What is M.A.G.I.C.?

Incoming MSU freshmen students often underestimate the many challenges students face when making the transition from high school to college. Regardless of how successful a student has been in high school, “college” is a new experience. Therefore helping students learn how to effectively “navigate” through a big university like MSU is critical to a student’s college success. **MAGIC (Maximizing Academic Growth in College)** is coordinated by the Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions (OCAT) and is designed to be a **one-week** experience for admitted incoming MSU students who have already completed their **AOP (Academic Orientation Program)** experience. MAGIC gives students a chance to begin the process of becoming a successful Spartan during the summer, **before** classes begin in August.

**Students attending M.A.G.I.C. will...**

- Gain the chance to meet other new incoming MSU students before school starts
- Feel more confident when navigating their way across MSU’s huge campus
- Receive insight and advice from current MSU students, staff, and faculty
- Become equipped with proven strategies for academic success
- Learn about what new students often encounter when first starting college
- Learn about student focused resources on campus
- Have FUN!!!!!

**M.A.G.I.C. FAQs**

1. **How long is MAGIC?** MAGIC is **one week**, beginning on Sunday afternoon, lasting throughout the week and ending the following Friday at noon. Students can choose to participate in one of the following two sessions this year: **July 9-14 or July 16-21, 2016**

2. **Do I have to attend the entire week?** Yes. Students who are accepted to participate in MAGIC must commit to staying in the program the entire time period due to the comprehensive nature of the experience. **No exceptions** for late arrivals or early departures will be granted.

3. **What Does MAGIC Cost?** There is no cost to attend MAGIC. Michigan State University will cover the cost of housing and meals for each program participant who is accepted. Participants are only responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the MSU campus. **A $50.00 registration fee** is required with the submission of the formal application in order to confirm a student’s participation in MAGIC.

4. **What is the application deadline?** Applications will be accepted for each week until spaces are filled. Don’t wait!

5. **Can I still attend MAGIC if I have not attended MSU’s AOP (Academic Orientation Program)?** No. All students attending MAGIC must attend an AOP session **before** their MAGIC week. No exceptions.

6. **Where will I be staying/what do I need to pack/where do we drop our student off on campus?** All accepted participants will receive a follow-up letter providing details necessary for each participant’s stay (i.e. where/when/what/parking, etc) no later than **9 weeks before** the program’s start date. Please be patient.

7. **Can I share a room with a friend?** Yes, as long as you are both signed up for the same week of MAGIC.

8. **Can Parents Participate?** Parents are invited to the initial welcome & informational session on **Sunday** at 2:00pm of each week followed by a cook-out where they will get an opportunity to interact with MAGIC staff. There will also be a parent financial aid informational session on the last day of the program @ 10:00AM. Advisors from the Office of Financial Aid will be present.

9. **Can I still attend MAGIC if I do not have a ride to campus?** Transportation can be provided for students who need to be picked up from either the Lansing airport or the East Lansing bus/train station only.

10. **Can anyone attend MAGIC?** Any new freshman who has been accepted to MSU for fall enrollment can attend MAGIC.

11. **How can I get more of my questions answered?** Contact OCAT (517) 353-7745, email ocat@msu.edu or visit: www.ocat.msu.edu