Welcome to the University of Michigan-Flint and congratulations on your selection as an exchange student! We look forward to working with you as you join the UM-Flint community.

This guide is intended to help answer questions you may have and to assist you as you make the transition to UM-Flint and the United States.

Coming to the U.S. to live and study can be an exciting experience. Learning to function in a new culture is not easy, and it is natural to feel anxious and frustrated at times. Those feelings are a normal part of the experience. However, the more you put into the experience, the more you'll learn from it. Make an effort to meet new people, form friendships, and get involved. Remember, the resources and people mentioned in this handbook are committed to assisting you with the transition to life at UM-Flint. We hope that your time at UM-Flint will provide you with a wealth of intellectual, social, and educational experiences.
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For immediate questions about exchange programs at the University of Michigan-Flint, please contact the Education Abroad Office at StudyAbroad@umflint.edu or call 810-762-0867.

Website: www.umflint.edu/international/EducationAbroad/incoming-exchange-students
The University of Michigan-Flint

The history of the University of Michigan-Flint began in 1944 when the Flint Board of Education requested that a University of Michigan Extension Office open in Flint. Key area citizens, already planning the cultural center, were interested in the idea of higher education in the community. Three years later, the Regents of the University funded a study exploring the possibilities for higher education in Flint. The community responded enthusiastically to the study, which called for the establishment of a four-year liberal arts college in Flint comparable to the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts on the Ann Arbor campus.

Since 1956, the University of Michigan-Flint has embraced the importance of "doing" as fundamental to each student's personal, professional, and academic growth. As part of the world-renowned University of Michigan system, we too are committed to the development of the next generation of "Leaders and Best."

UM-Flint faculty from over 100 areas of study pour their expertise and creativity into the development of research and service-learning projects that match course curriculum with today's most-pressing issues. Such projects bring learning to life, address community needs, and fulfill students' desires to contribute to "something bigger than themselves."

Action-oriented academics are at the heart of the University of Michigan-Flint experience—and why our graduates are so highly sought by employers looking for leaders who know how to get things done.

The City of Flint

Tradition of Change

Fur. Lumber. Carriages. Cars. Colleges? Even before its incorporation as a city in 1855, Flint had forged a reputation as a place where innovative, world-changing ideas could be made a reality.

Billy Durant transformed the city's lumber boom into international success in the carriage industry, which he then transformed into the world's leading automobile manufacturer, General Motors.

The success of General Motors would be shared with workers after the Flint Sit-Down Strikes gave birth to the United Auto Workers union (UAW). The gains of Flint's autoworkers lifted wages and benefits for workers throughout the world, and are credited with building the American middle class.

Average working families were then able to send their children to college. Such was the case for the Page family. In his 2009 commencement speech in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan alumnus and Google co-founder and CEO Larry Page acknowledged the role Flint and last century's dominant technology played in shaping his family's future:

"My father's father worked in the Chevy plant in Flint, Michigan. He was an assembly line worker. He drove his two children here to Ann Arbor, and told them, 'That is where you're going to go to college.' Both his kids did graduate from Michigan. That was the American dream."
Car Town to College Town

Today, Flint has more college students than the communities home to Princeton and Yale universities combined. Nearly 34,000 college students are currently enrolled at institutions of higher learning in Genesee County, the majority at the University of Michigan-Flint, Kettering University, Mott Community College, and Baker College.

With more and more of these students choosing to live on or near campus, local community and business leaders are responding by providing this growing population with the services and amenities college students want and expect. New restaurants, entertainment venues, retail shops, and loft apartments fill historic downtown buildings refurbished to meet these needs – while preserving the architecture, history, and uniqueness of downtown Flint.

Flint has always been a hub where creative and innovative people from all walks of life interact. Musicians and artists have long mingled with business people, community activists, and others. Today, that mix of perspectives and talents is paying off. Flint is quickly becoming known more as a true educational, cultural, artistic, and recreational hotbed than as "Vehicle City."

Those who embrace Flint's transformation as an opportunity to engage with and contribute to "real change" may find the experience to be the most meaningful education of all.

Getting Around

Still a key transportation hub, Flint is located at the intersection of two interstate highways, I-75 and I-69, making convenient travel to nearby cities like Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Lansing – all are less than 60 miles from Flint. The city has a local MTA bus system, an Amtrak train station, and Bishop International Airport – one of the fastest growing airports in the nation.

