

Quick Facts: **Lifelong Education and Additional Majors**

What is Lifelong Education?

Students may attend Michigan State University as Lifelong Undergraduate or Lifelong Graduate students. The purpose of Lifelong Education status is to permit access to MSU courses for persons not wishing to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree. Students must complete a Lifelong Education Application through the Registrar's Office to take courses at MSU.

How does Lifelong status affect financial aid?

Since financial aid is awarded only to students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, or a teaching, agricultural, or veterinary technician certificate, lifelong students are NOT eligible for any federal, state, or MSU financial aid.

Students in Lifelong status may be eligible for private student loans if they meet enrollment minimums and either are creditworthy themselves or have a creditworthy cosigner, according to the requirements of the lending institution.

What are additional majors?

Some students elect to receive their degree at the completion of their first program of study, and subsequently add an additional major to the degree that has already been received. This is NOT the same as pursuing a second degree.

Again, because the student is not in a degree program, the student is not eligible for financial aid other than private student loans.

For more information on private student loans:

<https://finaid.msu.edu/altloans.asp>

What if I am doing preparatory coursework (taking prerequisite courses) prior to admission?

Some students are required to take and pass certain courses as a condition of admission to a degree program. Depending upon the conditions imposed by the academic advisor, students may or may not be eligible for limited aid on an exception basis. See <http://www.finaid.msu.edu/prepwork.asp> for details.

What if I am subsequently accepted into a degree program?

Students may apply for and receive financial aid as of their term of admission into a degree-granting program. Aid will be processed as soon as the admission to the degree program is entered in the Student Information System.