How do I know if I have to take the advanced responsible conduct of research (RCR) course?

Did you start your current degree January 2013 or later?

Yes

You must complete the advanced RCR training.

No

Are you externally funded?

Yes

Have you already completed UN0500, PSY5000, or UN5500?

Yes

Additional advanced RCR training is probably not required.

No

No

No

If you are unsure about how you are funded, you should talk to your advisor about this.

For additional information:
http://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/administration/academics/resources/rcr/

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Tuition & Stipends:
Michigan Tech’s Board of Control met recently to approve tuition, fees, and stipend amounts for graduate students. These new rates go into effect fall 2013.

Tuition:
- Tuition is currently $744/credit hour for all graduate students
- Tuition will increase to $789/credit hour (a 6% increase).
- Applied Science Education & on-campus Peace Corp Masters students will pay $514/credit hour (a 9.4% increase).

Minimum Stipends:
- The minimum stipend level will increase by 3%.
- If you are a graduate student being paid at the current minimum level, your pay should increase by 3%.
- If you are already paid above the minimum level, it is unlikely that your pay will increase.
- For more information: http://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/admissions/financial/assistantships/stipends/

The International Student Surcharge Fee:
The Michigan Tech Administration plans to implement a surcharge on all international students. Their budget team initially recommended $250 per semester, including summer.

Why?
- To maintain compliance with federal reporting requirements
- To maintain and improve English as a Second Language (ESL) services
- To maintain and improve International Programs and Services (IPS)

GSG Involvement:
GSG feels that this amount is too high for an initial fee. Some GSG members met with Michigan Tech administrators to propose reducing the International Surcharge fee significantly.

Approved Fee Amount:
The Michigan Tech Board of Control has approved a $300 fee per year as follows:
- $150 charged each fall and spring semester
- $0 charged during the summer

This fee will be implemented fall 2013.

Student Health Insurance:
Graduate student health insurance has been updated in order to be compliant with the Affordable Care Act. As such, our insurance rates have been renegotiated for the 2013-2014 school year. The new yearly rates are as follows:

Unsupported Graduate Students:
- Total yearly cost: $921
- Annual deductible: $100

Supported Graduate Students:
- Total yearly cost: $416
- Annual deductible: $150

New Pharmacy Copays:
To help reduce the total yearly cost for both supported and unsupported graduate students, a pharmacy copay system has been implemented. Each time you go to the pharmacy to pick up prescription drugs you have to pay a small amount according to:
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- $60 for non-preferred brand name drugs
- $100 for specialty drugs

For more information: http://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/administration/academics/policies-procedures/health/
Facilitators are Needed for Graduate Orientation!

Do you like meeting new students? If so, you should consider being a facilitator at this year’s graduate orientation!

What do facilitators do?
Each facilitator leads discussion at a table full of new graduate students. Facilitators answer questions that new students have and help to welcome them to our campus.

Am I eligible to be a Facilitator?
All faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to be facilitators.

What if I don’t know everything about Michigan Tech?
It’s okay if you aren’t an expert about Michigan Tech! All facilitators participate in a training session on either August 22nd from 10am to noon or August 26th from 1 to 3pm.

When is this year’s graduate orientation?
This year’s graduate orientation will be held from 1 to 4:30pm on August 28.

How do I sign up?
You can contact Deb Charlesworth (ddc@mtu.edu) or Kristi Isaacson (kris@mtu.edu) to ask questions and sign up!

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Little Huskies Scholarships:

Little Huskies Child Development Center has scholarships available for families with preschool age children. These scholarships, part of the Access to High Quality Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund, make sending your children to Little Huskies more affordable, allowing your children to have access to high-quality early childhood education.

Who is eligible?

Undergraduate, graduate, and low-income employee families are eligible for this scholarship.

How do I apply?

A pdf of the scholarship application can be printed at: http://www.mtu.edu/childcare/application_form.pdf

When is the application due?

A completed application and all required supplemental materials must be received no later than August 1, 2013 for the 2013-2014 academic year. Materials can be sent electronically to Eva-Marie Hatfield: eva-marie.hatfield@gretchenshouse.com.