Signature Events

Metro Flint also boasts many signature annual events, including the Crim Festival of Races, the Flint Film Festival, the Back to the Bricks Classic Car Cruise, and a wide array of vibrant local art, music, and other cultural events. Explore what else Flint has to offer at www.exploreflint.org.
International Center & Education Abroad Office

The International Center (IC) is a university department that establishes a welcoming atmosphere for all students. The IC is home to Undergraduate International Admissions, the English Language Program, International Student Services, and the Education Abroad Office. Services extend to applicants, admitted and current students.

The role of the Education Abroad Office (EAO) is to support, inform, advise, and serve as a liaison with individual study abroad programs, academic units, and other UM-Flint offices and constituencies. It also serves as a link to international institutions and programs. The EAO manages exchange programs and assists with facilitation of the exchange of students.

The International Center and Education Abroad Office is located at 219 University Center.

Exchange Programs at the University of Michigan-Flint

Exchange programs allow undergraduate students (and in some cases graduate students) to study in a foreign country at a partner institution for a certain period of time while receiving credits towards their home university degree.

The University of Michigan-Flint welcomes students from overseas partner institutions to complete one or two terms of study at the University of Michigan-Flint. Generally, tuition and fees at UM-Flint are waived for incoming exchange students in accordance with the exchange agreement between UM-Flint and the partner institution and/or department/faculty. For some institutions, students will be charged tuition/fees and a scholarship will be offered to eligible students.

Exchange students may enroll in courses outside of the approved programs outlined in the exchange agreement. They will need pre-approval to register for those courses and may be charged out-of-state tuition and fees for those courses.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Dates and Deadlines

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Eligibility Requirements

Grade Point Average (GPA). The University of Michigan-Flint's admission requirements extend to incoming undergraduate and graduate exchange students. Generally, students are expected to have a 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale.

English Language Proficiency. UM-Flint requires all applicants from countries where English is not the official language to demonstrate adequate English language skills. These skills may be demonstrated by one of the following:

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Proof of Financial Support. Evidence of financial support must be provided. This needs to be an original document, for example an original bank statement or a letter signed by an official of a financial institution attesting to the availability of funds. Please visit [https://www.umflint.edu/node/6916](https://www.umflint.edu/node/6916) to review the current rates required for the Exchange Program.
## Enrollment Procedure

| INQUIRY | Student learns from their home institution’s International Office or academic department about eligibility requirements for participating in the exchange program at UM-Flint and reviews coursework offered at UM-Flint.  
If deemed eligible, student is nominated by their home university/academic department:  
• Nominated students’ names are provided to UM-Flint during the Nomination Period:  
  o Nomination Period for Fall semester or Year programs: April 1 – June 1  
  o Nomination Period for Winter semester programs: August 1 – October 1  
Student meets with their home academic coordinator to complete a Learning Agreement. |
| APPLICATION | Student applies as a Guest Student via the UM-Flint International Center (undergraduate exchange students) or via UM-Flint Graduate Programs (graduate exchange students).  
• Deadline to submit documents for Fall semester or Year programs: May 30  
• Deadline to submit documents for Winter semester programs: October 30  
International Center provides names of prospective exchange students to Cashier’s Office and Registrar’s Office.  
Standard Application Documents Required:  
• Application for Exchange & Agreement (Online)  
• Learning Agreement  
• Official University Transcript  
• Copy of Passport  
• English Proficiency Scores, if applicable  
• Affidavit of Financial Support  
• Bank Statement(s)  
Upon acceptance, student receives acceptance packet from UM-Flint. |
| PREPARATION | Upon receipt of the signed Learning Agreement, student registers for classes outlined in the Learning Agreement.  
Student applies for student housing (at First Street Residence Hall or Riverfront Residence Hall).  
Student applies for J-1 visa at nearest U.S. Consulate.  
Student provides arrival information to the UM-Flint International Center (ic@umflint.edu). |
| AT UM-FLINT | Student moves into housing and checks-in at the UM-Flint International Center.  
Student attends International Student Orientation & registers for courses (if not registered prior).  
Student attends classes. |
| RETURN | Student requests for their transcript from UM-Flint to be sent to their home institution at the end of the term.  
Student returns to their home institution. |

