Leadership Institute has been recognized as a national best practices program for creating student leaders. The Institute works to ensure that CMU graduates leaders; this work is guided by four overarching leadership learning goals:

1. Leadership knowledge and application. Students understand theoretical and historical perspectives of leadership, they are equipped to evaluate options, think critically, take healthy risks, and are forward thinking.
2. Identity development. Students demonstrate accurate self-appraisal, have developed a well-defined sense of purpose, understand their identities and intersectionality of them, and they seek and consider feedback from others.
3. Healthy relationships. Student can manage interpersonal conflict effectively, display appropriately assertive behavior, develop mutually beneficial relationships, value diverse perspectives, and demonstrate care for others.
4. Social responsibility. Students understand power and privilege, actively work for the greater good (social justice), demonstrate consideration for the welfare of others in decision-making, and act with integrity.

Co-Curricular Leadership Programs

The Leadership Institute offers a four-year leadership program sequence. Enrollment in student leadership programs is open to all Central Michigan University students. Programs include Leadership Safari, Spark Leadership, the Connections Leadership Conference, Ignite Leadership, and the LeaderShape Institute. The Leadership Institute has offices in Powers Hall 100 and Bovee University Center 201. Connect with the Leadership Institute to learn more about program offerings by calling (989) 774-LEAD, and online at cmich.edu/leadership. The LI can be found on Twitter at [@CMU_Leadership](https://twitter.com/CMU_Leadership).

MARY ELLEN BRANDELL VOLUNTEER CENTER

What is the Volunteer Center?

The Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center supports students as they develop into active citizens in their community by providing community service and civic engagement opportunities and social issue education. The Volunteer Center connects students to local, national, international, and virtual volunteer opportunities through partnerships with over 100 community organizations. We also offer on-campus volunteer events addressing a range of social issues from food insecurity, child literacy, animal welfare, and more. More information on these programs and opportunities can be found on our website: www.volunteer.cmich.edu.

How can students start volunteering?

It's easy! Located in the Bovee University Center, Room 106, the Volunteer Center maintains a variety of ways for students to learn about service opportunities. Students are encouraged to visit the Volunteer Center office and talk with a staff member about potential service options; they can also call us at 989-774-7685 or email volunteer.center@cmich.edu. Additionally, students can find opportunities that fit their interests and schedules on our Engage Central portal which can also be accessed from our website: www.volunteer.cmich.edu. The Volunteer Center also posts volunteer opportunities and educational resources on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@CMUVolunteers).

What is the Student Food Pantry?

The Student Food Pantry provides supplemental food support, cleaning, and hygiene products to any CMU student experiencing food insecurity. For information on hours or to register for a distribution, please visit the CMU Student Food Pantry webpage at: www.cmich.edu/foodresources.

STUDY ABROAD

When can students start planning to study abroad?

Students are encouraged to begin planning to study abroad immediately upon arrival at CMU. The annual Study Abroad Fair takes place in September and offers the opportunity right at the start of the academic year to learn about the many different study abroad programs. Students can also connect with study abroad advisors and study abroad alumni.

Are there many choices?

CMU offers more than 150 study sites in more than 50 countries. In addition to study programs, students may choose to intern abroad, including virtually. Faculty-led programs offer students an international education experience with CMU faculty and fellow CMU students.

How can students fund study abroad?

There are several low-cost programs available, and students can continue to receive financial aid from CMU. Scholarships are available on campus and nationally, specifically for students who study abroad.

How long can students study abroad?

It is possible to study abroad for one week during spring break, two to eight weeks in the summer, a semester or an academic year. It is not necessary to speak a foreign language to study in a non-English-speaking country because classes are available in English in many

countries. Beginning language classes are part of the program. Housing is provided with all of our programs and students typically live in a residence hall, apartment or with a host family; faculty-led program participants typically stay in student hostels or hotels.

Where can more information be found?

Information about all the study abroad programs, including information for parents and families, is available online at studyabroad.cmich.edu. Study Abroad Advisors meet with students to assist with the program selection and application process. Advising appointments, which are based on major, may be made online on our website. Parents are welcome to contact us with questions by email (studyabr@cmich.edu) or by phone 989-774-4308.

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

What is the campus residency policy?

Central Michigan University's campus residency policy requires that first and second-year students live in a residence hall or in Northwest Apartments. Those who reach the four-semester requirement at midyear are required to complete the full term of the contract for the academic year (fall and spring semester). CMU may waive the second-year requirement in years when space is not available on campus.

Exceptions to the policy may be granted if special circumstances are outlined, and approval is obtained, prior to the signing of the Housing Contract.

Why a second year on campus?

CMU cares about student success and student success begins with living on campus. National research shows that students who live on campus are more successful. Students who live on campus have higher grade point averages, are more satisfied with their college experience, are more engaged in co-curricular experiences, and are more likely to graduate than students who live off campus. When you live on campus, you belong to a community that supports and encourages your success. You live in close proximity to resources that are integral to student success. In addition, you will have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships. No other housing option can provide students with this type of value.

How can my student change their meal plan?

Meal plan changes may be made with the Office of Residence Life prior to the first day of classes. After classes begin, meal plan changes may be made at the CentralCard Office for a \$15 fee, or by visiting www.cmucentralcard.com.

How does the room change process work?

