Shopping: An Insider’s Guide

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WELCOME TO ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN!
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“Monday: nothing a bit of shopping can’t fix.”

Whoever said that money can’t buy happiness, simply didn’t know where to go shopping.

—Bo Derek

Sweating while you shop counts as exercise.

If you can’t stop thinking about it... buy it.

Shopping is cheaper than a psychiatrist.
What do you have in mind?

Please write down:

➢ What do you hope to gain from this workshop?
➢ Your favorite food(s)?
➢ What is the best steal/discount/sale you’ve ever gotten?
Shopping Workshop Outline

1. Groceries
2. Eating Out
3. Clothing
4. Books
5. Furnitures and Home Appliances
6. Sales Tax, Returns, and Tipping
7. Additional Resources
Groceries

Places to go:

Miss the tastes of home? Get your traditional food products from:

Chinese: Way 1, Hua Xing
Indian: Bombay Grocers, Patel Brothers
Korean: Galleria Asian Market
Japanese: Tsai Grocery
Middle Eastern: Jerusalem Market, Aladdin’s Market
Mexican: Dos Hermanos Market

Natural/Organic: Whole Foods, Plum Market, Lucky’s Market

Good to know:
Download the Mobile Apps (e.g. Walmart, Meijer, Kroger, Target) to compare prices and collect shopping points for groceries. Also, join the Kerrytown Tour and visit the Ann Arbor Farmer’s Market!
Eating Out

Lunch Deals near Central Campus:

Sadako, China Gate, Ayaka, One Bowl, Totoro, Tianchu, TKWU
New York Pizza Depot - 4 - 10pm daily $10 pizza buffet
Cantina Taqueria & Bar - Tuesdays - $2.50 tacos all day
Madras Masala, Taste of India Suva/Raja Rani lunch buffets
Pizza House
Brown Jug
Ashley's - Mondays, $5 burgers; Good Time Charley’s - $4 burger/fries/pop, Thursdays, 5 - 10pm
Buffalo Wild Wings - Tuesdays half off traditional wings, Mondays & Thursdays 70 cent boneless wings
Bubble Island - $2.50 tea and coffee before 1pm
Eating Out

Deals near North Campus:
Rappourt Brew & Chew, $2 off starters 2 - 6pm
Evergreen lunch specials

Others:
Ann Arbor Restaurant Weeks - January and June - Fine dining at lower costs
Explore downtown and Kerrytown: Mark’s Carts, Zingerman’s Deli, Miss Kim, Vinology, Frita Batidos are a few favorites

Good to know:
Get discounts and coupon deals by installing the App: Hooked!
Yelp is a great reference for restaurant and business reviews
Great birthday deals: https://localwiki.org/ann-arbor/Birthday_Deals
Central Campus Eats - South University

**American**: Mighty Good Coffee, Maize and Blue Delicatessen, Subway, Starbucks, Brown Jug, Jimmy John’s, 7-11 (snacks only), Amer’s, The Blue Leprechaun, Espresso Royale, Pizza House, Ray’s Red Hots, Revive, Bert’s Cafe

**Canadian**: Smoke’s Poutinerie

**Chinese**: China Gate*

**Dessert**: Insomnia Cookie, Sweeting*

**Irish**: The Blue Leprechaun (Irish pub although much of menu can be considered American)

**Japanese**: Ayaka, Sadako

**Korean**: Kang’s Korean, Rich J.C. Korean, University Cafe

**Mexican**: Pancheros Mexican Grill

**Pan-Asian**: Bubble Island*, One Bowl, Sweeting

**Thai**: No Thai!

Also options in Michigan Union

* = Staff favorites
Central Campus Eats - State Street

**American:** Jimmy John’s, Ashley’s, Comet Coffee, Fred’s, Espresso Royale, Noodles and Company, 7-11 (snacks only), Red Hawk Bar and Grill, Amer’s, Potbelly, Pieology*, Knights, HopCat, Hunter House Hamburgers, NYPD Pizza Depot, Sava’s, Starbuck’s, Ama Bistro, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bruegger’s Bagels, Panera Bread, Salad’s Up, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Elevation Burger, Taste Kitchen, Scorekeepers, Elixir Vitae Coffee and Tea, Frank’s, Cottage Inn, Neopapalis*

**Albanian:** Ama Bistro (a few Albanian items with American cuisine), Irish: Ashley’s (also serves American food)

**Chinese:** TK Wu, Asian Legend

**Dessert:** Ben and Jerry’s, Stucchi’s, Yoggie’s Yogurt, Iorio’s Gelateria

**Greek:** Mezes Greek Grill

**Indian:** Taste of India*, Madras Masala*

**Italian:** Piada, Silvio’s Organic Ristorante e Pizzeria

**Jamaican:** Jamaican Jerk Pit

**Japanese:** Slurping Turtle, Totoro*, Mama Satto

**Korean:** Tomukun Korean BBQ and Noodle Bar

**Mediterranean:** Pita Kabob Grill

**Mexican:** Chipotle, Tios

**Pan-Asian:** Tianchu, Tomukun Noodle Bar

**Vietnamese:** Ginger Deli*
North Campus

Pierpont Commons Includes U-Go’s, Panda Express, Mujo Cafe
Panera Bread, McDonald’s, Espresso Royale, Jimmy John’s, Domino’s Pizza, Little Caesar’s Pizza, Rapport Brew & Chew, Curry On*, Songbird Cafe*, Evergreen*, Yoon’s Bakery, The Big Salad, Starbucks