### Application Portal

Students who have been nominated by their university and have been approved by the University of Michigan-Flint can submit requested application items online in M-Flint WorldLink. Application information and access to M-Flint WorldLink can be found at [www.umflint.edu/international/educationabroad/incoming-exchange-students](http://www.umflint.edu/international/educationabroad/incoming-exchange-students).
**COURSE REGISTRATION**

To view the courses offered in the semester(s) which you intend to study at UM-Flint, please visit [www.umflint.edu/registrar/course_schedule.htm](http://www.umflint.edu/registrar/course_schedule.htm).

After you have decided which courses you would like to take at UM-Flint, you should complete a *Learning Agreement* with your home university representative and send the signed agreement with the rest of their application. An advisor or academic coordinator at UM-Flint will review the *Learning Agreement*, provide feedback regarding availability of courses, and send the signed *Learning Agreement* back to you. If a course is not available or approved, other options will be provided.

Once you receive the signed *Learning Agreement* with the rest of your acceptance packet, follow the instructions to log into the UM-Flint Student Information System (SIS) and register for the courses indicated on the *Learning Agreement*.

**Undergraduate students** can register for 12-15 credits (about 4 - 5 classes) per semester. **Graduate students** can register for 6 – 9 credits (about 2-3 classes) per semester.

As soon as you receive your acceptance packet, register online for the courses approved on your *Learning Agreement*. **It is your responsibility to register for the courses at a timely manner.** There is a student quota permitted per class and if you register too late, the classes will get full and you will not be able to enroll in the course. If you run into any registration errors, please contact Dr. Kandogan ([yener@umflint.edu](mailto:yener@umflint.edu)) for courses in the School of Management and Dr. Barnes ([rcbarnes@umflint.edu](mailto:rcbarnes@umflint.edu)) for courses in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students may be permitted to register for courses outside of the courses included in the exchange agreement. You will need to discuss this option with your home university to verify transferability of courses. Any courses you register for outside of the courses included in the exchange agreement will be charged to your student account at the out-of-state tuition rate.

**HOUSING**

The University of Michigan-Flint offers accommodation for exchange students at the First Street Residence Hall or the Riverfront Residence Hall. Single, double or triple rooms are available and are furnished, with beds, desks, and tables. Basic furnishings such as chairs and sofas are also provided. Rates vary depending on room choice.

The **First Street Residence Hall** boasts apartment-style suites for two to four students, complete with kitchens, laundry facilities, wireless internet, and other amenities. Students who select to live in First Street Residence Hall are required to purchase a mandatory meal plan*.

The **Riverfront Residence Hall** offers apartment-style suites and studios and includes amenities such as wireless Internet, a movie theater, a game room, a fitness center and multipurpose study and meeting rooms.

**First Street Residence Hall**  [www.umflint.edu/housing](http://www.umflint.edu/housing)
**Riverfront Residence Hall**  [www.flintstudenthousing.com](http://www.flintstudenthousing.com)

Costs will vary based on room choice. The average cost for a shared 2-bedroom/2 bathroom suite (4 students) is $490 - $586 per month. Students are required to submit a housing application form to the residence hall of choice as soon as possible. Housing applications are available online at the respective websites.

*The cost of the meal plan is $1,407 per semester for the 2013-2014 academic year. Rates are subject to change.*

**Examples of Suite Layouts**
The rates below are for the 2013-2014 academic year. Please note that all rates are subject to change. Please also note that there are more suite options available than those shown below.

First Street Residence Hall
Double Suites: 2 bedroom/2 bathrooms
$962.88 per month
Includes meal plan

Riverfront Residence Hall
Single Suites: 4 bedroom/2 bathrooms
$645 per month

Riverfront Residence Hall
Studio Suite: 1 bedroom/1 bathroom
$445 per month

Riverfront Residence Hall
Double Suites: 2 bedrooms/2 bathroom (2 people per room)
$490 per month
LIVING COSTS

Students can expect to spend approximately $1,032 - $1,507.50 per month depending on accommodations and lifestyle. Some monthly expenses include:

