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FRESHMAN ADMISSION INFORMATION GUIDE

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COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in applying to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! We look forward to connecting with you and invite you to contact us with any questions you have along the way.

We've prepared this guide to share important information to assist you in applying to the U of M. In it, you'll find information about completing and submitting your application, as well as additional information about our decision and review process. Quick facts:

- The U of M Twin Cities has one application for admissions, the University Honors Program, and most University scholarships.
- Admission decisions are based on a holistic, individualized review of each student's application materials.
- No essay is required; our application makes it easy for you to tell us who you are!

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

- Freshman admission first deadline: Full consideration for admission, University Honors Program, and scholarships is given to students whose applications are complete by November 1. Applicants will receive a decision no later than January 31, 2018.
- *Minnesota does not offer early action or early decision. The deadline for admitted students to confirm their enrollment is May 1.*
- *November 1 is also the deadline for the Freshman Nursing Guarantee Program supplemental application.*

Monday, January 1, 2018

- Freshman application second deadline. Full consideration for admission, University Honors Program, and scholarships is given to students whose applications are complete by January 1. Applicants will receive a decision no later than March 31, 2018.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

The following items must be submitted or postmarked by November 1 to meet the first deadline, or January 1 to meet the second deadline.

- Application. Apply online at z.umn.edu/apply
- Official high school transcripts.
- Official ACT or SAT scores sent directly from the testing agency.
 - > Notes: The writing exam is recommended, but not required. The exams offered on October 28 (ACT) and October 7 (SAT) will be considered on time for the November 1 (first) deadline, and the exams offered on December 9 (ACT) and December 2 (SAT) will be considered on time for the January 1 (second) deadline, only if you provide the U of M school code (ACT code 2156 or SAT code 6874) when you register for the exam. Your strongest composite score will be considered in the review of your application.
- \$55 non-refundable application fee. (Fee waivers are available for eligible students; see <http://z.umn.edu/feewaiver>. Please contact us with any questions.)
- Applicants to the following programs must also submit a supplemental application: Acting (BFA Actor Training Program), Dance, Music, Nursing (Freshman Nursing Guarantee Program). See <http://z.umn.edu/suppapp> for links to the supplemental application materials.



AFTER YOU APPLY

APPLICATION TRACKER

You can use our Application Tracker tool at admissions.tc.umn.edu/tracker to determine which application materials have been received, and whether a decision has been made on your application.

Admission applications and supporting materials, whether they are submitted electronically or through the mail, will appear on Application Tracker within 10 days. (Please note that international documents may take slightly longer.) Each document is individually reviewed and manually connected to your application file, so this process does take some time to complete. You will receive an email from the Office of Admissions when your student ID has been created and Application Tracker is available.

DECISION TIMING

First deadline applicants: Students who submit their complete applications by the November 1 (first) deadline will receive admission decisions on Application Tracker by January 31.

Second deadline applicants: Students who submit their complete applications by the January 1 (second) deadline will receive admission decisions on Application Tracker by March 31.

Decisions: Admission decisions are based on a holistic review of each student's application materials. Each student who submits a complete application by either the first or second deadline will receive one of the following decisions. Please note that admission decisions are posted on the University's Application Tracker.

- **Admit**—Based on our holistic review, the student has been admitted to the University of Minnesota.
- **Waitlist**—The student's application has been placed on a waitlist. Although we have determined that the applicant is academically prepared to succeed at the University of Minnesota, we must make certain that we do not exceed the number of spaces available in each of the freshman-admitting colleges. If we determine that spaces remain available, the overall strongest applicants will be admitted from the waitlist. An update will be provided by April 15, 2018.
- **Defer**—The admissions committee has completed a holistic review of the applications submitted by the November 1 deadline but has not yet made a final decision. Deferred applications will be reviewed a second time, taking into consideration the number of spaces available in the freshman class and competitiveness of the entire pool of applicants who met the January 1 application deadline. By March 31, deferred applicants will receive either an admit, waitlist, or deny decision.
- **Deny**—We are not able to offer freshman admission. Students who are denied admission are encouraged to apply for transfer admission for a future semester. Transfer admission is also competitive so it is important that students achieve a strong academic record at another college or university.

