

## Frequently Asked Admissions Questions

### What is the application deadline?

Michigan State University uses semi-rolling admission and attracts more qualified applicants than available seats each year. Early application is strongly encouraged. For maximum consideration:

- Apply early in the year in which you hope to enroll.
- Make sure that your application is complete and that all supporting documentation has been submitted to the Office of Admissions. This includes:
  - Transcripts
  - Test scores
  - Personal statements
  - Financial information

### Are letters of recommendation required for applicants?

No. Michigan State does not require letters of recommendation; however, students are welcome to submit supplemental information, including an academic resume or letters of recommendation, to enhance their application file.

### When do students receive an admission decision?

Admission decisions are typically made 4 – 6 weeks after all application materials are received.

### How long is my application for admission valid?

Applications are valid for one year beyond the semester of submission. It is not necessary to submit a new application form or application fee during this period. To be considered for an alternate semester, contact the Office of Admissions before your application expires.

### If the ACT or SAT is taken more than once, should only the higher score be submitted?

Michigan State considers the highest combined SAT or composite ACT score on file. There is no disadvantage in sending multiple test scores to the Office of Admissions since the lower test scores are disregarded. MSU does not combine subscores from different sittings of the SAT or ACT to make a "best" combined or composite score.

### What if a freshman applicant wants to change the senior year course schedule listed on the application?

MSU does not "approve" or "decline" course schedule changes; however, students should notify the university if a course schedule does change and should be aware a change that results in a less academically rigorous course of study may jeopardize their admissibility or offer of admission.

### Does Michigan State accept dual enrollment credit from high school students?

Yes. High school students who are dually enrolled at an accredited college or university may be eligible to receive credit for course work completed at that institution. However, courses will not be counted for both high school credit toward graduation and for transfer purposes, and mathematics courses for high school completion should extend through the level of a calculus preparatory class. Courses beyond these basic expectations that are transferable to MSU will be considered for credit.

[Learn more about dual enrollment](#)

**Does Michigan State accept precollege credits from Advanced Placement (AP) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program?**

Yes. High school students can receive credit through AP examinations and through the IB Diploma Program. Strong scores may allow for a course waiver or course credit.

**What are the English language proficiency requirements for international students?**

International students **whose first language is not English** must demonstrate a language proficiency for regular admission. Students with acceptable academic credentials who do not meet the language proficiency requirement may be admitted on a provisional status. [\*\*View minimum English language requirements\*\*](#)