

Fall 2017

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

for Admitted International Transfer Students



## Congratulations on your admission!

We invite you to choose the University of Minnesota—a place that will awaken your spirit and nourish your mind. As a U of M student, you will experience great academics (the University of Minnesota is one of the top public research universities in the nation) and great opportunities in a great location for a great value!

# COME CURIOUS.

## BECOMING A U OF M STUDENT

This guide contains all of the information you will need to become a University of Minnesota student. When you study at the world-renowned University of Minnesota, your education won't come exclusively from a textbook; your college experience will be enhanced by award-winning faculty who are discovering new knowledge every day, plus modern learning facilities, and an endless variety of options. Learn more at <http://www.passport.umn.edu/>. We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Minnesota community this fall!

### ADMITTED STUDENT CHECKLIST

#### Confirm your enrollment today

To let us know that you're coming next fall and to reserve your place in the incoming class, confirm your enrollment today!

**Details:** See below

#### Submit a Financial Certification Statement (to receive an I-20)

If you will require a student visa to study in the United States, submit your Financial Certification Statement as soon as possible. Your I-20 will be sent after we receive your Financial Certification Statement and after you have confirmed your enrollment.

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#### Arrange housing

Be sure to arrange housing prior to arriving on campus.

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#### Submit your transcripts

You must submit transcripts from all colleges or universities that you have attended, as well as your final secondary school/high school transcript and graduation certificate or leaving exam results.

**Secondary School Transcript Deadline:** August 1, 2017

**College or University Official Transcript Deadline:**

November 1, 2017

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### U of M At a Glance

- Founded in 1851
- Located in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul
- Ranked 9th in the nation and 26th in the world among public research universities (*Newsweek*)
- More than 140 areas of undergraduate study
- 38 professional programs (including law, pharmacy, architecture, medicine, veterinary medicine, and dentistry)
- 2,800 faculty
- 800+ student organizations

#### Enrollment (fall 2015)

- Total undergraduates: 30,511
- International undergraduates: 2,872
- U.S. states represented: 49
- Countries represented: 100

### Confirm your enrollment

When you confirm your enrollment, you are declaring your intent to attend the University of Minnesota, and we will hold a place for you in the incoming class. To confirm your enrollment, you will need to pay a non-refundable \$80 confirmation fee by the deadline noted in your admission materials. You may do so online at: [www.uofminn.org/confirm](http://www.uofminn.org/confirm). Or, you can return the enrollment confirmation form (which is included with your paper admission letter) and your confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions. Confirmations submitted after the deadline are accepted on a space-available basis.

### Submit a Financial Certification Statement (to receive an I-20)

The University of Minnesota issues I-20 documents to students who will be studying at the University on F-1 visas. The I-20 is issued differently for students who are currently studying in the

U.S. than for students who are coming to the U.S. to study for the first time.

#### If you are coming to the U.S. to study for the first time:

To receive an I-20, submit a Financial Certification Statement (available at <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/intl>) by August 1, 2017, that indicates you have *adequate funds for your first year of study* at the U of M. Your I-20 will be issued after we receive your Financial Certification Statement and after you have confirmed your enrollment.

#### If you are currently studying in the U.S.:

To receive a transfer I-20, submit a Financial Certification Statement (<http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/intl>) by August 15, 2017, indicating you have adequate funds for your first year of study at the U of M and a Transfer Release Form, available at <http://www.iss.umn.edu/fstudent/F1tranUM.html>.

Transfer I-20s are issued after you: (1) confirm your enrollment, (2) submit your Financial Certification Statement, (3) meet with the international student adviser at your current school to discuss your intent to transfer schools, and (4) complete the transfer release form. More details about this process are available at <http://www.iss.umn.edu/fstudent/F1tranUM.html> or by contacting an adviser in International Student and Scholar Services at 1-612-626-7100 or by email at [iss@umn.edu](mailto:iss@umn.edu).

### Arrange Housing

**Be sure to make housing arrangements prior to arriving on campus.**

For complete information about the various housing options available, please visit the University's Housing & Residential Life website at <http://www.housing.umn.edu/international>. Everything you need to know about on-campus, off-campus,

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

The following is a list of majors offered at the University of Minnesota. Also, please visit [majors.umn.edu](http://majors.umn.edu) to explore each major in more depth.

