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Admissions Guide for Recent Immigrants



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Thank you for your interest in the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! We are very proud of our long history of inclusive, global engagement and the community we have built that embraces diversity. Keeping our campus a welcoming place for all students is one of the University's top priorities.

The Office of Admissions can help you with resources to obtain your transcripts or academic documents. Please know that we are happy to work with you through this application process and address any questions or concerns you may have.



What do I need to submit to complete an application?

A complete admission application includes the items listed below. Applications cannot be reviewed until all of these items are received.

Complete online application for admission at z.umn.edu/apply.

Non-refundable application fee

Official transcript(s) in the original language from all postsecondary schools attended

A certified true (word-for-word) English translation is required if the transcripts are not issued in English. **Note:** It is University policy that applicants provide official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions they have attended, *even those where no credit was earned*, for financial aid and transfer credit purposes.

Test scores

If your native language is not English, an official English Proficiency test score is required. However, if you have lived in the United States for more than 8 years, you may not be required to submit English Proficiency test scores. For more information on this required, visit z.umn.edu/EnglishRequirement.

ACT or SAT test scores are not required.

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities accepts results from the following:

English Proficiency Test	Minimum Required Total Score	Minimum Required Writing Score	Registration
TOEFL iBT	79	21	ets.org/toefl UMN Test Code: 6874
IELTS Academic	6.5	6.5	ielts.org
PTE Academic	59	59	pearsonpte.com
CAE C1 Advanced	180	190	cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/advanced

Transfer applicants who have completed one of the follow may not be required to submit English proficiency exam scores:

- Successfully completed at least 26 or more transferable semester credits at a college or university in the United States and have completed the equivalent of the U of MN freshman English writing requirement with a grade of C or better;
- Successfully completed 60 or more transferable semester credits at a two or four-year postsecondary institution in the United States.

For more information on our English proficiency requirements, visit z.umn.edu/EnglishRequirement.

Work, school, or activities list

A list of work, school, or other activities since graduating from high school, with dates included, must be provided. Students who have had a break in their education after completing high school or between any years of college/university enrollment should submit an online form via Application Tracker at z.umn.edu/AppTrack. This information is required for our overall assessment of your application materials and to ensure that any coursework since high school graduation is reflected in your application file.

Addendum or Supplemental application(s)

If you are a Transfer student applying to the Carlson School of Management, Center for Allied Health, the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD), Nursing, Dental Hygiene, or Mortuary Science, you must submit a supplemental application. Please note that some supplemental applications require an additional fee.

To learn more about specific college requirements, visit z.umn.edu/TransferRequirements.

Official Secondary School Documents

If you have not completed more than 26 transferable semester credits at a post-secondary institution, your official secondary school documents will be required. Refer to z.umn.edu/officialdocs.

FAQ

When should I apply?

It's important to be aware of transfer application deadline(s) for the college(s) you are interested in. Each college specifies a date in which the application for admission (and all other application materials) are due. Some colleges admit for both the fall and spring term, but others only admit students for the fall term. It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure all items are received by the application deadline(s). Find transfer application deadline(s) online at z.umn.edu/TransferDeadlines. We encourage you to complete the application process by the priority deadline. Some selective programs and colleges may reach their enrollment limit and may not consider applications completed after the priority deadline.

Can I start as a freshman?

Freshman applicants are typically current high school seniors graduating from high school prior to the start of our fall semester. Students who have registered or enrolled in a postsecondary institution, such as college, university, vocational college or trade school, after completing secondary school are considered transfer applicants for U of MN Twin Cities admission application purposes. Even if credits are not awarded from your school, you would still be considered a transfer student with no award of credit. In some situations, transfer applicants have freshman standing since no credits are awarded. Transfer applicants should not apply as freshmen. On your online application, you must list all names and locations of schools you have attended after high school graduation with dates of attendance included, even if you did not complete programs or you did not receive credits.

