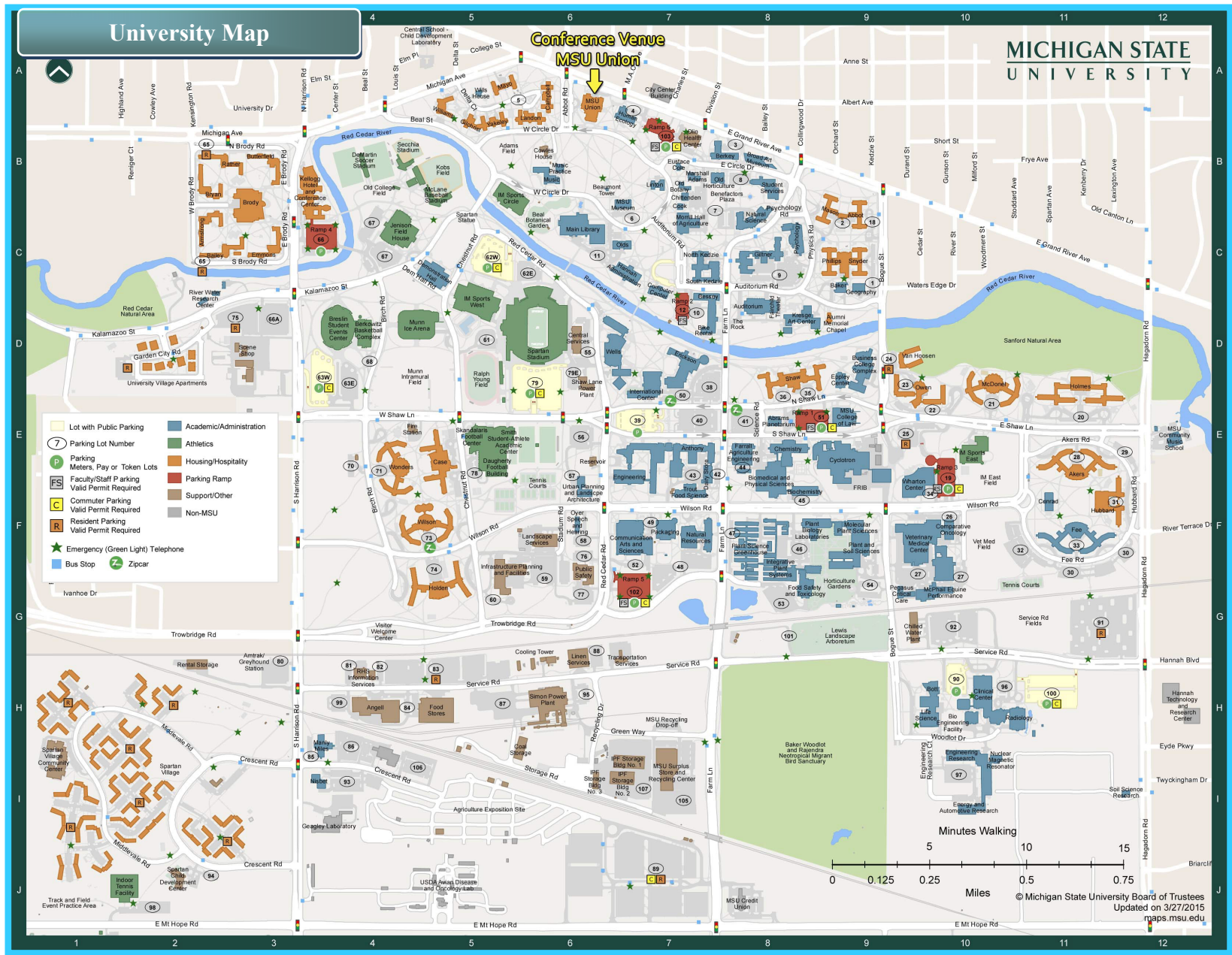


Conference Location:



Michigan State University
Address: 220 Trowbridge Rd
East Lansing, MI 48824, USA
Tel: (517) 355-1855
URL: <http://www.msu.edu/>

The Conference venue is the **MSU Union**, inside the university campus, located on 49 Abbott Rd.