For more information, please see the Little Huskie’s website: http://www.mtu.edu/childcare/

Improved Services for International Students:

The Graduate School and the Provost have provided additional funding for the International Graduate Teaching Assistant Assistance Program (IGTAAP) and the Multiliteracies Center to provide improved services to international students.

The goal of these services is to improve both the quality of graduate teaching at Michigan Tech and to improve the professional development of our international graduate students.

What’s new?

Beginning in fall 2013, all first-time international Graduate Teaching Assistants and Graduate Teaching Instructors will be asked to attend IGTAAP. Students’ language skills and their cultural competency will be assessed and students will be provided with services on an as-needed basis.

IGTAAP will be administering some new assessments which are more supportive than the old SPEAK-test and mini lesson.

In addition, all international graduate students are now welcome to attend IGTAAP to improve their communication skills.

Where is the Multiliteracies Center?

The Multiliteracies Center is located on the first floor of the Walker Arts and Humanities Center. Their website is: http://www.mtu.edu/humanities/resources/mtmc/

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Where can I go to voice opinions?

As a graduate student, your opinions matter and they can go a long way toward enacting change here at Michigan Tech. There are several organizations you can contact to voice your opinions:

**Graduate Student Government (GSG)**
GSG loves to hear from graduate students — that’s why we’re here! We liaise between graduate students and Michigan Tech administration to solve your problems and to enact positive change. If you have a question, issue, idea, concern, opinion, or just want to say hi, please don’t hesitate to contact us! You can find all of our contact information on the back flap of this brochure or you can contact your department’s GSG representative.

**Student Commission**
Student Commission is a group of students, staff and faculty that work together to enrich the student experience at Michigan Tech. They listen to student concerns and work to implement change. You can submit a question or concern on their website: [http://www.mtu.edu/student-affairs/administration/vp/committees/student-commission/contact.html](http://www.mtu.edu/student-affairs/administration/vp/committees/student-commission/contact.html)

**Apartments’ Residence Council (ARC)**
If you live in Daniell Heights or in Hillside Place and you have concerns or suggestions about your current living situation, please consider attending an ARC meeting. This semester they meet every Monday at 7:15 PM in Hillside Place conference room 117.

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**Upcoming GSG Events**

**Fall Colors Tour**
*Date:* Friday, October 4th, 4:30-8:30 PM  
*Location:* Mont Ripley Ski Hill. Free shuttle rides to Mont Ripley will leave from the MUB starting at 4:30 PM.

**Miner’s Cup Tailgating Event**
*Date:* Saturday, October 12th, 11 AM—1 PM  
*Location:* Sherman Field Parking Lot

**Lunch-n-Learn: Conference Etiquette, Dress, & Networking**
*Date:* Tuesday, October 15th, noon—1 PM  
*Location:* MUB Ballroom A

**Lunch-n-Learn: How to be a Great Graduate Student**
*Date:* Tuesday, November 5th, noon—1 PM  
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Information & Learning Commons

Many students have questions regarding the latest changes to campus computing. To address these questions, Walt Milligan, the Michigan Tech Chief Information Officer, released a report to the campus community via email on September 18th to officially explain these changes. This email may have accidentally been filtered into your email’s spam folder. You can view the official announcement here: http://www.it.mtu.edu/ilc/announcement.php.

Additionally, GSG would love to hear your feedback regarding these changes. If you have further questions or concerns please post them to our blog site: http://gsgmtu.wordpress.com/2013/08/21/feedback-on-changes-to-campus-computing-library/.

Did you Know?

There’s a lot of confusion among students regarding where they can smoke tobacco products. Did you know that simply crossing Cliff Drive to smoke does not count as leaving campus?

You can smoke anywhere that isn’t campus property, including:
• Beyond US-41 to non-campus areas
• Along portions of the bike path not surrounded by campus
• In a personal vehicle such as a car

Please note that only Daniell Heights residents are allowed to smoke outside near the Daniell Heights apartments.

