MPulse Policies, Standards & Expectations

The Standards and Policies outlined below are in place to build a safe, rich MPulse community where students can immerse themselves in a unique learning and living environment.

General Program Policies
Students are required to remain on campus, or with planned MPulse off-campus activities, and to participate fully in the MPulse program throughout the entire session until the completion of the final presentation. In keeping with our commitment to building a safe community, all students (including those from the Ann Arbor area) are residential, cannot be signed out to leave campus during their session, and cannot make arrangements to visit on- or off-campus with family or friends. Family and friends are welcome to attend student recitals, and mid-session and final presentations. Exception: Due to space limitations, the final Saturday events for the Musical Theatre Workshop and Dance Institute are only open to your parents/guardians and siblings who are on campus for check-out. We cannot accommodate friends or extended family.

Students may not possess or use tobacco, alcoholic beverages, unauthorized drugs, lighters, matches, candles, or incense. MPulse reserves the right to send students home who fail to conform to the regulations, or exhibit behavior which is improper, disruptive, or counterproductive to the educational and recreational purposes of the MPulse experience. In this event, fees will NOT be refunded. Parents will be held responsible for any charges incurred by the student with regard to lost keys; damage to room, furnishings, and common areas; and rooms left unclean.

The University of Michigan cannot accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property. Parents may wish to insure such items (e.g. instruments) on an individual basis. Clearly label all items with the student’s name.

Standards & Expectations

Class Standards:
• Attendance at all classes and activities is required, unless prevented by illness or injury. Attendance is taken at every class, meal and event.
• Approach all classes with an open attitude and a willingness to learn new things.
• Appropriate dress, as requested by MPulse Staff and Faculty, is required (see Dress Code).
• In a group learning experience, feedback for one student is feedback for all members of the class. Listen to all feedback and take it in, as if for yourself.
• Do not bring food or drinks (except water bottles) to rehearsals and do not place any liquids or objects on the pianos.
• Clean up after yourselves in classroom buildings and in the residence halls.
• Keep your valuables with you. The University of Michigan assumes no responsibility for stolen or damaged personal property.
• Instruments are to be stored in lockers provided to students. DO NOT leave instruments or music in classrooms, or in dormitory rooms.
• Dance Institute students must have their hair pulled back securely from their faces.

Conduct in Residence Halls:
• Comply with all of the Residence Hall Standards (Pages 12-13).
• Remain within designated areas of the residence hall as specified by Residence Life Staff.
• You are not allowed on opposite gender residence hall wings and/or hallways.
• If there is anyone you don't know in the hallway, report him or her to your counselor immediately.
• Always close and lock your door when leaving your room, even if for a minute.
• All meals will be eaten together. Attendance is taken at every meal.
• You should be in your residence hall room by 10:00 PM, with lights out no later than 10:30 PM, unless extended curfew hours are announced.

Conduct on Campus:
• Listen to all authority figures within the residence hall facilities and at classes/rehearsals and all events or activities (all counselors, faculty, staff, directors, managers, Campus Police, etc...)
• You may not possess, distribute, or consume alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco products at any time.
• There should be no excessive noise, rowdiness, or public displays of affection in the residence halls or elsewhere.
• You must participate fully in all MPulse activities and you may not leave campus (except for planned MPulse off-campus events).
• When in the dormitory, out at an activity, or walking to/from classes and meals, follow the directions of the counseling staff.
• Respect other people’s space, possessions, and person.
• Refrain from all use of cell phones. Hand in electronic devices on the first day.
• Computers and laptops should be left at home. Because of the full daily schedule for all sessions, you will not be able to work on high school and/or online courses while at MPulse.

Illness and/or Injury
If you are injured or ill and cannot attend class, your parents will be notified. If ill or injured, you will be taken to the University Health Service or the U-M Hospital Emergency Room by an MPulse staff member and the U-M Department of Public Safety. If your illness prevents you from attending class, you will stay in your residence hall room with the counselor in attendance. If possible, you should observe classes until your strength/health is regained.

Dress Code
Please dress appropriately for the weather and the facilities. Rehearsal and classroom spaces are air-conditioned; residence halls are not.

MPulse does not have a uniform. Suggested clothing items to bring include jeans, shorts, shirts, slacks, underwear, socks, pajamas, raincoat and/or umbrella, warm jacket, sweater(s), bathing suit and towel, comfortable walking shoes, sandals, dress shoes and tennis shoes.

DO NOT BRING OR WEAR:
• Strapless or backless halter tops
• Too-short shorts/skirts
• Clothing with Inappropriate logos (alcohol, tobacco, drugs, inappropriate language, etc...)
• Hats or sunglasses (indoors)
• Bandanas
• Tight/revealing clothes
• Sagging pants
• Inappropriate headgear

Participants may be asked to change and/or adjust their attire if deemed inappropriate at any time.

All MPulse students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the University of Michigan and MPulse. Any student found in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be immediately expelled from the program. Participants who endanger themselves or others, or who continue to commit violations after having been warned, will be sent home. Please see “Disciplinary Policy” for more information.