Conference Location

MSU Student Union rooms and facilities.

Here is some more information about the facilities at the Student Union.

- The MSU Union is a wireless building and anyone can logon as a guest with no password required.
- The MSU Union has electronic directories to alert visitors where their event is located.
- There is a nice lounge one floor down and an even bigger lounge two floors down.
- Union Pizzeria offers 14" pepperoni pizza ready-to-go, pizza by the slice, breadsticks, salads, chips & cookies.
- Union Deli features made-to-order sandwiches, traditional sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts! Something for everyone!
- Sparty's Express has convenience items for when you're on the go.



How to get to East Lansing

By Plane:

For those who travel by plane and land at Capitol Region International Airport:

Capitol Region International Airport is located in DeWitt Township on Grand River Avenue (Business Route 96) northwest of downtown East Lansing. Capital Region International Airport offers non-stop domestic flights to Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, Orlando, and Washington, D.C. Non-stop international flights are available seasonally to Cancún, Mexico; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. A concierge travel center in the airport terminal offers the ability to book airline tickets, cruises, tours, car rentals, and hotel rooms. The airport is serviced by Capital Area Transit Authority (CATA) bus line 14, which provides direct service to downtown Lansing. Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Flint Bishop International Airport, and Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International Airport are other nearby airports which service the region.

By train:

For those who travel by train:

Amtrak provides multiple daily service from Chicago via the Blue Water Service, which reaches speeds of 110 mph. The station is located opposite Michigan State University on Harrison Ave., near Trowbridge Rd in East Lansing.

If you are planning more than one journey on an Amtrak train, you may be better off investing a rail pass, which allows unlimited rail travel within a certain period and area. You should, however, compare the cost of individual tickets when pricing and planning your trip.

By bus:

For those who travel by bus:

1. Greyhound Lines service Lansing and East Lansing, with direct connections to Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo (with transfers to Chicago). Owosso, Michigan-based Indian Trails Bus Lines provides daily service to Chicago. Michigan Flyer Motorcoach Service provides multiple daily connections to Detroit Metropolitan Airport with stops in Ann Arbor.
2. East Lansing can also be reached from the Greater Lansing Area through Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) bus routes that run throughout the capital area. Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) provides fixed-route bus service to Capital Region International Airport seven days a week with Route #14. CATA's customer service representatives are available to assist you with trip planning and route information.

Phone: +1 517-394-1000

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Weekends 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

3. Megabus. Express bus service to/from Chicago, Grand Rapids and Detroit. Double Deck Coaches with WiFi, Restrooms, Power Outlets and seats starting at \$1.
Phone: +1 877-462-6342

By Car:

East Lansing is easily accessible from Detroit and Chicago. Interstate 96 directly connects East Lansing to Detroit and Grand Rapids. US-127 to Interstate 94 connects East Lansing to Chicago, Ann Arbor, and Detroit. Interstate 69 connects East Lansing to Flint and Fort Wayne.

Car Hire:

Whether you're looking for rental car or a taxi, you will find them at the airport at affordable rates. Call from one of the courtesy phones in the baggage claim area to expedite your trip.

Company Name	Telephone	Fax
Avis	(+1)800-633-3469	-
Budget	(+1)800-218-7992	-
Hertz	(+1)800-654-3131/ 3001	-
National / Enterprise	(+1)877-222-9058	-
Spartan Cab/Yellow Cab	(+1)517-482-1444	(+1)517-485-0522
DD's Downtown Taxi	(+1)517-252-4498	-
FAMA Cab, LLC	(+1)517-898-0431	-
Royal Express	(+1)517-489-9717	-
S-Cabs	(+1)517-374-5500	(+1)517-374-3555
Omega Express	(+1)517-706-7992	-

Source: <http://www.flylansing.com/parking-transportation/>

Visa:

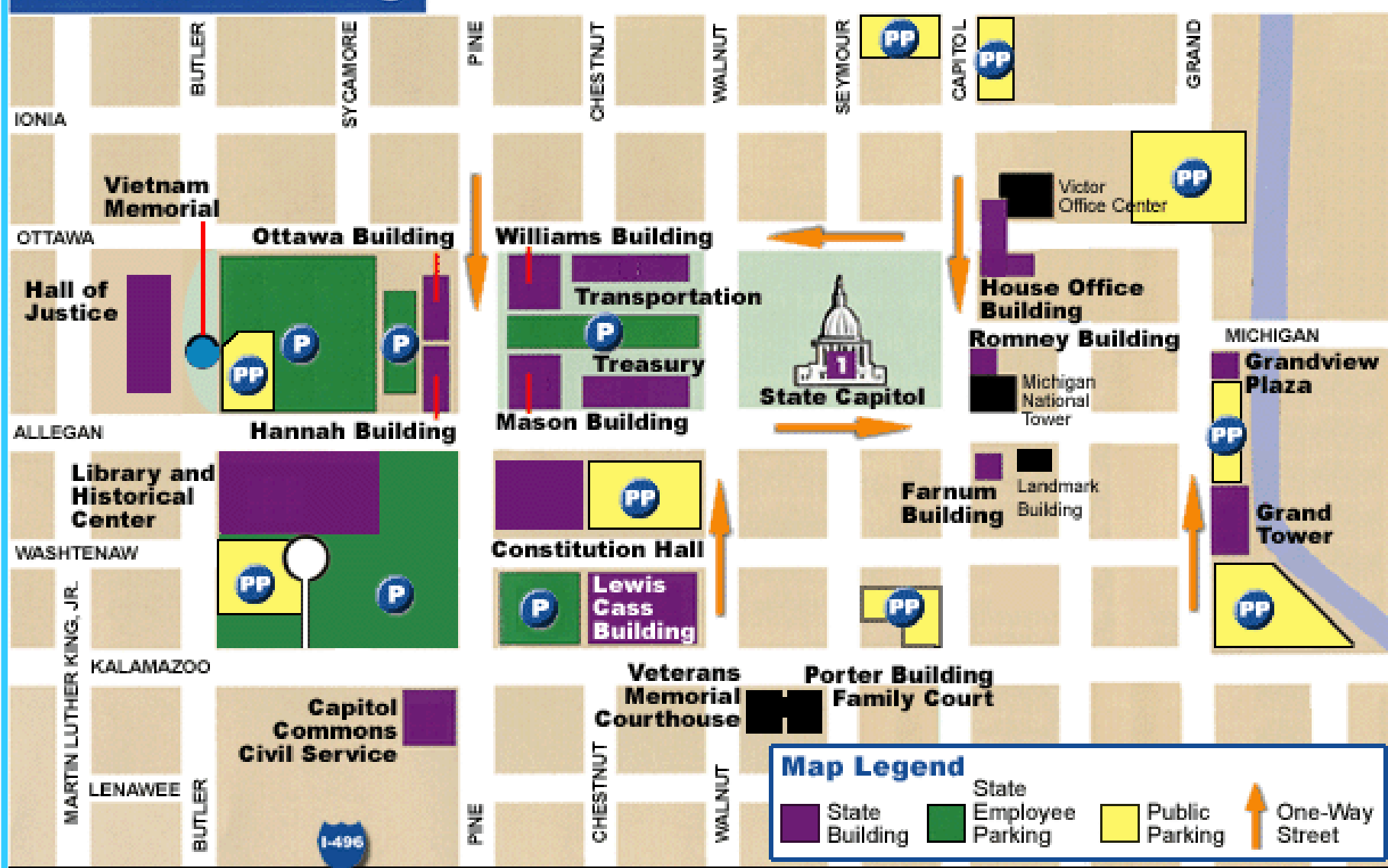
Before traveling to the U.S., a citizen of a foreign country must generally obtain a nonimmigrant visa for temporary stay or an immigrant visa for permanent residence. For more information visit the links below:

<http://travel.state.gov/visas.html>

<http://travel.state.gov/about-visas-the-basics.html>

<http://travel.state.gov/visas/visitor.html>

Downtown Lansing



East Lansing

Area: 35.41 km² (13.67 sq mi)

Founded: 1847

Population: 48,579

History:

East Lansing is a city in the U.S. state of Michigan directly east of Lansing, the state capital. Most of the city is within Ingham County, with the rest in Clinton County. It is best known as the home of Michigan State University. The settlement of East Lansing began around 1847, the same year nearby Lansing was made the capital of the state of Michigan. Downtown East Lansing was an important junction of two major Native American groups: the Potawatomi and Fox. By 1850, the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company was established to connect a toll road to the Detroit and Howell Plank Road, improving travel between Detroit and Lansing, which cut right through what is now East Lansing. The toll road was finished in 1853, and included seven tollhouses between Lansing and Howell. Michigan State University was founded in 1855 and established in what is now East Lansing in 1857. For the first four decades, the students and faculty lived almost entirely on the college campus. A few commuted from Lansing, and that number increased when a streetcar line was built in the 1890s, but there were few places to live in the then-rural area immediately around the campus. That started to change in 1887, when professors William J. Beal and Rolla C. Carpenter created Collegeville, along what is now Harrison Road and Center and Beal Streets, north of Michigan Avenue. Few faculty were attracted to the location, and the first residents were "teamsters and laborers". In 1898, the College Delta subdivision (including what is now Delta Street) had the support of the college itself, which provided utilities, and several professors built homes there (one of which survives today at 243 W. Grand River Ave.). Other subdivisions followed. At that time, the post office address was "Agricultural College, Michigan". A school district encompassing the nascent community was created in 1900. In 1907, incorporation as a city was proposed under the name "College Park"; the legislature approved the charter but changed the name to "East Lansing". The first seven mayors, starting with Clinton D. Smith in 1907 and Warren Babcock in 1908, were professors or employees of the college. The city charter in 1907 prohibited the possession, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, and East Lansing was a "dry" city until voters modified the charter provision in 1968.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Lansing

Information



Weather

East Lansing, MI, gets 30 inches of rain per year. The US average is 37. Snowfall is 36 inches. The average US city gets 25 inches of snow per year. The number of days with any measurable precipitation is 122. On average, there are 174 sunny days per year in East Lansing, MI. The July high is around 82 degrees. The January low is 14. Our comfort index, which is based on humidity during the hot months, is a 51 out of 100, where higher is more comfortable. The US average on the comfort index is 44.



Time

East Lansing is in the Eastern Time Zone.
Standard time zone: GMT/UTC-5h
Current time zone offset: GMT/UTC-4h



Banks

Most banks are open Monday: 9:00am - 17:00pm, Friday: 9:00am - 18:00 pm, Saturday: 9:00am - 13:00pm, Sunday: Closed. Many of them have ATMs outside that are available for exchanges 24 hours a day.

ATM Location: <http://locators.bankofamerica.com/locator/>



Post Office

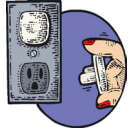
1350 W Lake Lansing Rd East Lansing MI 48823,	517-332-2444,	Mon-Sun 7:00am-11:00pm
1140 Abbot Rd East Lansing MI 48823,	517-351-1024,	Mon-Fri 8:30am-7:00pm Sat 9:00am-3:00pm Sun closed
1 Union Bldg East Lansing MI 48824,	517-355-3497,	Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:30pm Sat 8:00am-12:00pm Sun closed



Shopping

Make the pledge to shop local in Downtown East Lansing! With more than 185 businesses, downtown East Lansing offers a wide range of retail and dining options.

More information at: <http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/BusinessDirectory/>



Electricity

In East Lansing electrical current is 110 volt/60 hertz.



Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.