Computing Resources Available to You

MSDN Academic Alliance (MSDNAA)

Michigan Tech students have access to free or significantly discounted software through MSDNAA, software such as multiple versions of Microsoft Windows, Visual Studio, and more. To access the software, please visit: http://www.msdnaa.mtu.edu/ and click on the link for your department.

Papercut Client

Using the Papercut client, you can print to most campus printers from your personal laptop. You can download the Papercut client by clicking on the links on the right hand side of this page: https://www.it.mtu.edu/printing/print-faq.php. Additionally, the above link includes a lot of frequently asked questions regarding printing. Questions 12a and 12b include tutorials for downloading, installing, and using the Papercut client for both Macs and Windows PCs.

Remote Desktop Access

Using a Microsoft Remote Desktop compatible client, you can access the campus computing suite to help you be productive even when you’re away from campus. To find out more information, see: http://blogs.mtu.edu/it/tag/software-services-remote-desktop/. Be sure to click on the “RDP” link at the bottom of the page for detailed instructions.

Please note: Remote access does not currently work for Mac users and IT is working to correct this issue.

Generations of Discovery Results

In 2006, Michigan Tech launched the Generations of Discovery capital campaign with a goal to raise $200 million and this month the official campaign results were announced. Between 2006 and 2013, Michigan Tech raised $215,366,353! That’s more money raised in 7 years than in the previous 25 years. How the money will be spent:
• 31% to department program support & operations
• 27% to research
• 18% to chairs & professorships
• 17% to scholarships & fellowships
• 4% unrestricted
• 3% to facilities
Most of the funds will be spent in the next 10-25 years.

What’s with all the links?

We realize it’s kind of silly to include all of these webpage links in a paper brochure so we try to only include links that are relatively easy to type into a web browser.

Since we know how busy you are, we’ve made accessing our brochure and the linked webpages even easier! We post all of our informational brochures on our website on an entire page full of resources for graduate students! You can access the brochures and more here: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/resources.html
Information for Graduate Students

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Who can participate?
All graduate students are highly encouraged to participate by presenting their research in an oral presentation or creating a poster detailing their research. You can even do both!

Why should I participate?
The GRC is a great opportunity to practice your oral or poster presentations in a friendly environment before you present at a major conference. This practice will also allow you to get valuable feedback that can benefit your research. The GRC is also a great way to network and learn about other research being done on campus. Plus, cash prizes are available for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place speakers in both the poster and oral presentation sessions.

How do I submit an abstract?
We’ve made it even easier for you to participate this year! You can now submit your abstract for both a poster and oral presentation on our online submission form: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/abstract_submission.html.

The submission deadline is Friday, November 22nd, at 11:59 PM.

You can also check out the submission website on your mobile device:

Experience Tech Program
The Experience Tech program began in fall 2008 to encourage Michigan Tech students to get out and experience all that Michigan Tech has to offer. Students pay a fee each fall and spring semester to have access to hockey games, skiing, golf, tennis, intramural sports, Visual & Performing Arts performances, the Outdoor Adventure Program, and more. To find out more about the program, please visit their website: http://www.mtu.edu/student-affairs/interests/experience-tech/.

Spouse/Partner & Dependent Benefits
Do you have a spouse, partner, and/or dependents? If so, did you know that by paying the Experience Tech Fee, they are also eligible for some benefits of the Experience Tech Program? This includes a lot of free services and significant discounts. You can purchase a Spouse/Partner & Dependent Benefit Card from the SDC office for $5 and you can experience Michigan Tech together! You can read about all of the current benefits here: https://www.aux.mtu.edu/techx/Student_Spouse-Dependents.pdf.

New this Year: Family Seating at Hockey Games
Many graduate students with families would like to attend Michigan Tech hockey games and actually sit together which was not always an option in the past. To accommodate the needs of graduate students and their families, graduate students with a spouse, partner, and/or dependents can now choose their seats and pick up hockey tickets ahead of time. All you have to do is talk to the SDC ticket office and explain that you are a graduate student with a family and you would like to pick out your tickets ahead of time. With their Spouse/Partner & Dependent Benefit Card, their tickets only cost $5 each - not full price!