### College of Biological Sciences (CBS)

Biochemistry\*  
Biology\*  
Ecology, Evolution & Behavior  
Genetics, Cell Biology & Development  
Microbiology\*  
Neuroscience\*  
Plant Biology\*

### College of Design

Apparel Design  
Architecture\*  
Graphic Design  
Interior Design  
Landscape Design and Planning\*  
Product Design  
Retail Merchandising\*

### College of Education & Human Development (CEHD)

Business and Marketing Education  
Career and Technical Education  
Early Childhood Education Foundations  
Elementary Education Foundations  
Family Social Science\* (pathway to social work)  
Human Resource Development  
Integrated Degree Program  
Kinesiology  
Recreation Park and Leisure Studies  
Special Education  
Sport Management\*  
Youth Studies\*

### College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS)

Agriculture Communication and Marketing  
Agricultural Education  
Agricultural and Food Business Management\* (joint program with CSOM)  
Agricultural Industries & Marketing  
Animal Science\*  
Applied Economics\*  
Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management\*  
Fisheries & Wildlife and Conservation Biology\*  
Food Science\*  
Food Systems  
Forest and Natural Resource Management\*  
Nutrition\*  
Plant Science  
Sustainable Systems Management

### College of Liberal Arts (CLA)

Acting  
African American & African Studies\*  
American Indian Studies\*  
American Studies\*  
Anthropology\*  
Art\*  
Art History\*  
Asian Languages and Literatures\*  
Astrophysics\* (also in CSE)  
Biblical Studies\*  
Biology, Society, & Environment  
Chemistry\* (also in CSE)  
Chicano-Latino Studies\*  
Child Psychology\*  
Cinema & Media Culture, Studies in\*  
Classics  
Communications Studies\*  
Computer Science\* (also in CSE)  
Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature\*  
Dance  
Earth Sciences  
Economics\*  
English\*  
French & Italian Studies  
French Studies\*  
Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies\*  
Geography\*  
German, Scandinavian, and Dutch Studies  
Global Studies\*  
History\*  
Individually Designed Interdepartmental  
Italian Studies\*  
Jewish Studies\*  
Journalism  
Linguistics\*  
Mathematics\* (also in CSE)  
Music\*  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Music Therapy  
Philosophy\*  
Physics\* (also in CSE)  
Physiology  
Political Science\*  
Psychology\*  
Religious Studies\*  
Russian\*  
Sociology\*  
Sociology of Law, Criminology & Deviance\*  
Spanish & Portuguese Studies  
Spanish Studies\*  
Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences\*  
Statistical Practice

Statistical Science  
Statistics  
Technical Writing & Communications\*  
Theatre Arts\*  
Urban Studies\*

### Carlson School of Management (CSOM)

Accounting\*  
Entrepreneurial Management\*  
Finance\*  
Finance and Risk Management Insurance\*  
Human Resources & Industrial Relations\*  
International Business\*  
Management Information Systems\*  
Marketing\*  
Public/Nonprofit Management  
Supply Chain and Operations Management

### College of Science and Engineering (CSE)

Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics  
Astrophysics (also in CLA)  
Biomedical Engineering  
Bioproducts & Biosystems Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Chemistry\* (also in CLA)  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Computer Science (also in CLA)  
Earth Sciences (also in CLA)  
Electrical Engineering  
Environmental Engineering  
Geoengineering  
Industrial & Systems Engineering  
Materials Science & Engineering  
Mathematics (also in CLA)  
Mechanical Engineering  
Physics (also in CLA)  
Statistics

## Minors\*

*Any major listed above that has an asterisk (\*) is also available as a minor. In addition, the following minors are also available.*

Agronomy  
Applied Psychology in Educational and Community Settings  
Asian American Studies  
Austrian and Central European Studies  
Behavioral Biology  
Bio-based Products Engineering  
Business Law  
Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology  
Climatology  
Coaching  
Comparative U.S. Race and Ethnicity  
Corporate Environmental Management  
Creative Writing  
Danish  
Digital Media Studies  
Dutch Studies  
Entomology  
Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management  
Family Violence Prevention  
Fashion Studies  
Finnish  
Fisheries and Wildlife  
Food Science  
Food Systems  
Forest Ecosystem Management and Conservation  
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Studies  
Geographic Information Science  
German  
Greek  
Health Psychology  
Hebrew  
History of Science, Technology, and Medicine  
Horticulture  
Information Technology  
Integrated Pest Management in Cropping Systems  
Interdisciplinary Design  
Interior Environments  
International Agriculture  
Italian Studies  
Joint Military Science Leadership  
Latin  
Leadership  
Linguistics  
Management  
Marine Biology  
Mass Communication  
Medieval Studies  
Native American Environmental Knowledge  
Norwegian  
Outdoor Recreation and Education

