Shopping: An Insider’s Guide

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What do you have in mind?

Please write down:

- What do you hope to gain from this workshop?
- Your favorite food(s)?
WELCOME TO ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN!
I love ordering things online because when they arrive it's like a present to me, from me.

Whoever said that money can't buy happiness, simply didn't know where to go shopping.
- Bo Derek

If you can't stop thinking about it...

Buy it.

“Monday: nothing a bit of shopping can’t fix”

Sweating while you shop counts as exercise.

Shopping is cheaper than a psychiatrist.
Shopping Workshop Outline

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

Places to go:

Walmart

Miss the tastes of home? Get your traditional food products from:
Chinese: Way 1, Hua Xing  
Japanese: Tsai Grocery
Indian: Bombay Grocers, Patel Brothers  
Middle Eastern: Jerusalem Market, Aladdin’s Market
Korean: Galleria Asian 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! August 25th at 10 a.m.

Additional resource: http://www.rackham.umich.edu/students/campus-guide/groceries
Eating Out

Lunch Deals near Central Campus:

Sadako, China Gate, Ayaka, One Bowl, Totoro, Tianchu, TKWU
Cantina Taqueria & Bar - Tuesdays - 5 - 10pm, all tacos $2.50
Madras Masala, Taste of India Suvai/Namaste Flavours lunch buffets
Pizza House
Brown Jug
Ashley’s - Mondays, $5 burgers; Tuesdays, $2 tacos; Wednesdays, $5 student pizza;
Thursdays, specialty fries for students (M-card required); Sunday, $2 sliders or 3 for $5
Good Time Charley’s - $5 burger/fries/pop, Thursdays, 5 - 10pm
Buffalo Wild Wings - Tuesdays BOGO snack/small size 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: Zingerman’s Deli, Miss Kim, Vinology, and 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, Backroom, 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, Cantina Taqueria & Bar

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

**Thai:** “No Thai!“

* = 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 Fireside Cafe, Ahmos, Hibachi-San, U-Go’s, U-Go’s Pizza Pi, Panda Express, Mujo Cafe
North Campus Research Complex (NCRC), Building 18 - food stations and visiting vendors

Panera Bread, Seoul Street, 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 & North Campus)
, Seva
Clothing

**Briarwood Mall** (take the AATA bus, free with MCard)
H&M, Forever21, Gap, Abercrombie & Fitch, JCPenney, LOFT, Macy's
Large range of prices – from heavily discounted Sears to higher-end Von Maur

**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
Download the [Ebates](https://www.ebates.com) browser app for the best cashback deals
Also available in-store with debit card – Refer a friend for extra cashback

**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 2018
Highs: 17 to -7°C,
Lows: 11 to -15 °C

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

- Winter hats
- Wear layers
- Wool Scarf
- Leather/Wool Gloves
- Thick down-jacket
- Boots with rubber soles
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.
Furnitures and Home Appliances

Large Furniture
Ikea, Art Van Furniture, Wayfair.com (Online), Overstock.com
*Sunday, August 26 IKEA trip! See IC website for details.

Other home essentials
Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Meijer, Ace Hardware, Bed Bath and Beyond (get coupon!), HomeGoods
*Friday, August 24 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.com (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
Before getting your textbooks...

- Read the course syllabus for each class
- Confirm which textbooks are **required** - know: ISBN, author, title
- Look up whether your book is available at the library and its corresponding loan period
- Library Basics workshop: August 17th and 31st - Registration required

Online Websites

- Campusbooks.com
- Valorebooks.com
- Booksprice.com
- Ebay.com
- Chegg.com
- Amazon Rentals - Prime Student (upto 90% discount)

On-Campus Bookstores

- Barnes & Noble
- Ulrich’s Bookstore

Good to know:

- U-M libraries may offer options for borrowing textbooks or making limited-page copies
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?
Additional Resources

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

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

IC Summer Orientation Workshops and Social Events
HAPPY SHOPPING!

Please remember to submit your feedback!
You’ll be notified by email soon.

Any questions? :)

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