Research shows that living in a community with people from different backgrounds, values, personalities, and interests is an integral part of the college experience. Our goal is for students to learn from their on-campus living experience, so it is important to understand that space change is not the first consideration when issues arise between roommates.

Sharing a living space with others can be stressful, and conflicts may arise. We know that roommate conflict can be uncomfortable to deal with. However, there are benefits to experiencing conflict; these types of situations provide us with opportunities to strengthen our communication skills, better understand our values, and learn to compromise and negotiate; all of these are necessary real-world skills.

Space changes are a last resort in dealing with roommate conflict except in emergency situations (e.g., physical violence). Guest visitation, differences of backgrounds, and use of alcohol are not treated as emergency situations. Approved space changes may take place beginning of the third week of the semester (after two full weeks of classes). This gives the Office of Residence Life time to assign students that need assignments, process cancellations, and identify open spaces. Space changes maybe altered Fall 2021 due to COVID.

Space changes typically are not granted during the summer term due to our facilities management schedule. The Office of Residence Life has very few open spaces during the academic year, so the opportunity for space changes is limited and not guaranteed. Please keep in mind that the Office of Residence Life does not move students due to differences of race, ethnicity, religion and beliefs, sexual orientation, physical ability, or any other social identity.

May students decorate their living space?

Residents are welcome to make their rooms comfortable. However, due to facility restrictions and health and safety issues, there are guidelines. Drilling, sawing, or attaching items to walls, floors, or ceilings with screws, nails, glue, or other devices is not allowed. Residents may not permanently alter walls, ceilings, or floors. Posters and other combustible decorations cannot cover more than one third of a wall. Students are NOT permitted to hang anything from the ceiling piping or sprinkler heads. No paper may be taped to lights at any time in rooms or public areas.

Are lofts allowed in the residence halls?

Lofts are permitted but must be rented through BedLoft.com. If you decide to rent a loft, the university-provided furniture must be stored in your own residence hall room. All lofts must be disassembled and the bed reassembled two weeks before the end of the spring semester.

The university has no provisions for storing lofts over the summer, so they must be removed at the end of the year. Because the beds that are furnished in Campbell, Carey, Celani, Fabiano, Kessler, Kulhavi, and Robinson Halls may be lofted, students are **not allowed** to rent lofts.

In addition, lofts are **not allowed** in Cobb Hall because of space restrictions.

Who is responsible for cleaning the living space?

Students are expected to keep their living space clean. They are responsible for taking their trash and recycling outside to the appropriate dumpsters on a regular basis. Custodians vacuum floors in common areas such as hallways, lobbies and lounges. Students are expected to pick up personal belongings in common areas.

Is storage available in residence halls or apartments?

Storage is very limited in each residence hall room, so students may consider adding storage with small bookcases, baskets, a trunk or cartons that stack. They should plan to take seasonal clothing and bicycles home at break periods.

What size are the mattresses in the residence halls?

Mattresses in all but one of the residence halls are 36" wide by 80" long, so traditional fitted sheets will not fit. Twin extra-long sheets are available at various retail stores. Mattresses in the apartments are full size. Carey Hall has full extra-long mattresses.

What type of support is available in the residence halls?

The Residence Hall Director/Residence Director is a full-time, live-in, professional staff member responsible for the daily operations of a 250-650 bed residence hall(s) or on-campus apartments. The RHD/RD directly supervises 5-12 Resident Assistants, 1-2 Inclusion Assistants, and most RHD/RDs supervise a front desk operation and advise hall council. The RHD/RD is charged with developing a community that promotes engagement, learning, respect for diversity, and student success. The RHD/RD plays an integral role in developing and implementing our residential curriculum.

Each floor/apartment has a Resident Assistant and an Inclusion Assistant per community. The Resident Assistant is an upper-class student who lives on the floor/apartment community to serve as the primary resource for the building community and fostering student learning

and growth. (An Inclusion Assistant is an upper-class student who, in addition to enhancing the support of students with underrepresented/marginalized identities, their role is to educate community members on topics of equity and justice and to bridge campus resources and partnerships.) Paraprofessional staff play an important role in helping the Office of Residence Life achieve our educational priority, so that as a result of living on campus, residents will become empowered citizens who responsibly impact their communities.

What is a Student Success Center?

A Student Success Center is a location where student services professionals work as a team to help residents become successful students. A Care Advocate and Assistant Director are located in each success center. In addition, each Residence Hall Director is trained in academic advising. Community police officers are also available and visible within campus housing.

Are there curfews in the residence halls?

No, but the buildings are secured each evening. After the outside doors are locked, students may enter the front door of their building by showing their key and their Campus ID card. After 10pm, enter through front door and check in at front desk with Campus ID.

Are there visitation hours or overnight guest policies?

Members of each hall council decide visitation hours at the beginning of each academic year. Individual room apartments are responsible for signing a guest waiver form if all residents agree to allow overnight guests. No overnight guests will be allowed prior to the start of classes in the fall, during the first week of fall semester, or during exam week of the fall or spring semesters. **Guest policies may be altered Fall 2021 due to COVID-19.**

Is there computer hookup capability in the residence halls and apartments?

All university housing has computer hookup capability in each living space and offers wireless connectivity. Each student must supply their own computer, network card, and network cabling.

Does CMU have a policy regarding sexual and gender-based misconduct?

Yes. The Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Policy prohibits sexual and gender-based misconduct, including dating violence, domestic violence/intimate partner violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, stalking, and retaliation by members of the university community.