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION REVIEW

HOLISTIC REVIEW PROCESS

At the University of Minnesota, we believe that selecting students from a highly talented group of applicants requires an individual assessment of all application materials submitted for each student; every application is read in its entirety.

Admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of each student's academic preparation and performance, as well as the additional information provided in the application, based on the primary and secondary factors listed below. Note that no single factor is the deciding factor in the decision. Applicants are automatically considered for admission to all U of M colleges that are a good fit with their academic interests and preparation.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN OUR REVIEW

PRIMARY FACTORS

Because academic preparation is key to student success in college, the strongest consideration in the decision is given to student's academic preparation, or primary review factors.

- Coursework through high school graduation (Admitted students typically exceed the University's core subject requirements. See subject requirements on following page.)
- Grades in academic coursework
- Class rank/Grade point average
- ACT or SAT scores

SECONDARY FACTORS

Individual circumstances listed below are also considered as part of the overall assessment of each application. Enrolling a diverse student body—with students bringing differing experiences, talents, and perspectives to their scholarly community—is essential to achieving the development outcomes of a University of Minnesota education. Our university community is strengthened by our students representing different races, economic backgrounds, geographic origins, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexualities, talents, and beliefs.

Our holistic review takes into consideration the individual circumstances that make each individual student unique. We consider the following secondary factors in our decision review.

- Outstanding talent, achievement, or aptitude in a particular area
- An exceptionally rigorous academic curriculum (i.e., honors, AP, IB, or college-level courses throughout high school)
- Strong commitment to community service and leadership
- Military service
- Contribution to the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the student body
- Evidence of having overcome social, economic, or physical barriers to educational achievement
- First-generation college student
- Significant responsibility in a family, community, job, or activity
- Family employment or attendance at the University of Minnesota
- Personal or extenuating circumstances
- Information received in open-ended questions

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A *very strong* curriculum during high school will enhance your success in college, because college courses build on the skills and knowledge you acquire in high school. Your senior year is **especially** important. We expect students to continue with academic coursework, including math and science, for all four years of high school. In addition, we expect that students maintain their strong academic performance through graduation. Please note that admission is competitive, so successful applicants typically exceed these requirements listed below.

English- 4 years	Emphasis on writing, including instruction in reading and speaking skills and in literary understanding and appreciation.
Mathematics - 4 years	Elementary algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra (integrated math 1, 2 & 3). Examples of 4th year math include calculus (preferred), pre-calculus, analysis, integrated math 4.
Science - 3 years	Including one year each of biological and physical science, and including a laboratory experience. Note: Biological science, chemistry, and physics are required for the Carlson School of Management, College of Biological Sciences, and College of Science and Engineering.
Social studies - 3 years	Including one year each of U.S. history and geography (or a course that includes a geography component such as world history, western civilization, or global studies)
Single second language - 2 years	If English is not your native language, a second language is not required.
Visual and/or performing arts - 1 year	Including instruction in the history and interpretation of the art form (e.g. theater arts, music, band, chorus, orchestra, drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, media production, theater production)

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION

Admission to the University of Minnesota is competitive. The competitiveness of admission each year is based on the academic preparation of students who have submitted applications, the number of spaces available for the freshman class, and the number of applications received. For fall 2017, we received more than 43,000 applications for freshman admission.

Important Note: Applicants are automatically considered for admission to the U of M colleges they have indicated on their application in order of interest, and also to any U of M colleges that are a good fit with their academic interests and preparation.

DIRECT ADMISSION TO COLLEGES

Freshmen accepted to the University of Minnesota are admitted to one of our seven freshman-admitting colleges:

- Biological Sciences
- Design
- Education + Human Development
- Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
- Liberal Arts
- Management (Carlson School of)
- Science and Engineering

Students apply to a college by indicating a first-choice and alternate-choice area of interest on the admission application. To explore the U of M majors go to majors.umn.edu.

ACADEMIC PROFILE OF FALL 2017 ADMITTED FRESHMAN APPLICANTS BY COLLEGE

The following table provides a general overview of the middle 50 percentile of standardized test scores and high school rank of freshman applicants admitted for fall 2017. The data presented in the table are a composite picture of admitted freshman applicants; they are not admission criteria. Admission decisions are based on a holistic review of each application.

