INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)
103 International Center, oiss@msu.edu fax 517-355-4657, phone 517-353-1720 or go to their website http://www.oiss.msu.edu/students_orientation.php.

** The OISS office provides new student orientation and other social and cultural programming throughout the year to assist International Students. Their website has very useful information on it. It includes a link to all of the International Student Groups on campus. ( http://www.oiss.msu.edu/students_clubs.php.)

** As working students (performing at gigs/jobs) you have required paperwork that needs to be processed by OISS. Form, terms of use, and directions for submitting them can be found on the OISS website: http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/resources/forms.htm. Some of the most used forms have been made Music-specific and can be found on our College of Music website:

It is very important that you submit these forms appropriately.

New International Student Orientation
As indicated on the materials you received from the University Admissions Office, you are required to check-in with the Office of International Students and Scholars [OISS], between Monday August 17 and Sunday August 25, 2013. After you have settled in, please go to Room 103 of the Center for International Studies (International Center) to check-in. You will receive a packet of information and forms that you must complete to begin your career as a student in our university.

A formal orientation program is scheduled for Monday August 23 at 1:00pm. If you have questions about this, please contact OISS at e-mail oiss@msu.edu fax number 517-355-4657, telephone 517-353-1720 or go to their website or http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students/orientation/faq.htm. A more detailed schedule of activities is listed at:

http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students/orientation/schedule.htm.

International students serving as Graduate Assistants
If you have been offered a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, you are required to attend a university-wide orientation program. It will be held from August 13-16, 2013 at Shaw Hall. Because International Graduate Assistants are required to arrive on campus early, the university will provide lodging and meals for them during the International TA Orientation. Those attending the orientation will receive additional information in the mail from the University’s ITA program. If you have questions, you may ask them by e-mail (taprog@msu.edu) or you can check out their websites:


* The College of Music will notify TAP and International GAs of whether or not they need to attend this. *

International Student Testing
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This test is NOT applicable to you. College of Music students are NOT accepted without meeting posted language requirements. However, if your major professor thinks that re-testing and/or taking a course would be beneficial to you, they can request that.

SPEAK TEST
International students who are serving as Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to take the SPEAK test to demonstrate their knowledge of the English language, their ability to understand spoken English and to speak in English. You will be notified of the date, time and location, if you must sit for this exam. You cannot serve as a Graduate Teaching Assistant if you do not pass the SPEAK test (score 50 or higher). Graduate Research Assistants do not have to take the SPEAK test.