

Suggested Site Visit Questions

Housing Issues

1. Housing options on campus?
2. Air Conditioning?
3. Single, double, other?
4. Phones in room?
5. Shared bathroom?
6. Size of beds?
7. Furnished, Unfurnished? If furnished, what must students bring.
8. Security? Co-ed or not?
9. Renting an apartment or living with a family.
10. Internet access from rooms.
11. Location of housing.
12. If student housing, when can students move into the housing. First day.
13. How must the students pay for the housing? By semester, month, daily?
14. How can they pay? Credit Card, cash, check?
15. What are the different costs for housing?
16. Will the students be living with host university students, or other International students?

Orientation

1. When students arrive, will they receive an orientation?
2. What will the orientation cover?
3. If orientation, when must students arrive for the orientation?
4. Will students be picked up at the airport.
5. Will airport pickup be for a fee?
6. If students are unable to move into their rooms, will the university provide temporary housing?
7. What are temporary housing options for the students?
8. Is there any type of host family program or student buddy program?

Problems

1. If students have housing problems who should they speak to?
2. If students have an emergency who should they contact and what is the availability for this person?
3. If students have academic problems who should they speak to?
4. If students have visa problems who should they speak with?
5. If students have questions about course equivalencies who should they speak to?
6. If students have health issues, who should they speak with?
7. If students have billing questions who should they speak to?
8. If students need help adjusting to the university, who should they speak with?
9. If students have travel questions who should they talk to?

Food

1. Does the University have student cafeterias?
2. How do students pay for them? Monthly pass and unlimited meals?
3. When are the cafeterias open?
4. Can students cook in their dorms, apartments, home stays?
5. If sick, is there a doctor on campus?
6. Can the students drink the tap water?

Computer Access

1. Does the university provide computer labs for the students?
2. Is there a fee for this service?
3. Will students receive an email account?
4. What are the hours of the computer labs?
5. Must students complete papers on the computers?
6. What about printers?
7. Should students bring their own computers and if so is it safe?

Academics

1. Will the university provide academic advisors for the students?
2. How are the courses organized? 3 credits = how many contact hours?
3. Can students take host country language courses?
4. What are the strengths of the university?
5. What subjects can students take at the university?
6. How many courses per semester do students normally take?
7. How many credits do students take per semester?
8. How many credits is one normal course?
9. When are the courses?
10. What is the makeup of the courses?
11. How can students get detailed information about the courses offered before arriving?
12. Can we have some current course catalogs?
13. Are all courses in the catalog sure to be taught?
14. Who are the contacts in different departments if students want to ask about particular courses?
15. What is the academic calendar and when are the breaks?
16. Can students stay for 1 year?
17. Are all courses in English?
18. What courses are offered in English?

Visa Requirements

1. Do students need to receive a student visa?
2. If so, how?
3. What forms must they complete?
4. How much does it cost?
5. Are certain shots/inoculations required to participate on the program.

Application Process

1. What is the application process and acceptance guidelines?
2. When a student wants to participate in a program, what should they do?
3. What are all the forms required to participate in the program
4. Do students need to send a transcript, letter of purpose, resume, and host university application to your office for acceptance into the program?
5. Will you accept Non-MSU students?
6. May I have some copies of the applications if needed?
7. Do you want some sort of housing questionnaire?
8. How will the housing be arranged?
9. Can students enroll in courses from the US?
10. Could you give us a timeline so we know what forms to submit and when?
11. How would you like to receive the forms? Email, fax, letter?

Field Trips / Excursions

1. Will someone plan trips etc. for the students?
2. Is there a travel agent on campus that can help the student?
3. Are field trips considered an academic component of the program?

Fees

1. Must students purchase the host university insurance?
2. What additional costs must students pay at the host university since tuition and fees are paid at MSU?
3. Is there a library use fee?
4. Is there a housing tax or application fee?
5. If they have these fees, how should they pay for them?
6. What is the average cost of books?