Welcome CSAM Transfer Students!

- Just a few things to keep in mind as you transition to MSU/CSAM...
Make Sure To Connect With Your Major Department!

• The importance of connecting, and staying connected, with your faculty advisor should be a high priority.

• You want to make sure that you are academically on track and on track for graduation.

• Know the curriculum for your major. Understand the prerequisite course requirements.

• Know about the various program options within your major.

• Know about research opportunities.

• Know about the combined Bachelor’s and Master’s programs.

• Are there clubs/organizations within your major?
Making wise academic decisions is a critical component to achieving your academic goals.

As soon as you arrive on campus you need to create a sound academic plan.

Because you are starting at MSU with credits already under your belt, you need to know exactly what courses you need to take, in what sequence and when you can expect to graduate. The sequencing of coursework is crucial to Science and Math majors in particular because of the structured and sequential nature of these curriculums.
The Importance of Academic Advising

- Make sure you know who your assigned faculty advisor is and where their office is located.

- Make an appointment to introduce yourself and become acquainted at the beginning of your first semester on campus.

- Plan to meet regularly and in advance of the “advising crush” that occurs prior to registration. Bring a list of questions.

- Discuss your academic plans, goals and any hurdles you are encountering. Discuss your timing for degree completion.
• Make sure you are aware of all important academic deadlines.
• Make sure you understand course withdrawal procedures and ramifications. Always consider the following:
  • Are there limits to how many classes you can WD from over the course of your academic career?
  • If you need to retake the class when is it scheduled next? What’s the likelihood that you can get in? Can you retake the course over the summer/at another school?
  • Is the class a prerequisite for another class you’ve planned to take the following semester? Will withdrawing impact your graduation plans?
  • Will WD affect your full time status — will this impact housing, financial aid, scholarships, etc.?
Make An Effort To Know Your Professors and Get Involved In Your Department

• Developing positive relationships with faculty is one way that you can directly influence the quality of your education!
CSAM Department Guide

- Download CSAM Department Guide

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Get To Know Your New School

• Getting involved on campus
  • Center For Student Involvement - Montclair State University

• Academic Policies and Procedures – new school new rules…
  University Catalog - Montclair State University

• Get To Know Your College
  • College of Science and Mathematics - Montclair State University
The importance of Career Services
Connect with CSAM Career Services
Career Preparation

Stand Out in the Crowd
Overview of CSAM Career Services

CSAM Career Services offers a variety of services to MSU transfer students. Here are a few services we offer:

- Career advising and assistance
- Assist with internship and job placements
- Resume review and cover letter preparation
- Mock interviews and more
- Job readiness preparation
- Graduate school and professional school preparation
- Career/Internship Fairs
- Employer networking opportunities
- Employer-led career workshops and presentations
- Career goal setting for transfer students and more
Employer’s preference to hire recent undergraduates with experience

- Internship: 44%
- No Preference: 56%
A few of CSAM Career Services Employers...

- Accutest Laboratories
- Chemetall
- Colgate-Palmolive Global Information Technology
- Hackensack University Medical Center at Mountainside
- Kessler Foundation Research Center
- Morristown Medical Center
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- NIH Internships (MHIRT)
- Options Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center
- Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission
- St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center
- Viacom Media Networks/MTV
Be Prepared

• Plan your academics
  - speak with your advisor and/or major faculty advisor
  - be competitive and keep up your GPA

• Get involved
  - attend career workshops
  - attend workshops in your major; find out about summer programs
  - join a campus club or professional organization

• Explore your career options
  - visit career sites and research occupations
  - shadow a professional in your chosen occupation

• Get involved with career activities
  - begin your resume and have it critiqued
  - network
Enjoy Your New Adventure!

- We are here to help!

- Please click below for a wealth of resources for our CSAM students:
  - [Tools for Success - Montclair State University](#)
  - [Career Services - Montclair State University](#)

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