Pharmacy

Pharmacies or drugstores in East Lansing tend to keep the same working hours as other shops.

<http://www.whitepages.com/business>



Currency

The United States dollar (sign: \$; code: USD; also abbreviated US\$ and referred to as the dollar, U.S. dollar, US dollar or American dollar) is the official currency of the United States and its overseas territories. It is a Federal Reserve Note and consists of 100 smaller cent units.

1.00 USD = 0.7520 EUR

Emergency Numbers:

517-351-4220 – East Lansing Police Department

517-332-1956 - East Lansing Fire Department

In Case of Emergency - Call **911**

Place of Interest in East Lansing

The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum is the art museum of Michigan State University. Also an engaged public institution, the Broad MSU is a contemporary museum devoted to the exploration and exhibition of significant art from around the globe. This international focus is also supported by the contextualizing of contemporary art within the history of art by virtue of our historical collection. The Broad MSU is a place where artists' ideas, words, and actions create a vibrant center for questioning and understanding the modern world. Dedicated to experimentation and study, the Broad MSU is a laboratory for the new, grounded in a deep appreciation for the historical. With a historic collection containing objects from the Greek and Roman periods, through the Renaissance, and on to the Modern, the Broad MSU is unique among contemporary art museums in its ability to frame the broad range of contemporary art practices within a firm historical context. Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Zaha Hadid, the museum features a striking facade of pleated stainless steel and glass, signaling the museum and the university's dynamic vision. More than 70 percent of the 46,000-square-foot facility is dedicated to exhibition space. The museum is named for Eli and Edythe Broad, longtime supporters of Michigan State University, who provided the lead gift for the museum.



Address: 547 East Circle Drive East Lansing, MI 48824

Tel: +1 517- 884-3900

Web: <http://broadmuseum1.tru-m.com/>

Hours: Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 12 – 9 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Michigan Historical Center - Michigan Historical Museum

The Michigan Historical Museum surrounds visitors with Michigan history from prehistoric times through the late twentieth century. Major exhibit environments include a three-story relief map of Michigan, walk-through Upper Peninsula copper mine, one-room schoolhouse, 1920s street scene, 1957 Detroit Auto Show, and a lakes and lands diorama complete with a rustic cabin and lighthouse. Explore all 26 permanent galleries, located on four levels. Don't miss the temporary exhibit gallery on the ground floor. The museum store offers unique items that have been carefully selected to reflect Michigan's rich heritage. The Michigan Historical Museum offers five levels of permanent and changing exhibits that tell the story of Michigan's past from precontact through the late 20th century. Exhibits include interactive computers, audio-visual presentations and hands-on elements. Please allow at least 90 minutes for your visit.

Fees: Adults (18+) - \$6
Seniors (65+) - \$4
Youth (6-17) - \$2
Children up to 5 years - Free

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Address: 702 West Kalamazoo Street Lansing, MI 48915

Tel: +1 517- 373-3559

Web: <http://www.michigan.gov/mhc/>



Abrams Planetarium

The Talbert and Leota Abrams Planetarium, located on the beautiful Michigan State University campus, serves as an astronomy and space science education resource center for central Michigan. The planetarium is an outreach unit of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and as such, it supports astronomy teaching on campus as well as offer a variety of planetarium shows to the public--preschool through senior citizens. Abrams Planetarium opened its doors for the first time in 1964, and for the past fifty years it has continued to excite and inspire both young and old. The planetarium is named for Talbert "Ted" Abrams and his wife Leota. Ted Abrams was a leader in the field of aerial photography and during the early 1960's he and his wife contributed a sizable amount to Michigan State University in order to build a center of space science education. The original building was designed by Ralph Calder Associates of Detroit. It featured a 60-foot copper dome surrounded by a one-story windowless brick building, in a full Flemish bond. In 1995, windows were added to give it more character. The building consists of three primary sections: the Exhibit Hall, the Blacklight Gallery, and the Sky Theater. Each part of the building has been renovated since its original construction, with each change representing an improvement in technology and scientific knowledge.