To file a complaint with the university regarding sexual misconduct or gender-based misconduct, contact CMU's Title IX Coordinator at the Office of Civil Rights

and Institutional Equity. The office is located in the Bovee University Center, Room 306, and can be reached at 989-774-3253, OCRIE@cmich.edu. To learn more information about the policy go to: cmich.edu/ocrie. Complaints may also be filed with the CMU Police Department.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

The Office of Student Activities & Involvement is home to hundreds of student organizations, fraternity and sorority life chapters, and campus wide events that promote CMU spirit, community and involvement.

Research shows that student involvement in co-curricular activities such as student organizations, leadership positions, and activities has a positive correlation with retention and academics. Because of the positive aspects of co-curricular involvement, CMU encourages students to become involved.

What leadership opportunities exist at CMU?

There are several hundred organizations on campus with leadership positions. CMU has a strong commitment to volunteerism and community service, and many students assume leadership positions through the Volunteer Center and other community agencies. In addition, freshmen will have the opportunity to participate in a student organization fair during their first week on campus. This will help them obtain information and meet members of campus organizations. Contact the Office of Student Activities and Involvement, Bovee University Center 101, 989-774-3016, or visit cmich.edu/SAI for more information.

How can my student get involved in fraternities or sororities?

CMU has over 25 national social and cultural fraternities and sororities. Students can attend recruitment events at the beginning of each semester. These events enable students to become acquainted with the various groups and help make their decision easier.

Most fraternities and sororities were founded on values and beliefs established in the late 1880s and early 1900s. Many promote strong moral character, high academic achievement, service to the community, fraternal bonds and personal development. To learn more about fraternity and sorority life, contact the Office of Student Activities and Involvement at 989-774-3016 or visit cmich.edu/SAI.

What activities are available for my student?

CMU students can get involved from their first days on campus. There are more than 350 student organizations in interest areas such as service, honors, politics, academics, religion and athletics. Students can also organize new

groups that fit their own interests. A busy calendar of activities includes music concerts, performing arts productions, theater, nationally renowned speakers, athletic competitions, comedians and much more. In addition, more than 40 intramural sports are played through the University Recreation program. If you would like to learn more about student activities, contact the Office of Student Activities and Involvement at 989-774-3016 or visit cmich.edu/SAI.

What activities are available for students that promote diversity?

The Student Center for Institution and Diversity and other campus offices offer a wide range of activities. These educational, recreational, social and cultural programs expose the campus to the contributions, cultures and history of women, ethnic minorities, gays, lesbians and bisexuals, and other under-represented individuals within the United States. Everyone, regardless of background, is invited to these programs. Organizations include Asian Cultural Organization, Spectrum, North American Indigenous Student Organization, Black Student Union, WISH, and Men About Change.

Programs include Hispanic Heritage Month, Arab American Heritage Month, Pride Month, Native American Heritage Month, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Week, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, CMU Pow wow, Pride Week, Trans Week of Awareness, Coming Out, and Soup and Substance Series. Students have the opportunity to learn more about these organizations and programs at Get Acquainted Day on the first Wednesday of Fall Semester.

All students are welcome to get involved in these and other multicultural activities. For information, contact the Office of Multicultural Academic Student Services at 989-774-3945, Native American Programs at 989-774-2508 or the Office of LGBTQ Services and Gender Equity Programs at 989-774-3637.

The Student Center for Student Inclusion and Diversity, Native American Programs, and LGBTQ Services and Gender Equity Programs all offer multicultural events throughout the year. Performances, workshops and intercultural programs are an important part of the university calendar. In addition, specific activities are an integral part of residence hall programming.

If your student is interested in any of the programs or organizations, he or she should contact:

- Office of Student Activities and Involvement

989-774-3016

- Office of Multicultural Academic Student Services
989-774-3945
- Native American Programs
989-774-2508
- Office of LGBTQ Services and Gender Equity Programs
at 989-774-3637

Are there performing arts programs?

CMU offers students exciting opportunities to attend performances by professional theater, dance and music companies. Additionally, the School of Music presents a master series of artists featuring performers from around the world. Students also are able to attend performances by world-renowned orchestras, dance companies, and chamber and solo musicians. For ticket information and a schedule of performances, call Ticket Central at 888-FIRE-UP-2 (toll free) or visit the website: cmich.edu/ticketcentral.

How much do tickets cost for students, parents, youth and senior citizens?

Pricing varies by each performance and event. Students with a valid CMU student ID card are admitted free of charge to the student sections for regular season athletic events (based on availability). If you wish to enjoy an athletic event with your son or daughter but would prefer to sit in reserved seating, you may purchase a reserved ticket for your student. Single game tickets for the football season can either be purchased in advance or on game day. Reserved football tickets purchased in advance are \$23 for adults and \$15 for youth/senior citizens. Tickets purchased on game day are \$25 for adults and \$18 for youth/senior citizens. General admission is \$12 purchased in advance and \$15 on game day. The reserved sections for the single game are A, B, C, H, J, and K, and the general admission sections for the single game are L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, and CC.

Men's basketball general admission tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth/senior citizens. Women's basketball general admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for youth/senior citizens. Reserved tickets are \$12. Wrestling has only general admission seating: \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth/senior citizens. Seating for the following sports is general admission: volleyball, gymnastics, track and baseball. Pricing for these sports is as follows: track, volleyball, and gymnastics are \$6 for adults and \$5 for youth/senior citizens; baseball is \$7 for adults and \$6 for youth/senior citizens. Postseason ticket prices for all athletic events may vary from regular season ticket prices. For information, call Ticket Central at 1-888-FIRE-UP-2.