Park and Protected Area Management  
Pharmacology  
Public Health  
Social Justice  
Soil Science  
Spanish & Portuguese Studies  
Sustainability Studies  
Sustainable Agriculture  
Swedish  
Teaching English as a Second Language  
Translation  
Urban and Community Forestry  
Water Science

## Pre-professional tracks

*Students interested in pursuing the fields below will choose an undergraduate major (or majors) from the list above and while completing that bachelor's degree will also take the undergraduate classes that prepare students for graduate-level admission to the professional program.*

Architecture  
Audiology  
Dentistry  
Education (Teaching Licensure)  
Graduate School (Master's or Ph.D.)  
Landscape Architecture  
Law  
Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
Medicine (Medical Doctor)  
Occupational Therapy  
Pharmacy  
Physical Therapy  
Public Health  
Veterinary Medicine

and temporary housing (for those who will be arriving in the U.S. prior to the beginning of the semester) is available on this website. On-campus housing is limited. If you are looking for off-campus housing, please visit <https://rentals.tc.umn.edu/ochls/resources.xhtml> for important information about renting off-campus housing.

## Submit your transcripts

### College/university transcripts

You must have your official, final transcripts (with English translation, if necessary) submitted directly to the Office of Admissions by November 1, 2017 from all colleges or universities that you have attended, even if no credit was earned. Once we receive them, we will automatically produce and email a transfer credit evaluation to you. This evaluation will show the courses and total credits transferred, the courses that did not transfer, as well as how the transfer courses will fulfill any of the University's Liberal Education (LE) requirements (to include the first-year writing and writing intensive requirements). When you attend Transfer Orientation, you will receive an Academic Progress Audit System (APAS) report that shows how your transfer courses may have fulfilled any college or major requirement in order to complete your degree.

Note that your international credits may not transfer as 1 to 1. Your courses will transfer as "T" (transfer for passing) or "F" (fail) and the grades that you received in the course will not show on your APAS report or on your transcript. You may need to supply additional information before you will know if a course you have taken will meet any LE or major requirements. Learn more about international transfer credit evaluations at [https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/trans\\_evaluation.html](https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/trans_evaluation.html)

### Secondary school/high school transcript

Successful completion of secondary school/high school graduation is a U of M enrollment requirement. In order to verify that you have completed secondary school, have your secondary school send to the Office of Admissions no later than **August 1, 2017**, your official final secondary school transcript and proof of graduation (i.e., graduation certificate or leaving exam results). All documents not issued in English must be in the original language and include a certified true English translation. (Official documents are those that are original or are attested copies of original academic documents that are mailed in a sealed envelope directly from the secondary school.)

## FINANCIAL PLANNING

### Financing your education

As an international student at the University of Minnesota, **you are expected to take full responsibility for financing your education.** International students are not eligible to apply for U.S. state and federal financial aid programs. If you anticipate not being able to meet the cost of your education and living expenses, you are advised to request a postponement of your enrollment until you have secured adequate funding.

### Tuition and expenses

International students must prove that they have sufficient funds available to pay for their educational and personal expenses. The following is the estimated average cost for a

single undergraduate student for the 2017-2018 academic year. Cost increases should be expected for each subsequent academic year. Tuition and fees are 2016 actual costs plus 5%.

### Estimated Cost of Attendance for International Undergraduate Students

2017-18 average costs for student	
Full-time tuition and fees (9 months)	\$25,727
Mandatory health insurance (12 months)	\$1,998
Living expenses, including room and board, books and supplies, and personal/miscellaneous expenses (transportation, clothing, entertainment, etc.) for 12 months	\$15,617
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,342</b>

*The tuition and fee figure above includes a \$864 student service fee, \$510 collegiate fee (may vary based on your college), \$290 international student fee, \$500 international student academic services fee, and \$242 in miscellaneous fees. In addition, books and supplies are averaged at \$1,000. Tuition and fees are subject to change and actual expenses will vary for individual students. The University of Minnesota is not responsible for any difference between these estimated costs and your actual costs. Cost increases should be expected for each subsequent academic year. Tuition and fees for the 2017-18 academic year will be finalized in July 2017.*

### Paying your tuition

Your tuition payment will generally be due two to three weeks following the start of the semester. There are several ways to pay the balance due on your student account. Paying online is the fastest and most convenient way to pay. International students can also pay tuition bills online through their student account. More information on payment method options such as Flywire is available at <https://onestop.umn.edu/finances/how-pay>.

### Student employment

International students may apply for on-campus student jobs at the University of Minnesota after they enroll. Funds earned in these positions may help you pay for a small portion of your living expenses. However, anticipated income cannot be included on your Financial Certification Statement. Learn more at <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/costsaid/jobs.html>.

