



New Student Advising Checklist

To-Do Right Now

- ☐ Activate your MSU NetID
- ☐ Access and begin checking your MSU email
- ☐ Review your student account and payment deadlines
- ☐ Review program handbook and course requirements
- ☐ Schedule or complete your advising appointment
- ☐ Register for your first course
- ☐ Review other important university dates
- ☐ Confirm that you can access D2L (Michigan State's online learning platform) when your course becomes available
- ☐ Review tuition and applicable program fees payment deadlines
- ☐ Review your student account and confirm your financial arrangements

Setting up a Remote Learning Environment

- ☐ Confirm a reliable computer and internet connection
- ☐ Set up a quiet, comfortable workspace
- ☐ Test your D2L access
- ☐ Learn how to access digital library resources, databases, and academic journals
- ☐ Anticipate 9-15 hours of coursework per week per course
- ☐ Identify potential challenges that could affect your ability to complete coursework
- ☐ Develop a plan for managing those challenges
- ☐ Identify the people and resources you can rely on for support

Getting Organized

- ☐ Add classes, deadlines, and important university dates to your calendar
- ☐ Create a system for organizing course files, homework, and readings
- ☐ Review each syllabus as it becomes available
- ☐ Find a weekly routine for reading, assignments, discussion posts, etc.