- **Accommodation**: Approximately $445 - $1,120.50 per month, depending on accommodation choice
- **Meals**: Approximately $350 per month
- **Local transportation**: Approximately $25 per month on public transport
- **Health Insurance**: Approximately $112 per month
- **Other expenses**: Approximately $100 - $250 per month

Students can also expect to spend approximately $375 - $600 per semester on books and educational supplies.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Healthcare in the United States is very expensive. To deter those costs, the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan-Flint requires all F-1 and J-1 international students to have health insurance coverage throughout the duration of their studies in the U.S. Health insurance is provided by Aetna Health Insurance at the rate of $123.75* per month. For exchange students, this amount is charged at one time to the student’s account at the beginning of each semester.

If you have insurance that is comparable to the Aetna Health Insurance, you can request to waive out of Aetna Health Insurance by completing the Health Insurance Standards and Waiver Form in your iService student account. If you plan to purchase alternative insurance from your home country, please make sure your policy will meet the standards provided in Aetna Health Insurance before you purchase it as many policies do not meet these requirements. Also, please remember that the Aetna Health Insurance plan changes from time to time and so do the requirements for the approval of insurance waivers. Therefore, insurance that was acceptable in prior years may not be acceptable this year.

Please visit [www.umflint.edu/international/health-insurance#tab-standards--waivers](http://www.umflint.edu/international/health-insurance#tab-standards--waivers) to view coverage information. Incoming exchange students may bring proof of alternative insurance, as well as detailed benefits information when they arrive to Flint.

*This is the rate for 2015-2016 academic year. Rates are subject to change.*
ARRIVING TO FLINT & MANDATORY CHECK-IN

Transportation
The local airport in Flint is called Flint Bishop International Airport (FNT). You can take a domestic flight from an international arrival city to Bishop International Airport. Most students arrive from overseas into Chicago or Detroit, and take a connection to Flint.

The International Center (IC) at UM-Flint offers airport pickup services for students arriving into Flint Bishop International Airport. Please complete the “Departure Checklist & Flight Arrival” e-form in your iService student account at least 3 weeks prior to arrival if you would like the IC to pick you up from the local airport.

Mandatory Check-In
Federal regulations require that you register your presence at the University by completing international student check-in procedures. This entails checking-in at the International Center at UM-Flint once you arrive. Please bring the following items to check-in:

- Passport with visa
- DS-2019

You will receive up-to-date information about the International Student Orientation (ISO) at check-in. If you arrive on the weekend before ISO, you will be able to check-in during the orientation session.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Student Orientation (ISO) is a mandatory program for all incoming international students. ISO is designed to help students learn about and understand important immigration regulations and procedures required of F-1 and J-1 students, confirm their arrival for required government reporting purposes, and to assist new students in adjusting to UM-Flint.

Topics covered at the International Student Orientation include:

- Introduction to U.S. Academic Life
- Working on campus and in the U.S.
- SEVIS and Immigration - Everything you need to know to stay in-status
- Health Insurance
- Living in Flint
- Campus life
- Adjusting to life in the U.S.

Students are asked to bring the following items to ISO:

- Passport with visa
- I-94
- DS-2019

ISO is also a time to socialize with other new students, and meet faculty and staff from campus.
CRITICAL UM-FLINT OFFICES

Academic Enrichment Center (Tutorial Services)
Free tutorial services are available for a wide selection of the University’s academic programs. Tutors are available on a walk-in basis or by scheduled appointments. Normally, the tutors have set hours per weeks when they are available and you are encouraged to attend at those specific times. Private tutoring is also available upon request. For information about the tutorial services call (810) 762-3456 or visit 264 University Center.

Accessibilities Services
UM-Flint provides a wide range of services to students with qualifying disabilities to allow them to participate in the mainstream of college life. Students are responsible for their ultimate success in academic and personal programs; however, Accessibilities Services will provide the necessary services to increase success potential. To schedule an appointment with the Accessibilities Services Coordinator, please visit 264 University Center or call (810) 762-3456.

Bookstore
The bookstore sells books, textbooks, University clothing, office supplies, greeting cards, coffee, and snacks. The Bookstore is located on the first floor of the University Pavilion. Through the bookstore web site (www.umflint.bncollege.com), students can buy their books online and faculty can request textbooks for their courses. Contact the bookstore at (810) 762-3030 or visit them on the first floor of the University Pavilion.