Address: 755 Science Road East Lansing, MI 48824

Tel: +1 517-355-4672

Web: <http://www.abramsplanetarium.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm

Wharton Center for Performing Arts

The Center is located on the campus of MSU and is home of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, which performs 17 concerts a year for free. Michigan State University's Wharton Center for Performing Arts has a long history of presenting quality programs. Since opening its doors in 1982, the Center has generated state and national prominence for its success with touring megahits and sold-out sensations, making producers, performers and patrons turn their attention toward mid-Michigan. Wharton Center is Michigan's largest performing arts venue with four unique stages (the Cobb Great Hall, Pasant Theatre, MSU Concert Auditorium and Fairchild Theatre) and plenty of things to do and see all season. Wharton Center is proud to bring the best Broadway shows, the finest classical musicians, unrivaled dance companies and an A-list of high profile performers to mid-Michigan. Wharton Center is also recognized internationally for its world premier commissions. The Center is fortunate to hire artists to create new works in jazz, dance, and classical music that make a world debut at Wharton Center. The theater is currently undergoing an extensive upgrade and expansion, bringing the theater, both exterior and interior, into the 21st century.

Address: 750 E. Shaw LN East Lansing, MI 48824

Tel: +1 517-432-2000

Web: <http://www.whartoncenter.com/>

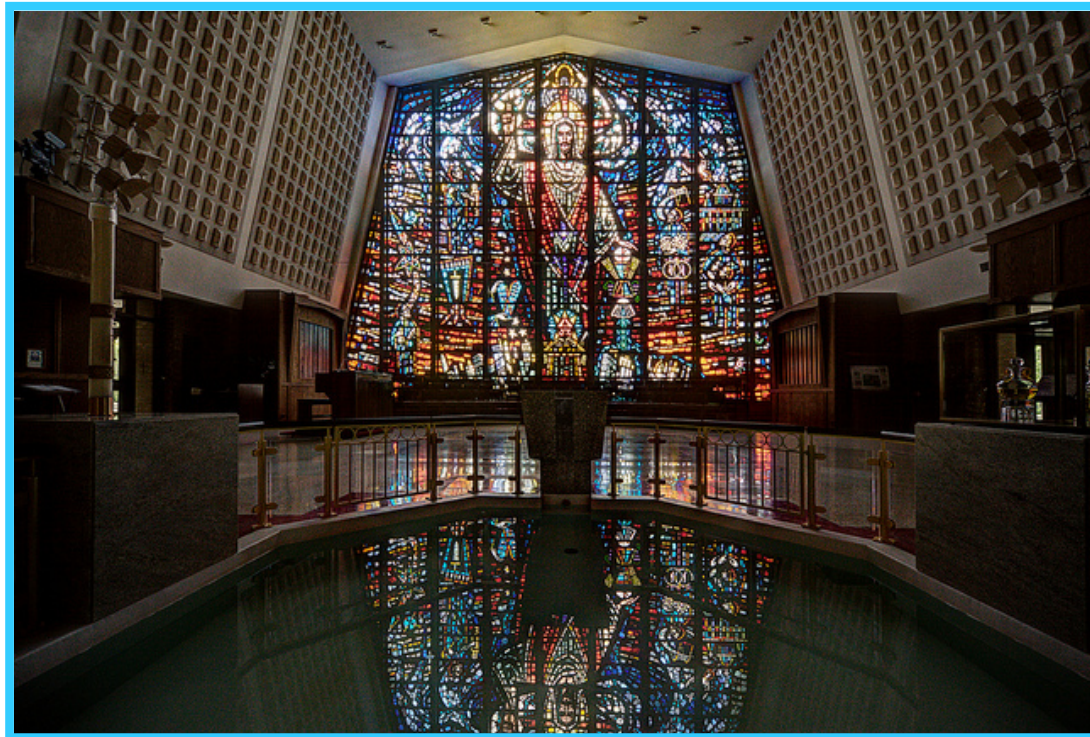


St. Thomas Aquinas Church

The first meeting of St. Thomas parishioners was held October 1, 1940 in the Spartan Room of the Union Building on the campus of Michigan Agricultural College. The present church was dedicated in 1968. At the time of its dedication the church contained the largest faceted glass window in North America. The Catholic Student Center and St. John Student Parish was erected in 1956-57. The student parish separated from St. Thomas Aquinas in 1957. The parish population grew from 80 families in 1940 to over 2200 in 1983. The current registered households is approximately 3400. The parish school attendance grew from 96 in 1949 to the maximum of 800 in 1964. The current school serves students from pre-school through 8th grade with a capacity of 400 students. In February of 2011 a Capital campaign was begun to update the school building, add additional classroom space and more functional space for the parish as a whole.

Address: 955 Alton St, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: +1 517-351-7215



Spartan Stadium

Spartan Stadium (formerly College Field, Macklin Field and Macklin Stadium) opened in 1923 in East Lansing, Michigan, United States. It is primarily used for football, is the home field of the Michigan State University Spartans. After the addition of luxury boxes and club seating in 2004–2005, the capacity of the stadium grew from 72,027 to 75,005—though it has held more than 80,000 fans—making it the Big Ten's sixth largest stadium. In the early 1920s, school officials decided to construct a new stadium to replace Old College Field. The resulting stadium—the lower half of the current stadium—was ready in the fall of 1923 with a capacity of 14,000. Over the years, the stadium grew. In 1935, the seating capacity increased to 26,000 and the