Is barrier-free seating available?

Yes. For ADA accommodations, call 1-888-FIRE-UP-2 at least one week prior to an event.

UNIVERSITY RECREATION

What recreational facilities and programs are available?

University Recreation directs recreational programming on campus. Many programs take place in the Student Activity Center (SAC) – a 175,000-square-foot facility that is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. The SAC is a complete recreation center focusing on health, fitness and fun for all members of the university community. In addition, there are more than 200,000 square feet of outdoor space, including intramural fields and a disc golf course.

There are unlimited recreation opportunities such as aquatics, fitness, jogging, billiards, group fitness, racquetball, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, floor hockey, indoor soccer, dancing, movies and various other leisure activities. Activities are directed by a highly qualified campus staff in conjunction with a large staff of students.

Programs help students, faculty and staff maintain a high-quality lifestyle and provide choices for active use of leisure time. Activities are offered within intramurals, fitness, aquatics, and special events. The department also advises club sports. More than 40 club sports are available to special interest groups that require memberships, normally for a fee.

Open recreation is a self-service program allowing drop-in use by people who show a current CMU ID card validated for building use or who have a guest pass. Access to the Student Activities Center is a benefit of students' tuition. Options include swimming, jogging, indoor driving range, table tennis, pickup basketball, weight training and other activities. This program also allows for making reservations for racquetball, tennis, walleyball and volleyball. The intramural sports program consists of meets and leagues in more than 40 sports. The program includes a wide range of individual, dual and team sports. With few exceptions, all activities are offered in three divisions: men, women and co-recreational.

An outdoor intramural complex features four softball, two soccer, six flag football and two club fields as well as a service building with concessions, restrooms, equipment checkout and storage. Jogging and biking areas as well as an 18-hole outdoor disc golf course are also available. This course is only the fourth of its kind to exist on a college campus in Michigan. Fitness programs are led

by certified student staff members. Activities include mind/body, aquatics, cycling, kickboxing, step, cardio, suspension training, and exercise. Personal trainers and group fitness classes, staffed by qualified and supervised students, provide fitness profiles, exercise counseling and assistance in developing personal fitness programs for a reasonable cost.

Special events include road races, sports tournaments, and functions associated with Homecoming, alumni weekend, collegiate alcohol awareness week, collegiate drug awareness week, and charitable projects. Social events include dances, billiards, pool parties, card tournaments, TV viewing, movies and other programs. For information about University Recreation and facilities, visit **cmich.edu**, **keyword: UNIVERSITY RECREATION**, call University Recreation at 989-774-3686, or "Like" our Facebook page at URECCMU.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Does CMU have an alcohol and drug use policy?

Yes. Only students who are of legal drinking age may have alcoholic beverages in their residence hall rooms. They cannot violate any local, state or university ordinances. Most new students will not be of legal age to consume alcohol. No one can consume or possess alcohol in open containers in lounges, recreation rooms, hallways, outdoors or in other public areas. The alcohol policy statement is available from the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of Student Conduct.

Tobacco-Free Campus

As of July 1, 2014, CMU adopted a tobacco-free campus as part of its commitment to providing a healthy environment for learning, living and working. The new policy, "A Breath of Fresh Air," eliminated the use of tobacco products anywhere on campus – indoors or outdoors. The policy prohibits the use of any form of tobacco on campus, including traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, chewing tobacco, pipes, cigars, hookahs, waterpipes, snus and snuff. We expect students, faculty, and staff to adhere to this policy.

What can parents do to assist?

Our policies on alcohol and drug use are clear, and we view violations of these very strongly. We confront students and issue sanctions when we identify transgressions. Federal Law H.R. 6 allows universities to notify parents when violations occur. CMU will notify parents when students are found in violation. We encourage parents to join us in an effort to prevent incidents that might interfere with their student's academic goals and personal well-being while at CMU.

What behavior is expected of CMU students?

Students are expected to obey federal, state and local laws as well as the rules and regulations of the university. The Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Disciplinary Procedures establishes expectations for student behavior within the university community. This code also outlines acts on university-owned or controlled property that constitute unacceptable conduct by graduate and undergraduate students. All alleged violations of the code may result in referral to the Office of Student Conduct. The university also reserves the right to review students' off-campus conduct.

If a student is sanctioned under the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Disciplinary Procedures, will that action appear on his or her permanent university record?

No. A separate discipline file is maintained by the Office of Student Conduct.

Do I have access to my student's disciplinary records?

Student records are kept confidential between the student and the university. These records may not be reviewed by others without the student's permission.

Does CMU have a policy regarding discrimination and/or harassment?

Yes. CMU's Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Protocol prohibits unlawful acts of discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, race, religion, sex, sex-based stereotypes, sexual orientation, transgender status, veteran status, familial status, or weight by members of the university community.

Prohibited acts include discrimination or harassment in employment, education, housing, public accommodations, public services, and telecommunications. To file a complaint of harassment or discrimination, contact the Office of Civil Rights and Institutional Equity. The office is located in the Bovee University Center, Room 306, and can be reached at 989-774-3253, OCRIE@cmich.edu.

Does CMU have a policy regarding sexual misconduct?