Cashier/Student Accounts
The Office of Cashiers/Student Accounts uses its expertise and resources to assist in maintaining the fiscal integrity of UM-Flint. An experienced staff provides services to facilitate campus faculty, staff, and students in: understanding University policies and procedures, financial analysis, fiscal controls, budgeting, purchasing, collection, and custody and release of campus funds. Stop at the cashier’s office to pay tuition and/or room and board and get information about the 3-Month Payment Plan. Contact the office on the second floor of the University Pavilion or call (810) 762-3490 to speak to a staff member.

Computer Labs/ ITS (Information Technology Services)
ITS department supports several computer labs on the UM-Flint campus, for both general and instructional use. All registered students, faculty and staff are allowed to use the open student computing facilities. A valid computer account including a uniqname and password are needed to be able to utilize a computer in any of the labs.

There are three open labs on campus:
- French Hall 223
- Murchie Science Building 206
- William S White Building 3174

There are different hours of operation for these labs. Be sure to check times these labs are open. ITS also offers software for sale at discounted for purchase. You may view and purchase software at reduced prices at www.umflint.edu/its/services/sales/software.htm. Contact ITS at (810) 762-3123 or you can visit www.umflint.edu/its for further information. ITS ‘Help Desk’ can be reached at (810) 766-6804.
Department of Public Safety
The Department of Public Safety is for maintaining a safe environment at the University. The department’s role is to prevent crime on campus and assist with security related issues.

Public Safety is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached at (810) 762-3335 or by dialing 911 on any campus phone. The emergency phones are located throughout campus and are identified by a blue light on top of a pedestal, or inside a red emergency call box. By lifting the receiver, someone will be able to automatically locate you and will respond to your call to assist you immediately.

Dining Services
The University of Michigan-Flint provides a meal plan program for residential students in conjunction with a comprehensive food service operation (dining, retail sales, and catering) for commuter students, faculty, staff, and the entire community. The Riverview Dining Room, located on the third floor of UCEN offers buffet style cafeteria, including beverages and a variety of food offerings. The UCEN Food Court includes Grill 155, Stacks Deli and Simply To Go. Dining Services can be reached at (810) 424-5280. Visit www.umflint.edu/diningservices/index.htm for further details.

Ellen Bommarito LGBT Center
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Center of the University of Michigan-Flint provides advocacy, support, outreach and a safe space for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and allies. The LGBT Center provides services and programming to assist all members of the UM-Flint community in developing awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender concerns. The center offers periodicals, books, general information and trains facilitators for classes and groups. Contact the LGBT Center at (810) 766-6606 or visit them in the Student Loft on 3rd Floor University Center.

Library
The Frances Willson Thompson Library was opened in the fall of 1994 and is a spacious and comfortable facility for study and research. Its collection includes approximately 200,000 books and 30,000 bound magazines and journals. Your MCard can be used to check out items from the library and use the computers. Your card can also be used to check out books from Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses. Call (810) 762-3400 for more information about other services such as Inter-Library Loan and research assistance.

Marian E. Wright Writing Center
The Writing Center assists and instructs students with writing assignments for any course offered at the University or can help work on specific writing problems. The center is staffed with trained tutors. For additional information please call (810) 766-6602 or visit 559 French Hall.

Office of Research
The Office of Research provides the UM-Flint community with a wide variety of research related services and workshops. We also offer research related employment opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students on our campus. You can contact them at (810) 762-3383 or visit them at 530 French Hall.

Personal Counseling
The University provides limited counseling, free of charge, for currently enrolled students. The counseling sessions are strictly confidential and are held in a supportive setting for personal, social, academic and/or other types of problems. To schedule an appointment please call Student Development Center at (810) 762-3456 or visit 264 University Center.
Recreation Center
The Recreation Center is open to all currently enrolled students, free of charge with your M-Card. The Rec Center offers various activities including aerobics and yoga classes. Within the facility is a weight training room, an indoor track, and a swimming pool. Basketball, volleyball, and racquetball courts are also available at times when they are not being used for classes or sporting events. For more information, look for the “Rec Fitness News,” which gives you the days and times when classes are offered, or call (810) 762-3441.