facility was dedicated as Macklin Field. John Macklin, football coach from 1911 to 1915, put Michigan State football on the map with a 29–5 record over five seasons with victories over big name programs such as Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State, and Wisconsin. After admittance into the Big Ten in 1948, Michigan State increased stadium capacity to 51,000 and the field was renamed Macklin Stadium. With Spartan football attracting national attention under Clarence "Biggie" Munn and Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty, 9,000 seats were added in 1956. The following season upper decks were added to the east and west sides boosting the capacity to 76,000. That same season Michigan State dropped the name Macklin Stadium in favor of Spartan Stadium. In 1969, TartanTurf replaced the natural grass field and a modern scoreboard was added in 1973. Later in the 1970s, AstroTurf replaced the TartanTurf. A new modern video scoreboard was added before the 1991 season. Renovations improving sight lines, field security, handicap access, and club seats in 1994 reduced Spartan Stadium's capacity to 72,027. New turf was also installed in the summer of 1994. In 1998, Spartan Stadium's sound system was upgraded, adding a 21' x 27' Mitsubishi Diamond Vision video board to the south end and a message board to the north end. Home to one of the top turfgrass research programs in the nation, Michigan State installed a natural grass field in 2002. The most recent expansion was completed in August 2005. A new press box, 24 luxury suites, and 862 club seats were constructed on the west side of Spartan Stadium. This addition made Spartan Stadium the tallest building in East Lansing.



Tickets

All persons, including children of all ages, must have a ticket for admission to Spartan Stadium. Re-entry is prohibited at Spartan Stadium. Once you exit the stadium, you may not re-enter. Gates open 1 1/2 hours prior to the scheduled game time. The Tower, for access to the suites and Huntington Bank Club will open two hours before the game. For tickets call the MSU athletic ticket office at 517- 355-1610 or 1-800-GO-STATE.

Address: 325 W. Shaw Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824

Web: <http://www.msuspartans.com/facilities/spartan-stadium.html>

Lake Lansing

Located within a few miles of downtown East Lansing, it feels like a world away. There are multiple parks offering beaches amenities. MSU offers sailing lessons on Lake Lansing for a nominal charge. Whether you just want to soak in some summer rays, or take a sail, Lake Lansing is a great way to spent a summer afternoon. In the winter, locals enjoy ice fishing on the frozen water. There are a couple dining options near Lake Lansing, which offer Michigan favorites like blue gill and walleye. Three public parks, one with trailer launching access, are operated by the Ingham County Park Department. Lake Lansing Park South, managed by the Ingham County Park Department includes a Band Shell, boat rental, fishing dock, swimming beach, bath house beach volleyball courts, summer snack bar, horseshoe pits, picnic grounds and shelters. Lake Lansing Park North is home to many trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas. The Lake Lansing Boat Launch, located on the North side of Lake Lansing provides two boat launch ramps, a picnic area, basketball court, a powerboat washer and paved parking.

