

The Semester Begins!

Classes are off to a start this week at MSU Dubai! Now that you've settled in to your new home, it's time to become acquainted with courses at the university level. This final newsletter will help you discover course expectations, learn about the proud MSU athletics history, **get to know Sparty**, and ways to meet more people that will be there for you along the way!

The Syllabus

All professors will provide students with a syllabus for the class. Be sure to read through it thoroughly so that you understand the expectations for the semester. The syllabus will outline a tentative schedule of course activities. Due dates for assignments, projects and exams will be listed. To help you organize all of your class duties, be sure to keep your syllabus in a safe place, or **combine all important dates into one planner** or calendar.

The syllabus will also outline how your performance will be rated. The grading scale may vary between classes so it's important you identify the differences in grading expectations for each of your courses. If you have questions, be sure to contact your professor or instructor, who will have time set aside to assist you each week.

Mark Your Calendar

- September 2: Classes Begin!
- September 20-22: University Closed (Eid Fitr)
- December 10: Classes End! 😊
- December 13-17: Exam week

Get Involved

There are plenty of people to meet and things to do on campus this semester. Now that you've met your roommate, others in your housing, and the program coordinators we introduced you to, you've gathered a network of people that can help you to get involved on campus. Start by asking around to see what others are doing. A hobby, job, or the MSU Dubai student association can help you to gain experience and build your personal connections!

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The Freshman Newsletter series compiles great information to help you get acquainted with MSU Dubai. As this series comes to an end, you may continue to receive information through your favorite social networks.

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MICHIGAN STATE FOOTBALL

After winning nine regular-season games and playing in a New Year's Day bowl game last season, Spartan fans are preparing for an exciting season of the Big Ten Conference this fall.

Football at Michigan State transforms the East Lansing campus into a state-wide attraction, and makes frequent appearances on sports news stations with sports fanatics viewing from all parts of the country.

The season kicks off September 5 versus Montana State. Students will fill their section of the stadium, dressed in MSU apparel and performing a series of chants and cheers in support of their team.

Ask any student at East Lansing's campus and they will tell you that the biggest rivalry they look forward to is the game against the University of Michigan. This year's game will be played on MSU's home turf on October 3rd.

You can keep up with the schedule and news online!

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Meet Sparty

Michigan State University's mascot is recognized across the nation, being voted one of the best college mascots. Sparty is present at almost every on-campus event in East Lansing, and you can definitely find him at sporting events cheering on our teams! He's friendly, but competitive, fierce, yet always fair, fearless, and honorable!

[Sparty's Home Page](#) - [Sparty and Sports](#)

GO GREEN! GO WHITE! GO STATE!!!

Men's Basketball

Last season the team had victories in 31 of 38 games, finally competing in the Championship game in the NCAA Tournament!

Student fans are loyal, camping out an entire night for the best seats, and attending every home game to sit in the IZZONE student section.

The season begins November 1st! Keep track online for up-to-date news.

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Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team appeared in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen tournament last season, gaining national press coverage and performing exciting games for MSU fans! Watch this season as they compete to appear in tournaments again!

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**Good luck with
your first
semester at
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