The A, B, Cs of Taking Classes to Transfer to MSU

A. Use MSU’s Registrar’s Office Webpage

1. On MSU’s Registrar’s Office webpage https://reg.msu.edu/, click “Academic Programs” in the Quick Links on the left.


3. At “Academic Programs—Undergraduate Degrees” https://reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/Programs.aspx?PType=UN, scroll down and click on your intended major from the list on the left.

4. Print your intended degree. It will be a page or two, focusing on the major: a description of the career, plus main classes needed. (Often MSU’s Degree Navigator https://degnav.msu.edu/ will be linked from the bottom right. Log in with ID “guest” with password blank, and then click “Search”→“Degrees.”)

Remember, MSU’s absolute minimum requirements for acceptance are WRIT 121 plus WRIT 122, ENGL122, WRIT 124, or WRIT 127, and MATH120 or higher, so make sure to take these.
In addition to taking other general education courses (which would count for nearly any major), also consider taking some classes from your proposed major.

No matter what, **protect your GPA!** If you have to repeat a class, then unlike LCC, MSU will include the repeat grade(s) and the original grade in calculating your GPA.

Whether looking at the major or the general education courses, which MSU calls “Integrative Studies,” notice that they list the MSU courses required. To see what LCC courses can count, you will need to use https://transfer.msu.edu/ as seen in Part B below.

5. **If you are interested in a highly competitive major like business, education, engineering, etc., use** https://admissions.msu.edu/apply/transfer/before-you-apply/selecting-your-major.aspx **to check minimum entrance requirements. These majors require more coursework up-front than others, along with higher GPAs.**

Remember that the GPAs listed are merely the absolute minimum for MSU juniors to be considered. To be truly competitive for admission, **transfer students will need higher GPAs.**

### B. Check Transferability of LCC Courses to MSU

6. **When reading through a printout from MSU’s Registrar’s Office or a Degree Navigator report, use** https://transfer.msu.edu/ **to see what LCC classes may satisfy the MSU requirements.**

   Use the link labeled “Search...by an MSU course name and code.”

   Check every course on the MSU list.

   About half will be at the junior or senior level, which will not have LCC equivalents.

### C. Check Major Department Webpage and Admissions Webpage at MSU

7. **To look up the webpage for the department of your chosen major, click on “Academics” at the top of the MSU homepage http://www.msu.edu/academics/ and then click on “View Majors A-Z”** https://admissions.msu.edu/academics/majors-degrees-programs/default.aspx. Every department has a webpage that will have news, curricular guides, contact info for questions or for making an appointment, etc. Also, MSU’s main switchboard is 517.355.1855 (the last 4 are the year MSU was founded.)

8. **Finally, remember to study the transfer section of MSU’s admissions webpage thoroughly:** https://admissions.msu.edu/apply/transfer/default.aspx. They also have contact info listed, including chat: https://admissions.msu.edu/contact.asp.