Lake Lansing Park South

Address: Lake Lansing South 1621 Pike Street Haslett, MI 48840

Tel: +1 517-676-2233

Lake Lansing Park North

Address: Lake Lansing Park North 6260 East Lake Drive Haslett, MI 48840

Tel: +1 517-676-2233

More info: <http://pk.ingham.org/>



Dinning in East Lansing

Black Cat Bistro

Address: 115 Albert Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) 517-580-3821

URL: <http://www.blackcatbistroel.com>



The State Room Restaurant

Address: 219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824

Tel: (+1) 517-432-4000

URL: <http://kelloggcenter.com/stateroomrestaurant>



Ai Fusion Sushi & Grill

Address: 2827 East Grand River East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) 517-853-3700

URL: <http://www.ai-fusion.com/>



Beggar's Banquet

Address: 218 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) 517-351-4540

URL: <http://beggarsbanquet.com/>



Swagath Indian Cuisine

Address: 1060 Trowbridge Rd, Suite 3, East Lansing, MI-48823

Tel: (+1) 517-336-0700

URL: <http://www.swagathfoods.com/index.html>



Fiesta Charra

Address: 5900 Park Lake Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) 517-575-0855



Here are some more local inexpensive restaurants nearby, within a block or two of the Student Union, plus there are many more such as Thai, Korean, Sandwich, Ice Cream, places and many bars.

Panchero's Mexican Grill

Address: 125 E. Grand River, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) (517)-351-3620

URL: <http://pancheros.com/>

Charlie Kang's Chinese & Korean Cuisine

Address: 127 E Grand River, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) (517)-332-4696

URL: <http://www.charliekangs.com/>

Cosi

Address: 301 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) (517)-332-6500

URL: <http://www.getcosi.com/>

Omi Sushi

Address: 210 M. A. C. Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) (517)-337-2222

Menna's Joint

Address: 115 Albert Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) (517)-351-3827

URL: <http://www.mennasjoint.com/>

El Azteco

Address: 225 Ann St, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tel: (+1) (517)-351-9111

URL: <http://www.elazteco.me/ELAZTECO.ME/>



More Info: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-East_Lansing_Michigan.html
<http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/BusinessDirectory>
http://wikitravel.org/East_Lansing

Sources: <http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/>
<http://www.flylansing.com/about-craa#.VaT517XRuHt>
http://wikitravel.org/en/East_Lansing
http://wikitravel.org/en/Blue_Water_Service
<http://www.whitepages.com/business/MI/East-Lansing/Pharmacies>
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_dollar#Current_exchange_ra
<http://www.timetemperature.com/tzmi/eastlansing.shtml>
http://www.bestplaces.net/climate/city/michigan/east_lansing
<http://www.whitepages.com/business/popular-categories/Drugstores?page=3&utf8=%E2%9C%93&where=East+Lansing>
http://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,4726,7-282-61080_62766-288383--,00.html
<http://www.lansing.org/listings/Michigan-Historical-Museum/274/0/>
<http://pk.ingham.org/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Lansing
<http://www.msuspartans.com/facilities/spartan-stadium.html>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spartan_Stadium_\(East_Lansing,_Michigan\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spartan_Stadium_(East_Lansing,_Michigan))
<http://www.whartoncenter.com/>
<http://www.abramsplanetarium.org/index.html>
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g42159-Activities-East_Lansing_Michigan.html
<http://broadmuseum1.tru-m.com/>
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g42159-East_Lansing_Michigan.html#EATERY_OVERVIEW_BOX