Feedback Encouraged: Experience Tech Program
Do you have an opinion about the Experience Tech Program? If so, we would love to hear from you! With your feedback we can make more informed decisions that affect you. You can submit feedback by either emailing gsg@mtu.edu or if you wish to remain anonymous you can use our anonymous feedback form on our website. To find out about all of the ways you can contact us please see our website: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html

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Information for Counseling & Wellness Services for Students

Graduate school can be a very rewarding and also a very stressful time. If you would like to talk to someone about any concerns or issues you are having such as stress, eating disorders, suicidal ideation, relationship problems, or more, there are free and confidential services available to you right here on campus. Please contact Counseling & Wellness Services by calling 906-487-2538 or you can visit them on the 3rd floor of the Admin Building anytime Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. They also have an after-hours and emergency number: 906-487-2216.

Do you have a concern about a fellow student?

You can report your concern to Michigan Tech’s Early Intervention Team by using an online form: http://www.mtu.edu/tips/. You can choose whether to submit the concern anonymously or not. You can also contact Counseling & Wellness Services (info above), Dr. Deb Charlesworth in the Graduate School (ddc@mtu.edu), or the Dean of Students Office (deanofstudents@mtu.edu).

Alumni - Student Networking Program

Did you know that as soon as you successfully complete one semester at Michigan Tech you are already a Michigan Tech alumnus/a? It’s true - and there are a lot of benefits you can take advantage of now while you’re still at Michigan Tech! The Alumni - Student Networking Program allows you to network with Michigan Tech Alumni to ask questions, see where your degree can take you, receive advice on looking for work after graduation, and to receive support and encouragement. There are also prizes each week for the most active participant! To find out more, please visit: http://www.mtu.edu/alumni/connect/networking/

Michigan Tech Patent & Trademark Resource Center

The Michigan Tech Library is now a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC). The PTRC will offer seminars to the campus community and access to robust patent-searching databases only available at PTRCs. They can even point you in the right direction if you would like to patent something. To find out more information, please contact Sarah Lucchesi in the Library (slucches@mtu.edu).

Graduate Students

Lunch-n-Learn Videos Online

Graduate students are very busy and sometimes you are unable to attend our Lunch-n-Learn events. To help you out we will be digitally recording our Lunch-n-Learn events this year and they will be available on our website for the entire campus community to access. You can watch our latest Lunch-n-Learn, Conference Etiquette: Dress & Networking, on our website: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/lunch_learn.html.

What are the benefits to attending a Lunch-n-Learn in person?

If you attend one of our Lunch-n-Learn events in person you have a great opportunity to network with graduate students from across campus, you can ask questions of our presenters, plus you get a free catered lunch.

General Parking Lot 30A Changes

Effective Jan. 1, general parking lot 30A, which is located behind the facilities building and heating plant, will become a faculty/staff-only parking lot. The lot is within the core campus parking area and has become very popular, resulting in ongoing parking issues. Vehicles are parking in a manner which obstructs access for central receiving deliveries and are overflowing outside of lot constraints into the Husky Motor rental vehicle lot. Those who have purchased a general pass may park in lots 23, 24 and 95. Graduate students may also choose to purchase a $100 parking pass which will also allow them to park in lots 5, 26, 29, 32, and 34.

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Information for Michigan Tech Directory: What Info About You is Publicly Available?

After the re-design of the Michigan Tech website, more of your information may be available from the Michigan Tech homepage although this info was previously only available in the Michigan Tech directory. This info can include your name, email address, personal cell phone number, local address, and more. However, the default public info displayed tends to be dependent upon your student status and when you first came to Michigan Tech.

Try it out: Search for yourself or one of your friends from the Michigan Tech homepage. Does your info show up in the “People Search” column on the right side of the search dialogue page? If so, there are steps you can take to restrict the information that is publicly available, if you choose to do so.

While this does not constitute a FERPA violation, many people find it really creepy, especially since they had no idea their information was available in this way. GSG is concerned for the current default directory settings as this can have significant implications for student safety and privacy. Therefore, GSG is working with the University to try to make the system an opt-in system rather than the current opt-out system or to set a standard to restrict the amount of info that is available with the default settings.

