
Bulldog Checklist

Between Orientation and the first day of class, we believe it's important for you and your student to spend some time together discussing their transition to university life. Please take a moment to go over the following information, ensuring your student is positioned for a successful year. As always, you are welcome to contact the Office of Parent & Family Services if you ever have questions or need guidance.

☐ **Encourage your student to:**

- ✓ Be themselves!
- ✓ SYNC **Microsoft 365** (student e-mail account) with their phone (and check email daily!)
- ✓ Make sure Banner info is always updated with current contact information (student info!)
- ✓ Enroll in Duo two-factor authentication (details explained at servicedesk.msstate.edu)
- ✓ Download CANVAS app.
- ✓ Use a calendar daily (ex. syllabus due dates, advising appointments, academic calendar, holidays, finals)
- ✓ Stick with their schedule. **DO NOT** drop/add classes without academic advisor approval.
- ✓ Get to know their Navigator freshman.msstate.edu (if a freshman!) and Advisor.
- ✓ Attend class and purchase ALL class materials (books, access codes, supplies, etc.)
- ✓ Read/Follow syllabus & get to know their professors.
- ✓ Understand Degree Works, an online advising tool to help your student and advisor monitor progress toward degree completion.
- ✓ Only park in designated spots to avoid tickets parkingservices.msstate.edu.
- ✓ Be responsible (sleep, eat, and exercise!)
- ✓ Be respectful (roommate expectations/classroom conduct)
- ✓ Get involved & make friends.
- ✓ Be familiar with scholarship and financial aid requirements.
- ✓ Be resourceful - use student resources:

Dean of Students' Office
Center for Student Activities
Center for Academic Excellence
Student Support and Outreach

The Writing Center
The Math Domain
College/Departmental Tutoring
Mitchell Memorial Library

Career Center
Holmes Cultural Diversity Center
Undeclared

- ✓ When in doubt, ASK FOR HELP!

☐ **Have a conversation with your student regarding:**

Expectations and Consequences (G.P.A., scholarship & financial aid requirements, behavior, money, etc.)
Campus Safety and Awareness emergency.msstate.edu
Communication Expectations (how often - cell phone, texts, emails, etc.)
Time Management & Managing Freedom
Code of Student Conduct policies.msstate.edu/policy/91100

☐ **Know important dates, fees, and deadlines.**

Tuition Due Dates: Fall (August 1) | Spring (January 1)

Enroll in a payment plan or pay the full balance on your student's account by the above deadlines.

Academic Calendar: registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar

August 22: Last day to drop a course without a grade (Withdraw from the University - 90% refund)

October 5: Last day to drop a course with a W grade (0% refund)

November 13: Last day to withdraw from the semester (All classes)

Refund Schedule: registrar.msstate.edu/files/withdrawal-refund-schedule.pdf

Tuition Costs: controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition

Student Financial Aid: sfa.msstate.edu

State Financial Aid: msfinancialaid.org

Discuss the budget.

Make sure your student makes you an Authorized Payer (**QuikPAY**)^{*} so you can access account details.
controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/paymentinfo/authorizedpayer

	Items to Consider	Semester Cost
MSU Student Account All of these expenses will be credited or charged to the centralized MSU Student Account.	Family Contribution	
	Student Income	
	Scholarships	
	Financial Aid (federal grants/loans, state grants)	
	Total Student Funding	
	Tuition/Fees (may include Printing & Lab fees)	
	Books - Bulldog Bundle (\$20 per credit)	
	Housing (on-campus/off-campus)	
	Dining Plan (msstatedining.campusdish.com)	
	Parking Permit	
	Football Tickets	
	Longest Student Health Center	
	Total MSU Student Account Expenses	
Miscellaneous None of these expenses will be charged to the centralized MSU Student Account.	Groceries/Eating out	
	Renters Insurance	
	Cell Phone	
	Off-Campus Housing Utilities	
	Entertainment	
	Clothing & Laundry	
	Automobile (payment, insurance, maintenance, gas, etc.)	
	Student Involvement (i.e., organizational dues)	
	Other	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		

Have your student grant you access to the Parent Portal*

Visit family.msstate.edu and click on the Parent Portal information box to find out how your student can grant you access.

Sign up to access campus related news, academic resources, tips for parenting college students, financial guidance, and more.

The Mississippi State Family Hub | msstate.campusesp.com

Submit Proof of Immunizations to:

Longest Student Health Center | P.O. Box 6338 | Mississippi State, MS 39762 | healthcenter.msstate.edu

Submit FINAL transcript from previous institution/s to:

Office of Admissions & Scholarships | P.O. Box 6334 | Mississippi State, MS 39762 | admissions.msstate.edu
Final transcripts should clearly identify the date of graduation and final grades.

Submit Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test scores to:

Office of the Registrar | P.O. Box 5268 | Mississippi State, MS 39762 | registrar.msstate.edu

*QuikPAY and Parent Portal are not the same system; you will need a separate login for each.