Registrar’s Office
The Registrar’s Office offers class registration services and assistance. This office is also where you would go to add and/or drop classes after the semester has started. The office has forms for address changes, name changes, and change of majors within the same school or college within the University. This office also handles transcript request, auditing graduation requirements and ordering diploma. For more information please call (810) 762-3344 or visit 266 University Pavilion.

Urban Health and Wellness Center (UHWC)
There are two certified Adult Nurse Practitioners available for all students at the University. The UHWC can treat some conditions for a one-time fee. Services include: referral to other health care providers, referral to community resources, tuberculosis testing, vision testing, health insurance questions, and HIV testing and counseling. For more information on additional services or to schedule an appointment, call (810) 424-5269 or visit 1153 William S. White Building.

Women’s Education Center (WEC)
The Women’s Educational Center addresses the needs, interests and concerns of women faculty, staff, and students on campus. Staff at the center provides services, sponsor activities, encourage research, and serve as advocates for women at UM-Flint. Contact the WEC at (810) 237-6648 or visit their office at 359 University Center.

STUDENT LIFE

The Office of Student Life is home to Student Organizations, Student Activities, and Fraternity & Sorority Life. It is our goal to provide UM-Flint students with healthy and safe opportunities that will connect them to University of Michigan-Flint and enhance their college experience. With more than 80 student organizations, there’s a student organization for just about every passion you may have. Greeks, geeks and everything in between—with nearly 100 student organizations, your school spirit will shine in whatever you choose to do. Some major students organizations are listed below:

Campus Activities Board
The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is a student run organization dedicated to making campus life more interesting and fun for students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community. CAB members gain skills ranging from contract negotiation to budget management and event planning to fundraising. In addition, CAB
members increase their understanding of group dynamics, leadership development, and learn to effectively manage their time.

**Greek Life**
Greek Life involvement provides a unique opportunity for students to have a balanced college life with a focus on academic excellence, brotherhood/sisterhood, community service and responsible social interaction. Greek Life allows students to make lasting friendships with individuals with similar ideals and purposes. Fraternities and Sororities have been offering students these benefits, and much more for over 200 years at America’s Higher Institutions of Education. The Office of Student Life works closely with all Greek organizations to improve their organizations and to help their members become successful student leaders of the University of Michigan-Flint community.

**International Student Organization**
The International Student Organization has a dedication to support and enhance an inclusive global campus environment among international and American students. It advocates bringing different cultures and diversities together to encourage friendships. The International Student Organization represents International students and their concerns to the University administration, while creating an awareness of the diversity of cultures of UM-Flint’s international students.

**Student Government Council**
The Student Government Council serves as the official representative of the student community in expressing opinions and interests to the appropriate faculty, administrative, and student agencies. SGC sponsors activities such as Cram-a-Rama and the annual Spring Finale dinner/dance. Council officers are elected by the students for a one year term in a school wide election.

**The Michigan Times-Campus Newspaper**
The Michigan Times is the student voice of UM-Flint. They strive to deliver timely news updates regarding our campus and the Flint community. The print edition of the M-Times is distributed on a bi-weekly basis throughout campus and the surrounding community. The on-line edition is updated twice weekly with campus news and events.

Learn more about student life at UM-Flint by visiting [www.umflint.edu/studentlife](http://www.umflint.edu/studentlife).
TRANSPORTATION

Car Rentals
Budget (810) 238-8300  www.budget.com
Hertz (810) 234-2041  www.hertz.com
Avis (810) 234-7855  www.avis.com

Buses
Mass Transportation Authority (MTA)
Harrison St. Downtown Flint
Flint, MI 48503
(810) 767-0100

City buses travel all over the City of Flint, to Courtland Center, and Genesee Valley Center. A special bus also runs to Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills.

Greyhound/Indian Trails
1401 S. Dort Highway
Flint, MI 48503
(810) 232-1114

A student discount may be available with a student ID from greyhound. These buses travel to multiple destinations in Michigan and other states.