What can I do to restrict the info that is publicly available?

1. Go to: https://www.mtu.edu/mtuldapweb/web_lookup/
2. Click on “Login” in the left panel and enter your Michigan Tech ISO information.
3. Click on “My Privacy Settings” in the left panel. From here you can change what information is available to the public, to on-campus individuals, to authenticated individuals who have logged in to the system, or to make the info unavailable to everyone.
4. Once you have finished changing your settings, be sure to click “Update Configuration” and log out.

If you have any opinions or feedback regarding this issue, please don’t hesitate to contact us! All of our contact info is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Reminder: Travel Grant Deadline

Don’t forget to submit your application for a GSG Travel Grant before the deadline: Friday, February 21st, at 5PM! GSG Travel grants assist with costs associated with attending or presenting graduate research at a conference. Provost Seel has funded an additional $7,000 in travel grants this semester so please be sure to thank him when you see him on campus!

You can apply online here: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/travel_grants_application.html

Campus Computing Updates from IT

Check out http://www.it.mtu.edu/downloads, IT’s new website for students, faculty, and staff to download educational software for use on personal computers.

You can anonymously submit any ideas or suggestions for the new wireless lounges on campus via this Google form: http://goo.gl/hMOF48.

The new Husky-BW/Color printers have stapling and three-hole punch capabilities, which you can select in the print dialog box before sending your print job. More information can be found at: http://www.it.mtu.edu/printing.

Connect with IT and share your thoughts on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/MichiganTechIT) or Twitter (http://www.twitter.com/MichiganTechIT or search for #MichiganTechIT) for the latest IT news and updates.

Campus Computing Open Forum with IT

GSG will host an on campus open forum with IT to discuss University computing. This is your chance to ask any questions, voice concerns, and get help with some of your computing issues.

The event will be held Thursday, February 27th, from 5 to 6:55PM in Dow 642.

You can submit questions in advance by emailing gsg@mtu.edu or by using our anonymous contact form: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html.

Open questions and feedback are also highly encouraged during the event. This event is also co-sponsored by Undergraduate Student Government.
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Please mark your calendars for the following opportunities to learn about graduate research happening across campus:

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### Graduate Students

**GRC Merit Awards**

As part of the Graduate Research Colloquium, GSG awards individuals from across campus who have been outstanding scholars, leaders, and mentors. If you see the following individuals across campus, please be sure to congratulate them!

**Exceptional Student Scholar:** Ranjeeth Naik  
*PhD Candidate - Mechanical Engineering—Engineering Mechanics*

**Exceptional Student Leader:** Patrick Belling  
*PhD Candidate - Cognitive & Learning Sciences*

**Exceptional Graduate Mentor:** Dr. Stephen Kampe  
*Professor & Department Chair - Materials Science & Engineering*

**Graduate Student Service Awards**

GSG would also like to thank and congratulate the following recipients of the Graduate Student Service Award who have exhibited outstanding contributions to graduate education. The recipients are:

- Huanxin (Jessie) Zhang  
  *PhD Candidate - Geological & Mining Engineering & Sciences*

- Saagar Vijayaragavan  
  *PhD Candidate - Chemical Engineering*

- Andrew Baker  
  *PhD Candidate - Materials Science & Engineering*

**For More Information**

Please visit our newly re-designed website for more information about GSG: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu

Additional information about important new policies and events can be found on our blog: http://gsgmtu.wordpress.com/

You can email us directly: gsg@mtu.edu

You can also find us on Facebook!
On Your Radar: Info to Expect this Summer

The fact is that a lot of information at Michigan Tech doesn’t become officially finalized until sometime during the summer. There are two main reasons for this:

1. A lot of decisions are made at the last Board of Control meeting of the academic year. This meeting is typically held the last day of finals week during the spring semester, (this year: May 2nd)

2. Michigan Tech’s budget for the following year isn’t officially approved until approximately July. This means that a lot of departments across campus aren’t 100% sure what their budget will be for an academic year until sometime during the summer.