FALL 2017 ADMITTED FRESHMAN ACADEMIC PROFILE	Middle 50 percentile of fall 2017 admitted freshmen*		
	ACT Composite Score	SAT Total Score (Out of 1600)	High School Rank (If Provided)
Overall admission to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities	27-32	1300-1440	81-97
<i>Breakdown by College</i>			
Carlson School of Management	28-32	1330-1420	87-97
College of Biological Sciences	29-32	1330-1450	90-99
College of Design	25-29	1230-1340	74-93
College of Education + Human Development	23-28	1220-1340	75-92
College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	25-29	1240-1360	74-93
College of Liberal Arts	26-30	1270-1400	78-94
College of Science and Engineering	30-34	1400-1490	92-99

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HONORS PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM ADMISSION

The University Honors Program (Honors) offers students exciting and unique opportunities for interdisciplinary study, research, and collaboration, as well as the opportunity to graduate with Latin distinction (summa, magna, or cum laude). Honors students benefit from an expansive scholarly network that includes world-class faculty and researchers, state-of-the-art facilities, unparalleled resources, and expert academic advisers. Faculty and staff in Honors help students discover and achieve their personal, academic, and professional goals.

There is no separate application for University Honors Program admission. Admitted freshmen are considered for admission to Honors based on an individual assessment of their admission applications.

Admission to the University Honors Program is highly competitive. Each admission application is carefully reviewed and admission is based on an overall assessment of the applicant's academic record (primary review factors), the additional information provided in the application (secondary review factors), and the applicant's academic interests. **Honors admission is offered to the overall most competitive applicants from each freshman-admitting college.**

HONORS PROFILE

ACADEMIC PROFILE OF UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM ADMITS BY COLLEGE

The following table provides a general overview of the middle 50 percentile high school rank and standardized test scores of freshmen admitted to the University Honors Program for fall 2017. The data presented in the table are a composite picture of freshmen admitted to the University Honors Program; they are not admission criteria. Honors admission decisions are based on an individual, holistic review of each student's application.

ACADEMIC PROFILE OF FALL 2017 HONORS ADMITTED FRESHMAN

	Carlson School of Management	College of Education and Human Development	College of Science and Engineering	College of Biological Sciences	College of Liberal Arts	College of Design	College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Overall Honors Profile
High School Rank Percentile <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	98-99	95-99	99-99	98-99	95-99	95-99	96-99	96-99
ACT Composite <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	32-34	30-32	34-35	33-35	31-34	30-33	31-33	31-35
SAT Total Score <i>Average for Honors Admits</i>	1390-1550	1390-1450	1490-1550	1440-1500	1380-1490	1320-1450	1340-1460	1400-1520

AFTER ADMISSION

NEXT STEPS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

Apply for Financial Aid → The FAFSA is now available in the fall



- To apply for need-based grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, and non-need-based student and parent loans, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA will be available in October 2017, and students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The U of M's priority deadline to submit the FAFSA is March 1.

Apply For Guaranteed Housing



- The U of M's Living Learning Community (LLCs) housing application becomes available in November, and interested students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Assignments in Living Learning Communities are based on the completed housing application is received, space availability, and whether students meet program requirements. The guaranteed housing deadline application is March 1. To learn more about LLCs, visit www.housing.umn.edu/involvement/llc.
- The University of Minnesota guarantees on-campus housing to all admitted first-year freshmen who are willing to accept assignment to any space designated, and who confirm enrollment with the Office of Admissions no later than May 1. Learn more about on-campus housing options at www.housing.umn.edu.
- You can apply for housing before you receive an admission decision, but the \$25 application fee is non-refundable.

Confirm Enrollment



- The deadline for admitted students to confirm their enrollment for fall 2018 is May 1; however, students are encouraged to confirm their enrollment as soon as possible. Students can submit their \$280 non-refundable enrollment confirmation fee by credit card online at <http://www.uofminn.org/confirm/> or by returning the enrollment confirmation form (enclosed with their admission letters) and the confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions by May 1.

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