Yes. The Sexual Misconduct Policy prohibits sexual misconduct, including dating violence, domestic violence/intimate partner violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, stalking, and retaliation by members of the university community.

To file a complaint with the university regarding sexual misconduct or to request interim measures, contact CMU's Title IX Coordinator at the Office of Civil Rights and Institutional Equity. The office is located in the Bovee University Center, Room 306, and can be reached at 989-774-3253, OCRIE@cmich.edu. To learn more information about the policy go to: cmich.edu/ocrie. Complaints may also be filed with the CMU Police Department.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Where can my student get extra assistance in deciding on a major?

CMU's Career Development Center, located in Ronan Hall 240, offers a full range of services to students and alumni. Career advisors provide individual assistance and suggest exploration and career-based activities to help students focus on major and career choices, including the AWATO assessment. The Career Development Center's website and career management database, Handshake, contain a wide variety of information on careers, internships, employers, and graduate schools. There is no charge for services. For information, call 989-774-3068, email careers@cmich.edu, or visit **careers.cmich.edu**.

Can the university help my student get a job when she or he graduates?

CMU's Career Development Center has several ways to assist graduating students with their job search process. Individual advising, mock interviewing, and résumé and cover-letter critiques help prepare students for the job search. Special services include career events, on-campus interviews, employer website links for active job hunters, and job and internship postings through Handshake. Career fairs provide the opportunity for students to make direct contact with a wide range of prospective employers.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

How can I obtain information about what is available at Student Health Services?

- Visit the website www.cmuhealth.org and click on "Student Health"
- Email healthservices@cmich.edu
- Call Student Health Services at 989-774-6599

Student Health Services on the campus of Central Michigan University in Foust, is geared primarily toward student health care. This location offers scheduled appointments and walk in availability. Our board-certified

medical team provides excellent patient care, which is reflected by our high patient satisfaction scores. Available services include treatment of acute illness and injury, sexual health services, physicals, travel health, immunizations, allergy shots, flu vaccines, basic cardiac screening, sports medicine injury care, and psychiatry services. Referrals for outside services and specialists can also be provided. There is also a laboratory in Foust Hall operated by Quest diagnostics.

CMU Health will bill insurance for all clinic services unless instructed by the patient. Billing staff encourages all patients to call the number on the back of their insurance card, tell the representative that you are away from home (attending college), and ask about coverage and benefits. Patients with no insurance: CMU Health offers a self-pay discount for most services. Please contact the Billing Office for more information.

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICE

What assistance is provided for students with disabilities?

The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located in Park Library 120 and provides academic accommodations for students with permanent or temporary disabilities. Services are provided to students who register with SDS and submit the appropriate documentation of their disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines disability as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment." Disabilities involve substantial limitations and are distinct from common conditions not substantially limiting major life activities.

SDS staff engage in an interactive process with students to determine reasonable accommodations. Types of accommodations may include extended test time, adaptive technology, sign language interpreters, captioning, or housing accommodations. SDS staff members also work closely with campus partner offices to offer students resources for their academic pursuits.

The Student Disability Services website contains information about how to register for services, what types of documentation are accepted, explanations of commonly offered accommodations, how college accommodations differ from high school, and resource links for extra support for students. For more information, visit www.cmich.edu/SDS, call 989-774-3018, or email SDS@cmich.edu. The SDS office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Does Student Disability Services provide transportation for students with disabilities?

Transportation services are not available. Students may wish to rent a scooter, which is typically covered under health insurance for mobility issues, or utilize the County I-Ride transportation system. Local resources are available upon request.

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center recognizes that personal issues can get in the way of student's success and provides free and confidential short-term counseling to currently enrolled CMU students. Students can select to meet in person or via video conferencing. The Counseling Center is staffed by licensed mental health professionals and select graduate student trainees. We are located in Foust Hall 102. Hours of operation are: M-F 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm. Please contact us at 989-774-3381 or www.counsel.cmich.edu.

Services provided include:

- Individual counseling
- Urgent or same day appointments for concerns requiring immediate assistance
- Group services – no appointment necessary, drop in any time
- Ongoing support groups
- Themed workshops
- Walk-in Wednesdays – 20 minute mini sessions with a counselor on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4:30pm
- "Let's Talk" - 20 minute consultations with a counselor that can be scheduled on-line
- Consultation for faculty, staff, parents or students who may be concerned about the well-being of a CMU student
- Referral to CMU and community resources
- Survivor support for those impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, stalking and harassment

College is a time of growth and transition and CMU counselors are here for students. We strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. We are dedicated to advocacy and empowerment of students both inside and outside of the classroom.

If your student is currently using counseling or psychiatric services, we encourage you to begin planning for fall. Assist your student in identifying their needs and what support they might need to best meet those needs. Some students choose to continue their care at home, some students choose to utilize the campus resources, and some choose to utilize resources in the Mt. Pleasant community. The Counseling Center is here to help and can assist your student in determining what would be best for them.

Care Advocate Program

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life, the Care Advocate program places licensed mental health professionals directly in the residence halls. Their mission is to provide staff consultation, support, crisis intervention and proactive prevention efforts addressing mental health issues, and to act as a bridge to partner offices supporting the personal growth and academic progress of students. Services are free.

- East Community Student Success Center
989-774-3942
- North Community Student Success Center
989-774-3947
- South Community Student Success Center
989-774-3089
- Towers Community Student Success Center
989-774-6601

CMU CARES PROGRAM

What is the CMU Cares website?

