
FRESHMAN BULLDOG CHECKLIST

Between Orientation and Move-in day (MVNU2MSU), 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, insuring your student is positioned for a successful freshman year. As always, you are welcome to contact the Office of Parent Services if you ever have questions or need guidance.

Encourage your student to:

- ✓ Be themselves!
- ✓ SYNC **Bully Mail** (student e-mail account) with their phone (and check email daily!)
- ✓ Make sure Banner info is always updated with current contact information (**student** info!)
- ✓ Use a calendar daily (ex. due dates from syllabus, academic calendar, holidays, finals)
- ✓ Stick with their schedule. **DO NOT** drop/add classes without academic advisor approval.
- ✓ Get to know their Navigator www.freshman.msstate.edu
- ✓ Attend class and purchase ALL class materials (books, access codes, supplies, etc.)
- ✓ Read/Follow syllabus & get to know their professors
- ✓ Park in designated spots only to avoid tickets www.parkingservices.msstate.edu
- ✓ Be responsible (sleep, eat, and exercise!)
- ✓ Be respectful (roommate expectations/classroom conduct)
- ✓ Get involved & make friends
- ✓ Be resourceful - use student resources:

Dean of Students' Office
Center for Student Activities
The Learning Center
The Writing Center
The Math Domain
College/Departmental Tutoring
Mitchell Memorial Library

Student Health Center
Student Disability Services
Student Counseling Services
Holmes Cultural Diversity Center
Center for Student Success
Career Center
University Academic Advising

- ✓ When in doubt, ASK FOR HELP!

Have a conversation with your student regarding:

Expectations and Consequences (G.P.A., scholarships, behavior, spending, etc.)
Campus Safety and Awareness www.emergency.msstate.edu
Communication Expectations (how often - cell phone, texts, emails, etc.)
Time Management & Managing Freedom
Code of Student Conduct www.policies.msstate.edu/policypdfs/91100.pdf

Know important dates, fees, and deadlines

Academic Calendar: www.registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar
August 22: Last day to drop a course without a grade (90% refund)
October 9: Mid-point of semester & Last day to drop a course with a W grade (0% refund)
November 10: Last day to withdraw from University
Refund Schedule: www.registrar.msstate.edu/files/withdrawal-refund-schedule.pdf
Tuition Costs: www.controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition
Student Financial Aid: www.sfa.msstate.edu
State Financial Aid: www.riseupms.com



Discuss the budget

Make sure your student makes you an Authorized Payer (QuikPAY®) so you can access account details.
www.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)	
	On Campus Housing	
	Dining Plan (Ultimate, Gold, Silver, Greek)	
	Parking Permit	
	Football Tickets	
	Longest Center Health Center	
	Total MSU Student Account Expenses	
Miscellaneous (None of these expenses will be charged to the centralized MSU Student Account.)	Books/Supplies (\$600 per semester is typical)	
	Groceries/Eating out	
	Renters Insurance	
	Cell Phone	
	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 parents.msstate.edu and click on Get Access under the Parent Portal information box to find out how your student can grant you access.

Submit Proof of Immunizations (www.health.msstate.edu) to:

Longest Student Health Center | P O Box 6338 | Mississippi State, MS 39762

Submit FINAL high school transcript (www.admissions.msstate.edu) to:

Office of Admissions and Scholarships | P.O. Box 6334 | Mississippi State, MS 39762

Final transcripts should clearly identify the date of graduation

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

(www.registrar.msstate.edu) to:

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