Given this, there is definitely some information that you should expect to hear about this summer:

Graduate Tuition Levels

Vice-President for Research Dave Reed has informed GSG that graduate tuition levels for 2014-2015 will likely increase by 4%. If approved, these tuition increases will help to cover additional financial aid for unsupported graduate students, new faculty positions across campus to teach graduate-level courses, establish a Statistical Consulting Center, and to maintain shared research facilities across campus that graduate students use.

Graduate Stipend Levels for Supported Students

Graduate stipend levels are anticipated to increase at the same rate as graduate tuition this year. This means a 4% raise in minimum graduate stipend levels. Watch for notices about graduate tuition as this will tell you about increases to graduate stipends.

Experience Tech Fee Changes

The Experience Tech Program has been evaluated over the past academic year. As part of this evaluation, it became very clear that graduate students are not utilizing the current program offerings to the same extent as undergraduate students. Therefore, the University is proposing to the Board of Control that a differential Experience Tech Fee be implemented: $74 per semester for graduate students and $90 per semester for undergraduate students during the fall and spring semesters only. Even though there will be a differential rate, both graduate and undergraduate students will have the same benefits and the same access to all of the available services.

This will provide additional funding to help support improvements to these programs and will include spouse/partner & dependent benefits. They are also recommending the addition of the Michigan Tech Trails and the Rozsa Center’s presenting series to be added to the program. The current cost for the program is $69/semester for both graduate and undergraduate students.

International Student Surcharge Fee Changes

Michigan Tech administrators are currently considering a $50 increase per semester to the International Student Surcharge Fee. This would bring the total amount per semester up to $200, paid only during the fall and spring semesters. No fee will be paid during the summer semester. This fee helps to support programs and services used specifically by international students at Michigan Tech to help maintain compliance with federal reporting requirements, to improve English as a Second Language services, and to maintain and improve International Programs and Services.

Graduate Student Health Insurance

The Affordable Care Act has resulted in changes that will affect our graduate student health insurance rates. The cost for graduate student health insurance for the coming year is currently unknown while Michigan Tech explores all options to provide high quality, affordable health insurance to students. GSG has voiced graduate student concerns regarding cost and the desire for dental coverage but these may be incompatible requests.

Updates in Daniell Heights

Earlier this semester the Board of Control decided not to enter into a lease-operating agreement with Julien Properties for the renovation of Daniell Heights. Vice-President for Administration Ellen Horsch informed GSG that updating Daniell Heights is a very high priority for the Michigan Tech Executive Team and Board of Control. You should expect to hear more about these changes after the May Board of Control meeting and further into the summer after the University’s finances are finalized.
Information for

On-Campus Jobs for Students

There are many opportunities for on-campus employment for graduate students at Michigan Tech. One important thing to keep in mind is that there are a finite number of available jobs on campus and as our student population increases, there will be a lot more competition for these jobs.

What do I need to know about getting an on-campus job?

1. Apply to a job on Husky Jobs: http://www.mtu.edu/career/students/huskyjobs/.
2. Apply only once—duplicate submissions may be deleted.
3. There is no need to stop by a hiring office to try to talk to admin about getting a job—you will just be directed to Husky Jobs.
4. Michigan Tech students are given priority over other candidates.
5. Students with experience are given priority over students with little/no experience.
6. Don’t be discouraged if you don’t get a job right away. There’s a lot of turnover and most students get hired at some point during their time at Michigan Tech.

For more information, check out our GSG blog post about on-campus employment: http://gsgmtu.wordpress.com/2014/04/10/on-campus-employment-opportunities-for-grad-students/.

Co-Ops & Internships for International Graduate Students:

Do you still have questions or concerns about taking a co-op versus an internship as an international student? GSG met with administrators from across campus to discuss this issue. One important thing to realize is that international students still have the ability to take an internship and this policy does not discriminate.

For more information, check out our GSG blog post about this situation: http://gsgmtu.wordpress.com/2014/04/10/co-ops-internships-for-international-students-at-michigan-tech/.