Rail Services
Amtrak  1407 S. Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48503
(810) 234-2659
www.amtrak.com

Taxis
Vet’s Cab Co.  (810) 239-7600
Hey Taxi  (810) 629-7080
Best Cab Co.  (810) 767-7700
Aztec Taxi  (810) 449-9740

Airports
Flint Bishop International Airport (FNT)
G-3425 W. Bristol Rd., Flint, MI 48507
(810) 235-6560
www.bishopairport.org

Detroit Metro Airport (DTW)
William Rogell Dr., Detroit, MI 48242
(734) 247-7678
www.metroairport.com

Lansing Airport (LAN)
4100 Capital City Blvd., Lansing, MI 48906
(517) 321-6121
www.flylansing.com
Other Important Information

Time Zones in the United States
The U.S. has four different time zones: Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific. There is a one hour difference between the time zones. For instance, if it is 12 noon in New York, NY, then it is 11 a.m. in Chicago, IL, 10 a.m. in Denver, CO and 9 a.m. in Los Angeles. Flint, Michigan is in the Eastern Standard Time zone.

Weather and Clothing in Michigan
Michigan’s weather and climate changes with the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn/fall, and winter. In spring, the temperature is normally quite pleasant with many warm days; however the months of March and April can be quite cool and may snow occasionally. In June, July, and August the temperatures can be really hot, with temperature reaching 100°F (38°C) and it is also normal to have a high degree of humidity.

The fall begins slowly in October when the leaves are changing colors and the weather is cooling down a bit; however, there are still plenty of opportunities for some very pleasant and hot days at this time. The winter months are December through February, and can be quite cold and snowy, so thick and heavy clothes are recommended if outdoor activities are on your agenda.

Temperature Conversion
In the US, temperature is measured in Fahrenheit. To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius, please do the following:

- Subtract 32°F from the temperature
- Multiply by 5
- Divide by 9

So, 100°F would convert to
(100-32)=68
68*5=340
340/9=37.8°C
US Holiday Information

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Driver’s License

To obtain a Michigan Driver’s License there are several rules and regulations that you must follow. You must pass a written test, a road sign test, and a vision test before you get your license. There are special regulations for people under 18 years old. More information about these regulations, called graduated licensing regulations, is available in the booklet “What Every Driver Must Know” published by the Michigan Department of State. You may also visit their website at www.michigan.gov/sos.

After you have studied for the written test and the road test, visit any Michigan Secretary of State Office to take the tests. You can contact any Secretary of State office by calling 1(888) 767-6424. The office closest to campus is located at: 408 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502.

DINING IN DOWNTOWN FLINT

The following eateries can be found within a half-mile radius of the UM-Flint campus and residence halls.

501 Tapas Bar
500 S. Saginaw St.  www.501barandgrill.com

Blackstone’s Grill
531 S. Saginaw St.  www.blackstonegrill.com

Churchill’s Food and Spirits
340 S. Saginaw St.  www.churchillsflint.com

The Torch Bar and Grill
522 Buckham Alley  www.torchbar.com

Brown Sugar Coffee Shop
432 S. Saginaw St.

Halo Burger
800 S. Saginaw St.  www.haloburger.com

The Cork
635 S. Saginaw St.  www.corkonsaginaw.com

Hoffman’s Deli
503 Garland St.  www.hoffmansdecodeli.com

There are several other eateries also located in downtown Flint.
Campus Map

1. City/Public Parking Lot
2. University Pavilion
3. University Pavilion Parking Deck
   Student Parking
4. University Pavilion Annex
5. Riverfront Center
   (includes the Riverfront Residence Hall)
6. Northbank Center
7. Northbank Center Parking Deck
   Tenants/Visitor Parking
8. William S. White Building
9. William S. White Building Parking Lot
   Student/Faculty/Staff/Visitor Parking
10. Frances Willson Thompson Library
11. Theatre
12. Harrison Street Parking Deck
   Faculty/Staff Parking
13. Parking Lot T
   Student Parking
14. David M. French Hall
15. Murchie Science Building
16. McKinnon Plaza
17. Harding Mott University Center
18. Recreation Center
19. First Street Residence Hall
20. International Institute Parking Lot
   Student Parking
21. Mill Street Parking Deck
   Student/Visitor Parking
22. Parking Lot A
   Student Parking
23. Central Energy Plant
24. Faculty/Staff Parking Lot
25. Hubbard Building

Campus Address: ________________________ Campus Phone: ________________________