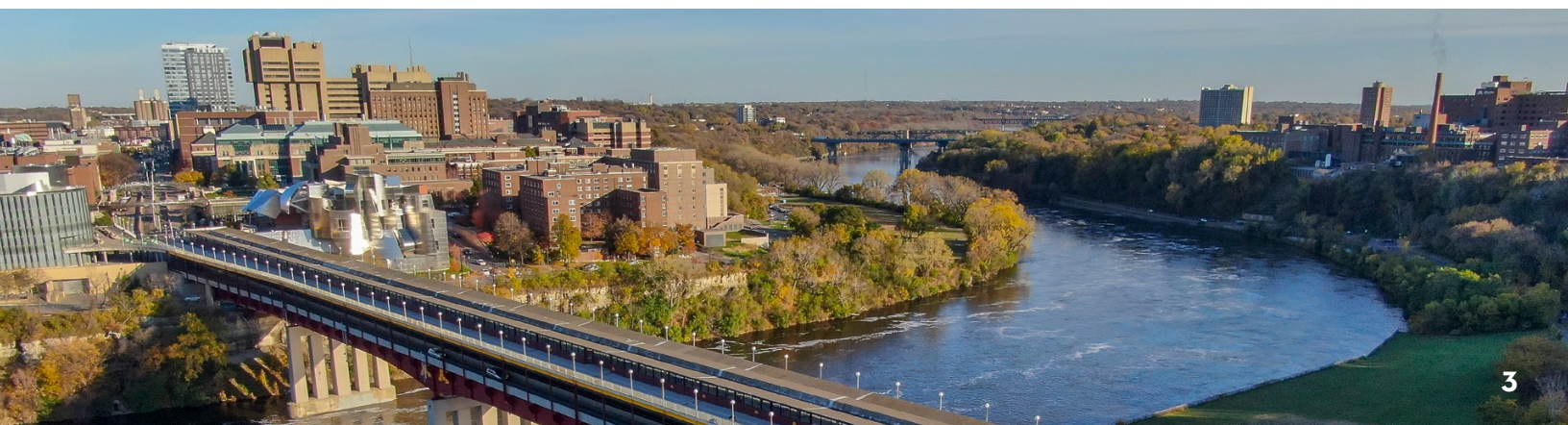
What else should I know about applying for admission to the U of MN?

College-Specific Transfer Admission Requirements

Typically, prospective transfer students will have completed 26 or more transferable semester credits at the time of application. Individual colleges and programs review each application, and admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of each student's academic preparation and performance, and the additional information provided in the application, in addition to program-specific criteria including specific prerequisite course and credit requirements. To learn about prerequisite courses and transfer admission requirements information, please visit z.umn.edu/TransferAdmissionRequirements.

Transfer Admission Information Session

You can register to attend a college or program information session through the Office of Admissions Visit Office. For more information about how to register for an information session, please visit z.umn.edu/TransferVisitsEvents, or contact the Visit Office directly at 612-625-0000. During information session, you will meet with a transfer admissions counselor who will be able to address any questions you may have about applying to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.



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What should I do if I have further questions about a specific major or degree-program, prerequisite coursework, etc.?

Our transfer admissions counselors and student services staff are here to assist you and answer any further questions you may have. To find the contact information for your college or program's admissions counselor, visit z.umn.edu/TransferSpecialistDirectory.

What major is right for me? What should I study at the U of MN Twin Cities?

At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, we offer more than 150 undergraduate majors. To explore each major in depth, visit majors.umn.edu.

What if I want to study English language first?

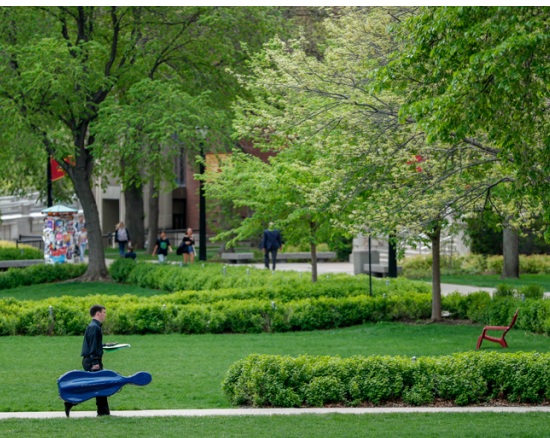
The University of Minnesota's Minnesota English Language Program (MELP) has an intensive English program for students wishing to improve their English skills before applying for admission to the University. Students who take English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities have access to the University's many resources and facilities. Classes are small, instructors are highly qualified, and students will receive advising and support services designed specifically for them. Find out more about the MELP, visit z.umn.edu/MELP.

What if I have not earned 26 transferable credits before applying for admission to the University of Minnesota?

Many students transfer to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities for a future term after completing 26 transferable credits, or 3-4 semesters of college coursework, at another institution in the United States. One option you may want to consider is attending Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State). By being part of the Minnesota Cooperation Admission Program, you will complete prerequisite courses and obtain transferable credits toward Liberal Education requirements for participating majors before transferring to the U of M Twin Cities. For more information on Minnesota State, visit minnstate.edu. For more information on the Minnesota Cooperation Admissions Program, visit z.umn.edu/MNCAPoverview.

