

Orientation Office, Michigan State University

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Our Mission:

The Extended AOP has been designed to provide new undergraduate international students with support as they discover the challenges associated with transitioning to MSU as well as things they'd like to learn more about. It is linked to the week of the International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP) the students experienced prior to the start of classes when they received a large amount of information in a short amount of time. One of the objectives is to make available to students support and guidance when they have the context information to recognize that certain resources and services can be helpful. The primary objective of Extended AOP is to continue to support and guide our international students during their first semester by providing them with opportunities to connect with faculty, staff, diverse students, resources, and services. Extended AOP also aims to drive students to campus events that align with various student success initiatives.

Extended AOP Participation

- 1196 were required to participate in Extended AOP
- 1128 students have completed their Extended AOP requirement
- 68 students have not completed their Extended AOP requirement
 - 18 have participated in Extended AOP events
 - 50 have not participated in Extended AOP events

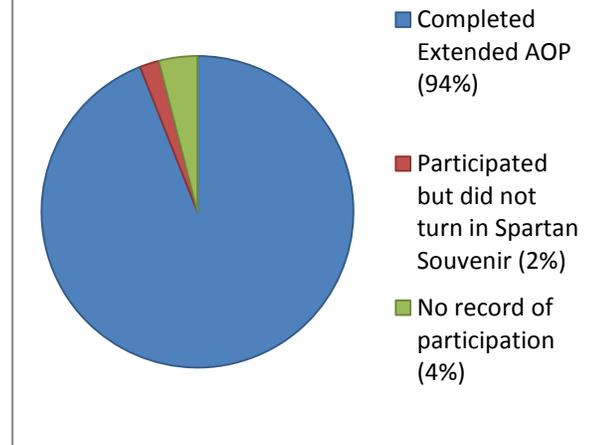
We experienced extraordinary success with Extended AOP. To date 94% of our new international students participated in the program. Feedback from students and our university partners is overwhelmingly positive. The students have commented that participating in Extended AOP has helped them during their transition to MSU; attendance at many student success initiatives this semester has exceeded expectations. Students tell us they are connecting with faculty, staff and other students as well as learning about MSU's resources and services. The following are quotes from students who participated in Extended AOP.

"During the extended AOP, the most difficult part for me is talking to people who I am not familiar with in English. Because as international students, I think the most difficult part is trying to communicate with others in another language. At the beginning, I was afraid that my English is not good so that others can not understand what I mean. But sooner, I changed my mind. All the people I have talked to are very friendly to me. I can't speak English too fast at the beginning, I am worried if I am wasting other people's time or not, but the people who listened to me always listen carefully and responded well. From the talking in the AOP, I have also practiced my oral English a lot. I used to be afraid to say hello to other students who live in same building with me, but now, I am brave enough to open my mouth and ask them "How is your day?" "How is it going?" I think the extended AOP really helped my a lot. I have practiced my oral English, I got the chance to know more people."

"One thing I love about being participate in the extended AOP program is that I got to know the University better than I normally have known. I met lots of interesting people and made some friends during the extended AOP sessions. The coffee talk hours in particular entertained me most because I met a group of the middle east people who were absolutely fun and enthusiastic. I was not much of a social person which means that I stay at my comfort zone and do not accept new stuff, but the middle east people's big welcome made me feel much more comfortable than other people's. They invited me to play their authentic board game which I found myself completely not not but still fun. There's one odd looking instrument from their country called tambura attracted me and lured my curiosity. It's guitar shaped but much more round and less strings. I tried playing it and I still feel excited about it. This meeting changed me a lot as I, a Chinese student, found myself being confident and fun transition into our Michigan State University, not just on the respective of the social skills and other things about enjoy and love."