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Local Transit Options Available for the Michigan Tech Community

Did you know that Michigan Tech and the City of Houghton have collaborated to offer students, faculty and staff free-of-charge transit around the Michigan Tech campus and Houghton? There are three shuttles:

1. Michigan Tech morning shuttle: (Contracted to the City of Houghton) Offers transit around campus.
2. Michigan Tech afternoon shuttle: (contracted to the City of Houghton) Offers transit between campus, downtown Houghton, and shopping areas on the hill.
3. Husky Motors van: (Run by Michigan Tech Transportation Services): Offers transit around campus in the afternoon and to Mont Ripley during ski season.

Visit the Transportation Services website for a complete schedule and map of these three routes: http://www.mtu.edu/facilities/parking/campus-maps/Shuttle20Service.pdf.

Need to get somewhere after the transit has stopped running? Michigan Tech Transportation Services also offers a zipcar service that can be accessed 24/7. More information on how to use this service can be found at: http://www.zipcar.com/michigantech. The City of Houghton also operates their “Downtowner” route for the community: http://www.cityofhoughton.com/info-transit.php. Both Houghton and Hancock (http://www.cityofhancock.com/info-transit.php), also operate on-demand service buses from 7am-5pm on weekdays.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to suggest improvements to the current transit system, please email the Director of Transportation Services, Angela (Angie) Kolehmainen (amkolehm@mtu.edu).

Reduced Library Hours May 2nd-11th

The library will have reduced hours during graduation and until Track A officially starts. The affected dates and associated hours are: **May 2nd - 11th: 8AM to 8PM**. The Opie Reading Room and East Reading Room will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for faculty, staff, and students with a valid HuskyCard ID.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the library via email at: library@mtu.edu.
Information for

Upcoming GSG Events:

**Student Health & Health Insurance Open Forum: April 17th, 11AM to Noon, MEEM 112**

This event will be a panel discussion with 8 health and health insurance specialists from the Houghton area. Topics of discussion include Aetna student health insurance, health facilities available to students, and student/family health and wellness. This is a great opportunity to get answers to all of your health-related questions! You can submit questions to GSG in advance by emailing gsg@mtu.edu, you can use our anonymous contact form: [http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html](http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html), or you can submit them on our Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/GraduateStudentGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/GraduateStudentGovernment). Questions will also be welcome during the forum.

**Spring Fever Social & FREE Tennis Lessons: April 19th Noon to 3PM, SDC Wood Gym**

Join GSG for one of our last social of the spring semester as we get out and do some great activities to beat the spring fever blues! FREE tennis lessons will be provided by one of the best instructors the Gates Tennis Center has to offer! All tennis equipment will be provided by GSG. Sign up anytime between now and 1PM April 17th in the Graduate School’s main office but hurry—there are limited spots available for lessons. This event will also feature basketball, volleyball, indoor rock climbing courtesy of Ridge Roamers, jump rope, double dutch, and a hula hoop contest. This event is free for all graduate students and is very family friendly!

**GSG Lunch-n-Learn: What can I do with my graduate degree? April 21st Noon to 1 PM, MUB Ballroom**

Join GSG for our last Lunch-n-Learn of the spring semester which will be a panel discussion with panelists that chose very different career paths with their graduate degree. For instance, careers in law, government and politics, academia, post-doc positions, university administration, and industry will all be represented on this panel. Students should come to get their questions answered and diversify their expectations of life after graduate school. As always, a free catered lunch will be provided and no RSVP is necessary.

If you have questions about any of these GSG events, please don’t hesitate to contact us via email at: gsg@mtu.edu.

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**Campus Computing Updates from Information Technology (IT)**

Microsoft Office 365 is now available for currently enrolled students to download free of charge at: [http://it.mtu.edu/downloads](http://it.mtu.edu/downloads).

The final IT Student Outreach Forum for the semester will be held on April 22, 2014 from 6 to 8PM in the MUB Alumni Lounge. Food will be served and a door prize drawing will be held. RSVP to their Facebook event page or at it-help@mtu.edu.