Can you evaluate my college degree or certificate and transcripts from my home country before I apply to the University of Minnesota?

We do not provide applicants with international credits evaluations prior to admission. International transfer credit evaluations are completed after you are admitted and have confirmed your enrollment prior to your college orientation date.



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What can I do if I cannot obtain my foreign college transcripts?

Since official transcripts and certified true (word-for-word) English translations from all schools attended are required, please contact International Admissions staff for resources that may help you to obtain your transcript. One of these resources is the *Request for Academic Records* form, which will help you request your official documents. You can download this form online at z.umn.edu/INTLTranscriptRequest, where you will complete the top part and submit it to your school.

How will credits from a foreign college or university be transferred to the University of Minnesota?

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities generally will transfer credits from undergraduate programs of colleges and universities recognized by the Ministry of Education, other appropriate ministry, or national government body in the country, or that have regional United States accreditation.

The University of MN accepts a broad range of academic courses; however, remedial, English as a Second Language (ESL), and military courses are not transferable. English courses from abroad need to be evaluated by the Department of English based on the course syllabus.

Credits may not transfer at a 1 to 1 rate. Credit requirements vary between educational systems. Generally, the Office of Admissions determines the transfer ratio based on the number of credits of transferable work that you have taken in a semester/academic year. We will do a transfer credit evaluation to determine at what ratio your courses transfer.

- > For example, credits from China usually transfer at 0.6 or 0.7 (1 Chinese school credit = 0.6 or 0.7 U of MN credits). Credits from Korea transfer at 0.9, (1 Korea school credit = 0.9 U of MN credits) and credits from ECTS at 0.5. (1 ECTS credit = 0.5 U of MN credits).

Students must meet the Liberal Education (LE) requirements, in addition to degree requirements, to receive a Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota.

To learn about our international transfer credit evaluation and LE requirements, visit z.umn.edu/InternationalTransferCredit.

What are the requirements to be considered a resident for tuition purposes at the University of Minnesota?

Resident status is granted to students who:

- Are permanently residing in Minnesota; and
- Have been continuously present in the state of Minnesota for at least one calendar year prior to the first day of class attendance at the University. During that one year period, the student must not have attended any other Minnesota post-secondary educational institutions.

Students who are not United States citizens may be considered for resident status if they hold a valid immigrant visa. Students who enter the U.S. on an immigrant visa, or who have a lawful permanent resident document (green card) must also meet the criteria for establishing resident status at the University of Minnesota. Permanent Resident status does not automatically grant resident status at the University.

The University of Minnesota reserves the right to interpret the basic definition of resident status as it applies to individual students. For more information, refer to z.umn.edu/residency. If you would like to have your residency status evaluated, complete a Resident Classification Evaluation Request Form, which can be found at the URL above.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESOURCES

English Translation Services

For information about non-UMN translation resources, please contact the Office of Admissions
Email: admissions@umn.edu
Phone: 612-625-2008

Immigration Response Team

immigration.umn.edu
Email: immigration@umn.edu
Phone: 612-624-4224

Financial Aid Information

One Stop Student Services Center
333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall
222 Pleasant St SE
onestop.umn.edu
Email: onestop@umn.edu
Phone: 612-624-1111

Residency and Reciprocity Information

z.umn.edu/residency
Email: otr@umn.edu

Office of Graduate Admissions

309 Johnston Hall
101 Pleasant Street SE
grad.umn.edu/admissions
Email: gsquest@umn.edu
Phone: 612-625-3014

Minnesota English Language Program (MELP)

20 Nicholson Hall
216 Pillsbury Dr SE
z.umn.edu/MELP
Email: esl@umn.edu
Phone: 612-624-1503 or 1-800-234-6564

Disability Resource Center

180 McNamara Alumni Center
200 Oak St SE
disability.umn.edu
Email: drc@umn.edu
Phone: 612-626-1333

Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

140 Appleby Hall
128 Pleasant Street SE
mcae.umn.edu
Email: mcae@umn.edu
Phone: 612-624-6386

Pre-Health Student Resource Center

2-565 Moos Tower
515 Delaware Street SE
healthcareers.umn.edu
Email: phsrc@umn.edu
Phone: 612-624-6767

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