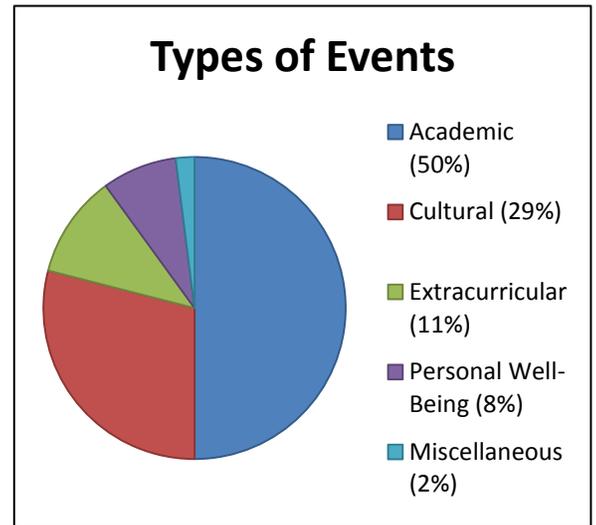
"Extended AOP is a great method to let people know not only more about America, but also America culture. I believe most freshmen and include international students do not know a lot about college life, perhaps even America culture. Extended AOP helps them to know better about how to be a college student in Michigan, or how to survive in an English speaking country. Personally I pretty like the extended AOP, and one of my favorite is the globe festival, because I went there and saw a lot of great performance. I also like the one was locate at Mcdonel, I met lots of people from other countries too, and they were really nice. I had a great chat with them. We were talking about our new lives in Michigan State University, and we were talking about lives in our own country. That was a lot of fun... After the AOP I know more about our school, it does make my life in Michigan State University easier. I like extended AOP."

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Events for Extended AOP credit (84 total):

- Recurring events:
 - OISS Coffee Hour (13 total)
 - Wacky Tuesdays (6 total)
 - Quality Resume Writing Workshops (16 total)
 - Study Abroad in the Neighborhoods (4 total)
 - MRULE Round Table (2 total)
 - U.S. Culture, Values, and Norms (2 total)
 - Honors College Info Session (2 total)
 - U.S. Holidays-Halloween and Thanksgiving (2 total)
 - Life in the U.S.: How to Survive and Enjoy Michigan Winter (2 total)
- August events:
 - UAB U-Fest
- September events:
 - UAB Meeting
 - OISS Career Services Event
 - Earn, Learn and Intern Career Fair
 - Sparticulation/Spartan Spectacular
 - Brody Neighborhood Open House
 - East Neighborhood Open House
 - North Neighborhood Open House
 - Online Resources Presentation
 - Hayrides and History
 - South Neighborhood Open House
 - Rivertrail Neighborhood Open House
 - Something Lost in Translation: Intercultural Communication
 - This is Your Brain Online: Social Media and Well-Being
 - Study Abroad Fair
 - Engineering Success Conference
 - Sleep 101 and Stress Management
- October events:
 - Study Skills and Talking to Your Professors
 - College of Education Cultural Exchange Seminar
 - How to Get the Most Out of Campus Resources/What Happens When You Don't Get in Your Major/College?
 - Goal Setting and Time Management
 - Hospitality Business CAREER EXPO Preparation for International Students
 - Why Should I Look at Art?
 - Global Opportunities Fair
 - Internships 101
 - Let's Succeed: Time/Stress Management
- November events:
 - Extended AOP Discussion
 - MSU Learning Abroad Conference
 - Let's Be Mindful: Managing an Anxious Mind
 - Marathon of Majors
 - Internships 101
 - How to Prepare for Final Exams
 - I am Scared to Talk to Him/Her: How to Deal with Authority
 - Chinese Consulate Program: Education and Development for Freshman Chinese Students
 - Global Festival



The top 5 most-attended events:

1. 160 in attendance: How to Prepare for Final Exams (Nov. 19)
2. 150 in attendance: U.S. Holidays-Halloween & Thanksgiving (Oct. 24)
3. 135 in attendance: How to Survive and Enjoy Michigan Winter (Nov. 14)
4. 134 in attendance: East Neighborhood Open House (Sept. 17)
5. 102 in attendance: U.S. Culture, Values, and Norms (Sept. 19)