

Frequently Asked Questions

ACCESS Orientation Program

Summer 2023

What is the ACCESS Orientation Program?

The ACCESS Orientation Program provides an in-person experience for incoming freshmen that will make the transition to college less overwhelming. The program aims to provide information on MSU colleges and schools, financial aid information (including FAFSA), placement testing, academic advisement, career development, and student experience!

Additionally, students will participate in activities and workshops outlining college transition, school spirit, study skills, and time management strategies. Participation in this program provides activities and interactions with faculty, professional staff, and classmates. Our goal is to provide an early opportunity for incoming freshmen to become familiar with their university resources, making them fully prepared for their college journey.

The ACCESS Orientation Program is a four-day, three-night, in-person experience. The ACCESS Orientation Program costs **\$300.00**. ACCESS Orientation Program participants must **register online before May 15, 2023**; late fees may be applied after May 15th.

The **\$300 fee is non-refundable**; students who do **not** attend their orientation program will **not** be eligible for a refund.

Please try your best to keep the original program session date you are registered for. There will be a **\$75 Date Change Fee** applied to ANY participants who need to change from their original registration dates.

Is participation in the ACCESS Orientation Program mandatory?

Yes, **all first-time freshmen are required to participate** in the ACCESS Orientation Program. The ACCESS Orientation program is mandatory for all new freshmen (except CASA and transfer students). Immediately following the deadline for registration on May 15th, registered ACCESS students will receive an introductory email with a written checklist outlining the program details and format.

When do I take the Freshman Placement Exam?

All incoming Morgan freshmen are required to take a mathematics placement exam prior to attending the ACCESS Orientation Program. To do so, all incoming freshmen must participate in the ALEKS online math prep course. Once you register for the ACCESS Orientation Program and pay the **\$300** registration fee, you will receive an online access code for the ALEKS PPL online placement exam prep course. Students must log in to ALEKS and complete their math placement exam(s) **before they attend their in-person orientation session** during the summer.

The cost for the ALEKS online math placement exam and prep course is included in the ACCESS Orientation Program registration. The ALEKS PPL online prep course includes up to four math placement exams with online remediation modules. There will be no reading placement testing for Summer 2023 first-time freshmen. Instead, the Office of Institutional Research (IR) will provide guidance in determining which incoming freshmen will be required to take the ALCR 101 (Analytical and Critical Reading) course based on SAT or ACT scores, high school GPA, and/or grades in specific high school courses.

Can I select my roommate for the ACCESS Orientation Program?

No, students will be randomly assigned roommates of the same gender.

Do you have to be vaccinated against Covid-19?

All students must be **fully vaccinated** to attend the ACCESS Orientation Program. Booster shots are strongly encouraged, but full vaccination is **required** for participation. For information on how Morgan is handling the COVID-19 pandemic, visit our website at www.morgan.edu/coronavirus.

Do I have to live on campus during the ACCESS Orientation Program?

Yes, students must live on campus during the ACCESS Orientation Program. On-campus housing and meals are provided during each in-person session (included in the **\$300** program fee). There will be an all-virtual, online orientation option for students who are **not** able to live on campus during the four-day, three-night orientation experience. Students who register for the all-virtual, online option will receive a series of emails from the ACCESS Orientation Program Coordinator, each providing information on required activities and/or components of the orientation to be completed by specific deadlines. Our virtual program is **ONLY** for students who absolutely cannot attend in person. The cost is the same as in person, **\$300**.

Can parents participate in the ACCESS Orientation Program?

Parents are invited to attend the Opening Program & our Parent Workshop that takes place on the second day. Following May 15th, more information will be emailed to students and parents about the in-person program schedule and agenda.

When do I report to the ACCESS Orientation Program?

Students will receive their residence hall assignments in a confirmation email. During the first day of programming, **students must check in to their assigned residence halls between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. The opening ceremony will start at 4:00 p.m. **Attendance to the Opening Program is required.**

All students will receive a detailed Orientation Program schedule at the opening ceremony of the ACCESS Orientation Program. Each program session will operate for 4 days and 3 nights.

What should I bring to the ACCESS Orientation Program?

Students should bring the following: **Twin sheets, Pillows, Pillow Covers, Bedspread, Comforter, Toiletries, Washcloths, Towels, Notebook, Paper, Pens, and Clothing (including a "dress/professional" outfit for the Closing Ceremony).**

Computer labs will be available for students (No need to bring a computer)

How do the ACCESS Orientation Program, the PACE Program, and the CASA Academy Program differ?

The CASA Academy is a six-week summer bridge program for first-time freshmen who do not meet the University's minimum admission requirements. CASA Academy students are required to attend the five-week program as a condition of their admission to the University.

The Pre-Freshman Accelerated Curriculum in Engineering (PACE) is a six-week intense program designed for engineering majors only. PACE is a highly competitive program and a very limited number of students are accepted.

Please note that students applying to PACE who are NOT accepted will be required to attend one of the ACCESS Orientation Programs. If a student registers for the ACCESS Orientation Program and is then accepted to the PACE Program, the \$300 registration fee will NOT be refunded. Freshmen will only be allowed to attend one of these programs.