The CMU Cares website <https://www.cmich.edu/ess/studentaffairs/CMUCares/Pages/default.aspx> provides information about campus resources available when one is concerned about the health and well being of members of the CMU community. The website includes resources for parents and family members.

What is the Care Team?

The Care Team is a small group of CMU staff and faculty who meet weekly during the academic year and at other times as needed to develop outreach plans to support students who are struggling or having a difficult time. The information shared in this group is confidential and is used for the purpose of determining the best approach to reach out to the student in distress. Care Report information is shared in this meeting along with selected information available from the team members' respective offices. The CareTeam Coordinator convenes the Care Team meetings and assigns a point of contact to specific situations. Please note that only concerns related to students are forwarded to the CareTeam.

What is a Care Report?

A student Care Report is submitted to the Care Team when one has significant concerns about the health, well-being, and/or academic success of a CMU student. Care Reports are reviewed by the Care Team and outreach plans developed. For information on submitting a Care Report see the CMU Cares website or call the Care Line at 989-774-2273. Care Reports and the Care phone line messages are reviewed daily, Monday through Friday, when CMU is open.

If an immediate or imminent threat or an emergency exists, call 911 or contact CMU Police at 989-774-3081.

What is the CMU Take Care initiative?

CMU's Take Care initiative strives to strengthen and further develop a community of caring individuals who look out for and take care of others as well as themselves. Through Central Michigan University's Take Care initiative, you are encouraged to observe what is going on around you, notice potentially dangerous or serious situations, and respond to the best of your ability to influence a better outcome. For further information see the Take Care initiative website: <https://www.cmich.edu/ess/studentaffairs/takecare/Pages/default.aspx>.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

Does the campus have police patrols?

CMU police perform campus patrols using fully marked patrol cars, mountain bikes and walking patrols. Officers conduct investigations of both criminal and noncriminal incidents occurring on campus. CMU officers answer all medical and fire emergency calls, providing the proper assistance until EMS or fire department personnel arrive. CMU police provide many extra services not offered by traditional law enforcement agencies. Their services help provide a safe environment in which to obtain a quality education.

What about emergency phones on campus?

Blue-light emergency phones have been strategically placed on the CMU campus to enable members of the campus community and visitors to report emergencies or crimes in progress or to contact the CMU police for any reason. Each phone is marked with a blue light and offers a direct line to the CMU police. In the case of an emergency, dial 911.

What personal safety education programs are available?

CMU is a safe campus, but students can proactively manage their personal risk through education and awareness. The CMU Police Department presents programs regarding personal safety, sexual misconduct and stalking throughout the year and upon request. These programs include College Life and Safety as part of orientation when new students arrive on campus in the fall. Students are encouraged to be safety conscious and take advantage of resources on campus. For more information on staying safe at CMU, contact CMUPD at 989-774-3081 or visit our website, keyword POLICE.

Crime disclosure and information

The CMU Police Department is continually dedicated to keeping the campus community safe, and this includes

providing relevant information on safety and security. The Annual Security and Annual Fire reports for CMU can be found at **cmich.edu/asr**. These reports outline crime and fire statistics for the past three years, offer various information about the Police Department, crime prevention, emergency notification, reporting methods, and emergency evacuation procedures. Printed copy of this information is also available at the CMU Police Department, 1720 S. East Campus Dr., Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. Students, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to visit and bookmark the website **cmich.edu/crimealerts** for information related to significant incidents which may impact the CMU community.

Must cars be registered for parking?

Annual parking permits are purchased online or in person Monday through Friday at the CMU Police/Parking Services Department between 7:30 a.m. and 5p.m. Summer hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All permit holders must park their vehicles in designated lots only. All parking lot permit regulations are in effect Monday - Friday from 2 a.m. to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. you do not need a parking pass to park on campus, although there is no parking at any time in lot 41 (near Towers residence halls) which is restricted to faculty/staff only. Meter and mobile pay spaces are available to park for those without a permit.

There is NO PARKING in any area from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. except for on-campus residents with a valid CMU resident or apartment parking permit. Service drives, handicap spaces, restricted areas, reserved spaces and fire lanes are enforced 7 days a week, 24 hours a day year-round.

Meter/mobile pay fees must be paid between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No parking shall be permitted in a metered parking zone between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Metered/mobile pay areas may be closed or designated as other parking pursuant to CMU police order or approval for designated special events.

Citation payments may be paid online at citations. cmich.edu/onlinecitation/ or paid in person during business hours. For further information, please contact Parking Services at 989-774-3083 or visit our website at cmich.edu/parking

TELEPHONE SERVICES

Cellular Services

CONNECT CMU offers Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile devices and services at significantly lower prices than most retailers. CONNECT's services are available to all members of the CMU community, including students and parents. All bills are charged directly to your CMU account and can be easily paid online. For additional information, call or text 989-774-3087, or visit connect.cmich.edu.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Who can I contact about questions or information related to technology services?

- Call the Information Technology Help Desk at 989-774-3662
- Visit the website it.cmich.edu
- Email helpdesk@cmich.edu
- Chat at support.cmich.edu
- Submit a ticket at cmich.teamdynamix.com

Student Technology Resources

Technology plays a critical role in the success of every student, and OIT provides access to a large number of tools that CMU students will need to use regularly. To find out how to access and use the most common technology services, please visit our Student Technology Resources page at <https://it.cmich.edu/students>.

