International Center

Shopping
An Insider’s Guide

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We’re right here! Ann Arbor!!
In Ann Arbor, you could do . . .
SHOPPING
Notecard Exercise

Please write on your note card:

• What do you hope to gain from this workshop?
• What are 3 things you need to shop for?
• What are your favorite foods?
Workshop Outline

- Winter Clothes
- Furniture & Household Items
- Food
- Textbooks
- Tax & Tips
Please stay warm this winter!

- 2013-14 winter was snowiest in A2 history (more than 2.3m)
- February 2015 temps (in °C):
  - Highs btw -14° and 6°
  - Lows btw -26° and -2°
Shop smart for winter

A thick jacket covers down to hips; covers ears & head.

An overcoat covers down to knees.

Layer Up!
Leggings, Tights, Long Johns, Undershirt

Material: Wool/Leather/Fleece/Cashmere

Accessories: Hat, Gloves, Scarf, Earmuffs

Boots for walking in snow.
Soles have treads for additional traction.
Shoe is sealed to prevent snow & water from leaking in.
Ask Us!

Brands We Love
Christie: Uniqlo has (almost) everything!
And their heattech kept me alive during the
crazy winters

John: Real Irish in Arbor Hills shopping ctr:
winter hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters, etc.

Insider's Tips
Christie: Outlet malls are a good place to
get reasonably priced winter wear. If you
don't have a car, take advantage of IC trips.

John: Buy in off-season to maximize value
Furniture & Household Items

**Basics:**
- Ikea -- look out for our IC Ikea trip!
- Meijer; Target
- And more! Visit [http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/life/shopping.html](http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/life/shopping.html) for a complete list!

*Most of these have online stores that offer delivery. You don't actually have to go there!*

**Very Budget-Friendly**
- Salvation Army (2nd Hand)
- U of M Property Disposition (Used university furniture)

**Our Personal Favorites/Insider’s Tips**
- Christie: Amazon.com
- John: Cookware at Ace Hardware on Stadium Blvd.
Buy the foods you love

Most students go to:
- Kroger!
- Meijer
- Trader Joe's

Craving foods from home?
- **Chinese**: Way 1, Hua Xing, Tsai Grocery
- **Japanese**: Tsai Grocery
- **Korean**: Galleria, Manna
- **Indian**: Bombay Grocers, Foods of India
- **Mexican**: Tienda La Libertad
- **Middle Eastern**: Aladdin Market, Jerusalem International Market
- **Russian/Eastern European**: Euro Market

Insider's Tips
- **Christie**: Buy in bulk from Costco; Buy something unique from Whole Foods; Buy the rest from Kroger/Meijer
  Also explore! Visit a new supermarket every week!
- **John**: Join us for Kerrytown tour! Ann Arbor Farmer’s Market, Zingerman's, Sparrow meat market & Monahan’s fish market
Textbooks

Know your textbooks:
- Class Syllabus; Course Guide; Ulrich’s Website

Other type of textbooks:
- Coursepacks: Dollar Bill Copying (611 Church St)

Your options:
- Buy new/used
- Rent new/used
- Buy Kindle/online version

Know where to get/sell textbooks:
- Online:
  - Search for the best price with textbook search engines: Bookfinder.com; Bigwords.com; AffordaBook.com
  - Amazon (sell & rent): Student prime 6 months’ free trial (free shipping)**
  - Maize Market (https://www.facebook.com/groups/umaizemarket/?fref=ts)
- Student Book Exchange (Start of semester at Michigan Union)
- Barnes & Noble (Michigan Union); Ulrich’s (E University Ave.)
- Photocopy/Borrow from Library
Tax & Tips

Michigan sales tax is 6%

Return policies and warranties

Do I tip? How much?

Ways to pay (cash, check, card...)

Prezi
Gift ideas

M Den
*U-M clothes, gifts*

Ann Arbor Art Fair (in July)
*Handmade arts and crafts*

Zingerman's
*Unique fancy foods*

Cherry Republic
*Various foods made from MI cherries*

Shinola
*Made-in-Detroit bikes, watches, journals...*
Save These Dates!

Ann Arbor Art Fair - mid July

Labor Day - early September

Black Friday - Friday after Thanksgiving

Cyber Monday - Monday after Thanksgiving

After Christmas Sales
Remember to check out

Additional resources

- IC summer orientation workshops, trips
- IC website > Life in Ann Arbor
- IC Peer Advisor blog (umichiss.blogspot.com)
- Campus Info Center (umich.edu/~info)
HAVE FUN SHOPPING!