Other Notable Eats

Evergreen mentioned above is considered to have more authentic Chinese in the area, specializing in Mandarin, Sichuan, Hunan, Shanghai and Taiwanese styles of cooking.
Chela’s
Zingerman’s Roadhouse
Yee Siang Dumplings*
Chia Shiang
Cardamom*
Vegetarian/Vegan: Earthen Jar, The Lunch Room (Vegan in Kerrytown), Seva
Clothing

**Briarwood Mall** (take the AATA bus, free with MCard)
H&M, Forever21, Gap, Abercrombie & Fitch, JCPenney, Macy’s, Dry Goods

**Arbor Hills** - Brooks Brothers, Anthropologie, The North Face, Lululemon

**Arborland** - Nordstrom Rack, Old Navy, Five Below, Marshall’s

**Thrift Stores**
Salvation Army, Goodwill, Plato’s Closet, Kiwanis Thrift Sale, Ragstock

**The M Den**
U-M Clothes and Merchandise

**Online Shopping**
Kohl’s, Amazon, Target

**Good to know:**
Watch out for the Great Lakes Outlet trip with U-M and other year-end sales, especially during Black Friday and Christmas!
Surviving Michigan Winters

February 2015
Highs: 6 to -14 °C,
Lows: -2 to -26 °C

February 2017
Highs: 19 to 5 °C,
Lows: -6 to -18 °C

2013-2014 was the snowiest in Ann Arbor history: 2.3 meters
Winter Clothing

- **Winter hats**
- **Thick down-jacket**
- **Boots with rubber soles**
- **Wear layers**
- **Leather/Wool Gloves**
- **Wool Scarf**
Best places for winter clothing

**Thrift Stores**
Salvation Army, Plato’s Closet, Kiwanis Thrift Sale

**Online Shopping**
Kohl’s, Amazon, Target, Sierra Trading Post, REI

**Briarwood Mall**
JCPenney, Macy’s

**Arbor Hills**
The North Face

**Downtown Ann Arbor**
Bivouac, Fjallraven, Moosejaw

**Good to know:** Shop off-season.
Books

Before getting your textbooks...
➢ Read the course syllabus for each class
➢ Confirm which textbooks are required - know: ISBN, author, title

On-Campus Bookstores
➢ Barnes & Noble
➢ Ulrich’s Bookstore

Online Websites
➢ Campus Book Rentals
➢ Valore Books
➢ Amazon Rentals

Good to know:
➢ Join the Michigan students’ Facebook group called “Textbook Exchange” to buy used textbooks from other U-M students.
➢ U-M libraries may offer options for borrowing textbooks or making limited-page copies
Furnitures and Home Appliances

**Large Furniture**
Ikea, Art Van Furniture, Wayfair (Online), Overstock.com

**Other home essentials**
Target, Walmart, Kohl’s, Meijer, Ace Hardware, Bed Bath and Beyond (get coupon!), HomeGoods

*Friday, August 25 Bed Bath and Beyond trip! Meet outside Student Activities Building 5pm or 6pm on Jefferson St.*

**Electronics**
Best Buy, U-M Computer Showcase, Amazon.com, B & H Photo (online), Newegg (online - great deals)

**Thrift Stores**
Kiwanis Thrift Sale, Salvation Army, GoodWill, Treasure Mart

**Good to know:**
Get ready for year-end sales starting November, with Black Friday, and Christmas~ Don’t forget to join the Facebook Group called “Maize Market” for furniture too!
Shopping Madness On Black Friday
Sales Tax, Returns, and Tipping

Michigan Sales Tax

6%

Other States

0 - 11%

Product Returns and Warranties

➢ Keep receipts and warranty documents in a safe place
➢ Know your rights to cancel a purchase (time limit)
➢ Receive your replacement, refund, or repair

Tipping in America

➢ When do I tip?
➢ How much should I tip?
➢ The future of tipping in US
Additional Resources

International Center Website: internationalcenter.umich.edu
https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/resources/life/shopping

International Student and Scholar Services Blog: umichiss.blogspot.com

IC Summer Orientation Workshops and Social Events
Any questions? :)

This text seems to be a friendly question to engage with the reader. It is a common way to invite interaction or feedback in a casual and positive manner.
HAPPY SHOPPING!

Please complete the workshop evaluation:

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