Does CMU provide email accounts for students?

CMU provides email accounts to students, which they are expected to monitor regularly for important campus communications. Each student is assigned a Global ID and password that is used to access various online services, including email. Student email can be accessed via any web browser at <https://mail.cmich.edu>.

Does CMU provide any software packages for students?

CMU has partnered with Adobe to be an "Adobe Creative Campus", making Creative Cloud available to current students at no cost. Find out how to install Adobe CC at: it.cmich.edu/creativecloud. CMU's partnership with Microsoft also allows students to download and install Microsoft Office at no cost. Find out how to install Office at: it.cmich.edu/office. For additional software visit: it.cmicheu/download.

Are computer labs available on campus?

In addition to a number of smaller labs distributed across campus, CMU provides computer access in Park Library. The Library has extended hours when classes are in session and contain both Windows and Apple computers. It also provides access to some specialized software and has public access to computer workstations.

Does CMU provide wireless internet on campus?

Yes, in addition to wired internet, CMU has a very robust wireless network that is available in all buildings on campus. In most cases, students can just connect to the CMICH wireless network, input their Global ID and password when prompted, and the registration process happens automatically. For manual configuration instructions and more information, visit <https://it.cmich.edu/wireless>.

Does CMU provide any hardware or software discounts to students?

CMU negotiates bulk discounts with major vendors and can provide discounts to students for personal computing purchases. To view these, please visit it.cmich.edu/pc.

Does CMU provide any online storage for students?

Each student has access to 10 GB of local, network-based storage using CMU's UDrive service. Additionally, each student receives 1 TB of online OneDrive storage through CMU's partnership with Microsoft. Students can access their online storage at onedrive.cmich.edu.

Does CMU provide printing options to students?

Each undergraduate student receives \$12 print allocation (the equivalent of 300 black-and-white pages) at the start of each semester for use with the campus-wide PrintQ system. Students are able to upload print jobs from their personal computers, or send print jobs from workstations in buildings across campus, and release these jobs at PrintQ kiosks that are conveniently located in high-traffic and popular areas such as Park Library and the Bovee University Center. For more information please visit printq.cmich.edu.

BILLING AND EXPENSES

Electronic billing

Billing statements are issued electronically. When a new statement is available for your review, you and any established authorized payers will receive a statement notification asking that you review your online billing statement. If you would like statement notifications sent to a non-CMU email address or a text message to your phone, go to User Preferences on the View + Pay

Accounts screen. This may include (not limited to) tuition and fees, room and board, telephone, health services, bookstore, and parking charges. Bills can be paid through CentralLink at centrallink.cmich.edu via eCheck, MasterCard, American Express, Visa, or Discover.

Note that a service fee of 2.75 percent is assessed on all credit card payments. Cash and check payments can be paid in person at the Bovee University Center. Mailed payment can be submitted to: CMU Student Account Services and University Billing, UC 119, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859.

Payment plan

CMU offers an optional per semester payment plan. Enroll early for more payment options. With the assistance of a budget calculator, you will estimate the semester expenses and enroll in monthly payments. The budget and payment amount will adjust based on actual charges and credits made to your student's account. Payments are processed via electronic funds transfer from a checking or savings account or debit/credit card. If a debit/credit card is used, a service fee of 2.75 percent per transaction will be assessed. A nonrefundable enrollment fee of \$25 per semester will be charged to all students enrolling in the payment plan. For information, visit cmich.edu keyword: Payment Plan.

Refunds

Refunds are issued from Central Michigan University for a variety of reasons: disbursement of financial aid, dropped courses, bookstore returns, etc. All refunds are issued electronically, utilizing BankMobile (a third-party refund processor). For more information about BankMobile, visit: <http://bankmobiledisbursements.com/refundchoicesso/>.

Will I receive a bill for my student's tuition and course-related fees?

Central Michigan University sends all billing statements by email to the student's **CMU email address** in order to provide quick, convenient service and to eliminate mailing delays. Students will be responsible for accessing these monthly email messages for their account balance and payment due dates. If you would like statement notifications sent to a non-CMU email address or a text message to your phone, go to User Preferences on the View + Pay Accounts screen. Payments may be made on CentralLink (**centrallink.cmich.edu**), in person at the One Central (**Bovee University Center 119**), or can be sent to: Student Account Services and University Billing, UC 119, CMU, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.

Failure to pay a monthly bill will result in late charges and a hold placed on the student's account, prohibiting him

or her from registering for future terms. Students adding classes after the registration period has ended may be required to pay for their class(es) at the time they register. All information regarding billing and deadlines is available in the class schedule on the Registrar's Office website: **cmich.edu/registrars** and in the Billing and Expenses section of this publication.

Past due policy for fall semester only

Any student registered for a fall semester with a past due balance of \$200.00 or greater will be removed from all registered courses on August 1. All students will receive prior notification of the registration removal after the July billing statements have been issued (approximately the first week in July). If past due balances are not brought current after notification is sent and before August 1, registration from courses for the fall semester will be removed.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Are services available to help students locate jobs?

Student Employment Services in the Bovee University Center assists students with finding on- and off-campus employment opportunities. College work study, general student assistance and community job postings are available online at **ses.cmich.edu**. Many departmental jobs are available on campus, including residence halls, dining facilities, grounds and maintenance, Student Activity Center, library, and bookstore positions. More information is available at Student Employment Services, Bovee University Center 121, by calling 989-774-3881 or online at **ses.cmich.edu**.