You can continue to anonymously leave feedback on Michigan Tech IT services via their online, anonymous feedback form at: [http://goo.gl/hMOF48](http://goo.gl/hMOF48).

Where’s Chris? Every Wednesday from 2 to 4PM, IT intern Chris Cena will be hanging out at a different location on campus, available to take your comments and concerns directly to IT Management. His location will be posted on IT’s Facebook page at: [http://www.facebook.com/MichiganTechIT](http://www.facebook.com/MichiganTechIT).

Connect with IT and share your thoughts on Facebook ([http://www.facebook.com/MichiganTechIT](http://www.facebook.com/MichiganTechIT)) or Twitter ([http://www.twitter.com/MichiganTechIT](http://www.twitter.com/MichiganTechIT) or search for #MichiganTechIT) for the latest IT news and updates.

**GSG Summer Softball League**

Will you be in Houghton this summer and looking for something fun to do? Consider being part of the GSG Summer Softball League—teams are forming now! This league is completely free of charge for all Michigan Tech students, both graduate and undergraduate. You do need to provide your own softball glove, however. Softball gloves can be purchased locally at Walmart, Shopko, and Dunham’s Sports.

The first manager’s meeting will be held Monday, May 5th, at 6PM in Admin 404. Meeting attendance is required for all softball team managers unless prior notice is given to the Softball Coordinator.

If you have any questions or concerns about the GSG Summer Softball League, please don’t hesitate to contact our Coordinator, Wesley McGowan, at owmcgowa@mtu.edu. For more info, check out our website: [http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/softball.html](http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/softball.html).
Information for Center for Teaching & Learning Services for Grad Students

The William G. Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning works to continuously improve teaching and learning at all instructional levels at Michigan Tech. They focus on training, support, and consultation for instructional techniques and education technologies and highlight and recognize outstanding instructional contributions. The great news for students is that all of their services are available for graduate students free of charge.

In addition to assistance with Canvas course design and curriculum assistance development, the Center for Teaching & Learning also offers many University Teaching and Learning (UTL) seminars. These UTLs feature pedagogical instruction, technical workshops, and practice in order to support the professional development of instructors, including graduate-level instructors, at Michigan Tech. Some topics include: instructional basics, grading, best practices for using Canvas and the iClicker Response System, your teaching portfolio, and more. These UTLs are free for students to participate in.

While you do get a certificate for completing a UTL, this certificate does not count as an official teaching certificate. Official teaching certificates may be explored by the Center for Teaching & Learning at a later date.

They also have special events and workshops planned throughout the year. These events are similar to the GSG Lunch-n-Learn events and often include a free lunch.

Be sure to check out their website for more information: http://www.mtu.edu/ctl/. Not only does this website give you information about upcoming events but it also provides a lot of resources related to instruction and instructional policy here at Michigan Tech.

Remember to Submit Reimbursement Forms for GSG Travel Grants

If you were awarded a GSG travel grant between May 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014, don’t forget to submit your reimbursement forms! All of the reimbursement materials must be turned in to GSG no later than May 30, 2014. You can find out all about the reimbursement process on our website: http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/travel_grants_reimbursement.html.

Graduate School Communications Assistance Program (GS-CAP)

The GS-CAP provides written and oral communication support to both domestic and international graduate students. This program was developed in 2011 in response to graduate student feedback expressing interest in more personal, one-on-one assistance with communications.

The program offers individual and group tutoring in the following areas:

- Writing Assistance: Revising, editing, and proofreading your documents. They will completely format your thesis for you, if you would like!
- Public Speaking: They’ll help you prepare for a big presentation such as an oral defense or conference presentation.
- Improving Communication Skills: This portion of the program can help you to improve all areas of communication including listening, speaking, and pronunciation skills. These lessons are typically for those whose first language is not English.

There is a cost associated with this program. The cost is $30 per hour for these services although group workshops may be cheaper on an individual basis. You will always receive a cost estimate up front so you won’t be surprised by the final cost.

For more information about the program, check out the GS-CAP website: http://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/administration/academics/resources/GS-CAP/ or contact the coordinator, Harriet King at hcking@mtu.edu.

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