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**Gies College
of Business**

Master of Science in Technology Management



We are so excited for your arrival in August to begin your journey at Gies College of Business with our MSTM orientation! As a reminder, the MSTM orientation is a 2-week onboarding experience where you and your new classmates will get to attend professional development workshops, career training, business fundamentals along with teambuilding activities and social events. While the first week of orientation (starting August 8) is optional, we strongly encourage you to attend as there will be many sessions you won't want to miss. The 2nd week of orientation (beginning the morning of August 15) is mandatory, and it is expected that MSTM students attend. Stay tuned for more information about orientation activities in the coming weeks as we know that many of you are already making your travel and housing plans.

Since many of the on-campus housing options in Champaign-Urbana (whether a private apartment or University Housing) don't offer move-in dates until closer to the first day of classes, we want to let you know about an affordable option available to you for a portion of the MSTM orientation timeframe. See details below:

Pre-Arrival Interim Housing Option via University Housing:

- Cost: \$40 per night/per person
 - Charged directly to your student account, where tuition and fees are billed.
- Dates available: Any date range between August 1, 2022 and August 14, 2022.
 - Latest available checkout is on Sunday morning, August 14, at 8:00am.
- Location: [Illinois Street Residence Hall \(ISR\)](#)
- Room type: Double occupancy dorm room (2 separate beds in 1 room)
 - Single (individual) rooms are not available.
 - Rooms include pillow, mattress, blanket, towels, washcloths and linens laid on bed. For stays longer than 7 days, weekly linen exchange. Towels are exchanged at the front desk.
- Roommate matching process will be determined via the University Housing and MSTM program staff and the information provided on the registration form.
- If you have a Fall contract with University Housing, you can check into your Fall residence hall on Sunday, August 14, after checking out of the interim-housing arrangement. [For more information on this arrangement, please click here.](#)

Interested in signing up for this option? [Click here to complete the registration form and reserve your spot.](#)

Other short term options to consider during MSTM orientation:

- **Short Stay Options at Orchard Downs South- Urbana (University Housing)**
1841 Orchard Place, Urbana, IL 61801
 - 2 Bedroom Furnished Apartment
 - Ability to do separate leases for each student for one unit (i.e. if students stay together in one apartment).
 - Orchard South apartments are two-bedroom furnished apartments with one bathroom. The apartment includes kitchen appliances, bedding, pillows, bath towels. All utilities, high speed internet, standard cable channels, water, trash, and on-site parking are included in the rental fee. All vehicles must be registered at check-in. Most units do not have air-conditioning.
 - Minimum one month stay.
 - \$940/month for Summer 2022.
 - Call the Family & Graduate Housing Office at 217-333-5656 or email apartments@illinois.edu to learn more. [Click here to apply for a short stay and check availability.](#)
 - Estimated 13 minutes travel time on a bus to campus.

Local hotel options:

- **iHotel & Conference Center- Champaign**
1900 South First St. Champaign, IL 61820
 - Estimated 10 minutes travel time on a bus to campus.
- **Holiday Inn Express- Urbana**
1003 W. Killarney St. Urbana, IL 61801
 - Estimated 35 minutes travel time on a bus to campus.
- **Home2Suites by Hilton- Champaign**
2013 S Neil St. Champaign, IL 61820
 - Estimated 20 minutes travel time on a bus to campus.
- **Holiday Inn- Champaign**
101 Trade Center Dr. Champaign, IL 61820
 - Estimated 15 minutes travel time on a bus to campus.
- **Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center- Urbana**
1907 N Cunningham Ave, Urbana, IL 61802

- Estimated 35 minutes travel time on a bus to campus.

Important Considerations

- Network and meet your classmates now! Even if you can only talk or meet virtually, pairing up can make the cost significantly cheaper if you are willing to stay with someone else. [Join the MSTM WhatsApp group to network and find roommates!](#)
- If you have already signed a lease to live in an apartment, check to see if you can arrange to move in early with your landlord. Ask questions, sometimes landlords might be more flexible if you offer to pay an early move in fee.
- Check Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace or other online websites for students that are subleasing their apartment for the summer. Many of them may be willing to make a short-term deal with you to use their space.

Transportation Tips

Majority of the MSTM orientation activities will take place near the Gies College of Business.

Gies College of Business address:

1206 S. 6th Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Looking for transportation around town? Won't have a car with you?

- Ask the hotels about any free shuttle options to campus and the details about shuttle times and dates. Many might have a shuttle option that is convenient to take you right to campus each day and pick you up.
- Champaign-Urbana is a very bike-friendly community and it's easy to get around with a bicycle just about anywhere.
- Check into the [CU Mass Transit District \(MTD\)](#)—this is the bus system available to all students free of charge! *Estimated travel times to campus listed with living options*

Sincerely,

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Mark Your Calendar

June 1: Start accessing the Career Management Foundations course. Review checklist for more details.

Early June: "Get Ready for Gies" Virtual Event Series begins and will help orient you to campus life in a fun and informative way. More details to come.

Week of August 8: One-week optional in-person orientation activities. This will be a great opportunity to get to know your cohort! More information to come. *Make sure to look into housing now to ensure move in before this date.*

Week of August 15: One-week in-person **mandatory** orientation begins. It is expected that all MSTM students arrive by August 15 in order to attend.

August 22: First day of classes



Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the program, please email Melinda Febus at febus1@illinois.edu.

If you have any questions for our Career Services Team, please submit them [HERE](#).



Things To Do

Complete New Graduate Student Checklist
Claim your NetID
Join the MSTM WhatsApp Group



Important Links

International Student and Scholar Services
University Financial Aid
Housing: On campus/Off Campus
Current COVID policies
[Gies MSTM Welcome Website - Miss an email? Find it here!](#)



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