Should students work during their first year?

Won't employment interfere with studies and adjustment to college? CMU research data shows that students who work on-campus jobs have higher grade point averages, graduate at a faster rate, and learn valuable job skills to include on a resume. If the student has a desire to work, he or she should be encouraged to do so. The average student employee actually works approximately 10 hours a week. Work assignments are scheduled before, between, and after classes to meet the needs of both students and employers. Having an on-campus job can help the student better organize his or her time, make valuable contacts, learn new skills, and adjust to the overall atmosphere of college life.

FINANCIAL AID/STUDENT LOANS

How should students apply for financial aid, and when do they receive notice of their financial aid package?

Students must apply for financial aid each year by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may complete and submit the FAFSA online at **fafsa.gov**. New freshmen are notified of their financial aid offers in February; returning students receive notification in early June. The 2022-2023 FAFSA will be available October 1, 2021. Families will use their 2020 tax information to complete FAFSA.

What kind of aid is available to students?

After students file their FAFSAs, they automatically are considered for all federal, state and institutional financial aid. Aid may consist of one or more of the following: scholarships, grants, jobs, and student and parent loans. Merit scholarships are automatically awarded to new freshmen and community college graduates who meet the academic criteria. In addition, privately endowed scholarships are awarded to new and returning students based on need, academic focus, career aspirations or other criteria. Additional information about scholarships opportunities can be found on our website at financialaid.cmich.edu.

If a student has received financial aid, when will those dollars be applied to the student's account to pay for university charges?

Processed and finalized financial aid is applied to the student's account by the first week of the semester.

If financial aid exceeds charges, what happens to the extra money?

Once CMU charges have been paid by a student's financial aid, any remaining money is refunded to the student to use for other educational expenses. Students must select their refund option (direct deposit or CMU Money card) via the student portal at **CentralLink.cmich.edu**.

AREA BANKS

Chemical Bank	989-772-5902
Fifth Third Bank	989-772-5902
Mercantile Bank	989-773-2600
Independent Bank	989-772-9405
Isabella Bank	989-772-9471
Isabella Community Credit Union	989-773-5927
PNC Bank South Mission Branch	989-772-0943
PNC Bank University Center Branch	989-444-6140
Lake Trust Credit Union	888-267-7200

ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT AREA

Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant
Comfort Inn & Suites
989-772-4000

Country Chalet and Edelweiss
Haus Bed and Breakfast
989-772-9259

Courtyard by Marriott
989-773-1444

Fairfield Inn By Marriott
989-775-5000
800-228-2800

Ginkgo Tree Inn
989-773-8733

Hampton Inn
989-772-5500
844-247-3241

Mount Pleasant Inn & Suites
989-772-7777

Pleasant Dreams Bed
and Breakfast
989-772-2543

Riverwood Resort
989-772-5726
800-882-5211

Soaring Eagle Resort
989-775-7777
888-7EAGLE7

Soaring Eagle Water
Park and Hotel
989-817-4800
877-2EAGLE2

Super 8 Motel
989-546-5662
800-800-8000

Wold's Motel
989-772-3429
800-732-8495

Alma

Alma Motel
989-463-1135

Comfortable Inn
989-463-4400

Pine River Motel
989-681-5728

Triangle Motel
989-463-2296

Clare

Crossroads Motel
989-386-2422

Days Inn Conference
Center
989-386-1111
800-329-7466

Doherty Motor Hotel
989-386-3441
877-236-4378
Conferences
989-386-3441
Front Desk

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Academic Advising	989-774-7506
Business Student Services	989-774-3124
CMU Dining	989-774-6406
Career Development Center	989-774-3068
Civil Rights and Institutional Equity	989-774-3253
CMU Police	989-774-3081
College of Business Administration, Office of the Dean	989-774-3337
College of The Arts and Media	989-774-1885
College of Education and Human Services	989-774-3079
College of Health Professions	989-774-1850
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	989-774-3341
College of Medicine	989-774-7570
College of Science and Engineering, Office of the Dean	989-774-1870
Computer Lab	989-774-1014
Counseling Center	989-774-3381
Honors Program	989-774-3902
Information Technology	989-774-1474
Information Technology Help Desk	989-774-3662
International Affairs and Study Abroad	989-774-4308
Library	989-774-1100
Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center	989-774-7685
Multicultural Academic Student Services	989-774-3945
Native American Programs	989-774-2508
Office of LGBTQ Services	989-774-3637
Office of Diversity Education	989-774-7318
Pearce Computer Lab	989-774-1229
Registrar's Office	989-774-3261
Residence Life	989-774-3111
Sarah R. Opperman Leadership Institute	989-774-5323
Scholarships and Financial Aid	989-774-3674
Student Account Services & University Billing	989-774-3618
Student Activities and Involvement	989-774-3016
Student Activity Center (SAC)	989-774-3686
Student Affairs	989-774-3346
Student Disability Services	989-774-3018
Student Employment Services	989-774-3881
Student Health Services	989-774-6599
Student Ombuds Officer	989-774-3010
Telecommunication Services	989-774-3091
Tutoring Services	989-774-3465
Undergraduate Academic Service	989-774-3504
University Recreation	989-774-3686
Veterans Resource Center	989-774-7991



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