## AFTER YOU CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

### Prepare for arrival

After you confirm your enrollment and submit your Financial Certification Statement, you will receive important and helpful information from the University's International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office. Staff members in ISSS will assist you as you prepare to arrive on campus and they will work with you after your arrival in Minnesota. If you have questions in the meantime, please visit [www.iss.umn.edu/new](http://www.iss.umn.edu/new) or email them at [iss@umn.edu](mailto:iss@umn.edu).

### Attend programs for new students

To facilitate your transition to the University of Minnesota, you will need to complete the following steps.

### International Student Online Preparation Course

Prior to arrival: You are required to complete the International Student Online Preparation Course. This online course is an interactive tool with information about your immigration status

and how to prepare for success at the University of Minnesota. It is mandatory for all new international students, and you must complete the required elements at least one week before attending Immigration Check-in. Please visit [www.iss.umn.edu/new](http://www.iss.umn.edu/new) after April 1 to complete this orientation.

The International Student Online Preparation Course is separate from your Transfer Student Online Orientation; you must complete both of these orientations before attending Transfer Orientation.

### Transfer Orientation

After you confirm your enrollment, you will receive information from your college of admission regarding Transfer Orientation. Transfer Orientation is a required one-day program held in August where you will meet with your college adviser and register for classes. Additional information is available at <http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/orientation/transfer-student-orientation>.

### Immigration Check-in

You will attend Immigration Check-in during your on-campus Transfer Orientation. During this time, International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) staff members will check your documents to verify you are eligible to enroll in classes. Immigration Check-In is a two-part program that is held in the morning and afternoon. **You must attend both sessions.**

Bring the original and a copy of the following documents for this Check-in:

- Your passport identification/picture page
- F-1 visa page from your passport (except Canadian citizens)
- Entry stamp from your passport (make copies after arriving in the U.S.)
- I-20

For more information about Orientations, please visit [www.iss.umn.edu/new](http://www.iss.umn.edu/new).

### Need to postpone your enrollment?

You have been admitted for fall semester 2017. If you decide to postpone your first semester of enrollment for any reason, you must contact the Office of Admissions so that we may consider your application for a later semester.

## AFTER YOU ENROLL

### English proficiency testing

If English is not your native language and you scored below the following minimum required scores for admission, you will be required to take an English proficiency test after you arrive on campus. There is a fee for this test.

#### English Proficiency Test Minimum Required Score

Test	Total Score	Writing Subscore
Internet-based TOEFL	79	21
IELTS	6.5	6.5
MELAB	80	80
PTE Academic	59	59
CAE	180	180

If your test results indicate a satisfactory level of proficiency you may be exempted from further instruction in English. If not, you will be expected to complete 5 to 15 hours per week of English instruction. Further information on English proficiency testing will be provided to you by International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) after you confirm your enrollment.

### Minimum credit requirements

Most of our degree programs require you to complete 120 credits. A few require 128 credits. To graduate in four years, you need to average 30-32 credits a year (15-16 credits a semester).

All new degree-seeking students who enroll at the University are required to register for a minimum of 13 credits each semester until they graduate.

### Your academic reputation and ethical conduct

Each undergraduate student is a valued member of the University of Minnesota community of scholars. Your academic integrity is important to your personal, academic, and professional success, as well as to the University's academic reputation. For more information about the University's commitment to academic integrity and to read the University of Minnesota Student Conduct Code that you are expected to follow, visit <http://oscai.umn.edu>.

## RESOURCES AND SERVICES

### International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

If you have any questions about the University of Minnesota or your arrival on campus, please contact ISSS at: <http://www.iss.umn.edu/new>, by email at [iss@umn.edu](mailto:iss@umn.edu), or by phone at 1-612-626-7100.

### Disability Services

To register to receive accommodations or services for a documented disability, [drc@umn.edu](mailto:drc@umn.edu) or call 1-612-626-1333 (voice or TTY). You can also visit <https://diversity.umn.edu/disability> for more information.

### Office of Admissions

If you have any questions about your admission, please visit <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/answers> or call us at 1-612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000.

### Campus calendar

#### 2017-18 University calendar

Arrive on campus by...	August 20, 2017*
Labor Day holiday	September 4, 2017
Classes begin	September 5, 2017
Final examinations	December 15-21, 2017
Semester break	December 22-January 15, 2018
Martin Luther King holiday	January 15, 2018
First day of spring semester	January 16, 2018
Spring break	March 12-16, 2018
Final examinations	May 7-12, 2018

\*If you need to secure off-campus housing, you should arrive about three weeks prior to the start of classes so you have sufficient time to search for housing.