COME TO STRETCH YOURSELF

The University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (CLA) flourishes in the heart of one of the world’s premier research universities. We’re one of fewer than 100 land-grant universities—our mission includes both the importance of teaching and the priority of discovery. In this cultural mosaic, you’ll find a universe of really smart people: the roommate studying psychology; the Spanish major who’s also pre-med; your freshman seminar classmate who wants to be an astrophysicist.

As the intellectual center of this universe, CLA is home to the arts, humanities, and social sciences. We are students and scholars who study community. We are curious about themes both immortal and distinctly 21st-century—like how people perform and thrive, how they relate to each other and to their cultures, and how those cultures form and change, flourish or decline.

In CLA, you’ll have faculty who are creators and innovators, who get joy out of discovering something no one knew before: a psychology professor discovers how our brains learn to respond to visual cues. Scholars in history, French, American Indian studies, art history, English, and anthropology launch a consortium to study the connections among pre-modern cultures.
With an astounding 70+ majors and 1,500 classes, we'll help you find your fit—whether you already have a major in mind or don’t yet have a clue. Whether you choose to explore the cultural impact of Mozart’s symphonies, study evolutionary psychology, or look into any of dozens of other choices, you’ll get to try on many hats. Along the way, you’ll develop and fine-tune the analytical and interpretive skills at the heart of a liberal arts education.

To help with the process, in the First-Year Experience, you will explore your values, your goals, your dreams. You’ll get to know your classmates while receiving tips and guidance on services that can help you thrive at the U of M and prepare for your life beyond.
COME TO
BE CHALLENGED

You could call a research university a community of organized curiosity, a place where you get to explore your own answers to “Why?” and “How?” and “What if…?” with professors whose standards are high and whose passions are infectious. Over the years, our faculty has been awarded Pulitzers in music and poetry, a Nobel in economics, and prestigious Guggenheim fellowships in history, political science, and film, along with countless other research and creative honors.

These professors believe that the art of teaching includes the art of assisting discovery, which means you’ll have opportunities to work with them in their research. Freshman Research and Creative Awards, for example, is a scholarship program that puts you right in research labs and creative studios, so you can experience the magic of exploration firsthand.
COME TO
GAIN PERSPECTIVE

The U of M is rich in opportunities to get involved. From pre-law society to yoga, you can find a group to fit your taste.

Committed to the serious work of building community and engaging with the world outside, forty percent of our students take a service-learning course. We’re also one of the few colleges in the U.S. to offer the Community Engagement Scholars program, which recognizes students for integrating community service into their educational experience.

As you prepare for a career in our globally connected world, there’s no substitute for experience. Our 300+ learning abroad programs can take you from Buenos Aires to Beijing, and beyond—to study, intern, volunteer, conduct research, or participate in service-learning projects. In fact, we have programs in 80 countries, and every year 25 percent of our students are studying in one of them.
The U of M is one of the nation’s top public universities, focusing on four-year graduation and low debt for our students. Value means more than that. When you graduate, your degree will put you on track for both a rewarding career and a fulfilling life.

We asked employers what they most valued in recently hired and experienced employees. Overwhelmingly, they reported it was the liberal arts education generally and competencies such as thinking critically, communicating clearly, and solving complex problems, specifically. They also told us that the Core Career Competencies are more important than specific undergraduate majors. A liberal arts degree is the foundation for a productive and successful career.

CLA’s rich environment of research, internships, engagement, and experiential opportunities—along with enhanced career advising, coaching, and alumni mentorship—means that you’re going to be just the kind of person that both employers and graduate schools are looking for.
COME TO MAKE NOISE

There's no place quite like it: a Big 10 school in the heart of the city. And not just any city, but "the Cities" as Minnesotans call our vibrant Minneapolis and St. Paul. With our Division 1 Golden Gophers competing in 12 women’s and 11 men’s intercollegiate athletic programs, the air is maroon and gold, the language is "Ski-U-Mah!" and Goldy Gopher is everybody’s best friend. Our campus is full of venues for cultural events like concerts, lectures, and dance performances, as well as unique spots—like "Dinkytown," the neighborhood that Bob Dylan used to call home.
Choose Your Own Adventure

Pick from 70+ majors. Or design one to fit your unique interests.

Arts, Communication, and Media
- Acting
- Art
- Art History
- Communication Studies
- Dance
- Journalism
- Mass Communication
- Music
- Music Education
- Music Therapy
- Strategic Communications & Public Relations
- Studies in Cinema & Media Culture
- Technical Writing & Communication
- Theatre Arts

Humanities, Languages, and Cultures
- African American & African Studies
- American Indian Studies
- American Studies
- Asian Languages & Literatures
- Biblical Studies
- Chicano-Latino Studies Classics

Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature
- English
- French & Italian Studies
- French Studies
- Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies
- German, Scandinavian & Dutch Studies
- Italian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Linguistics
- Ojibwe Language
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Spanish & Portuguese Studies
- Spanish Studies

Sciences and Math
- Astrophysics
- Biology, Society & Environment
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Environmental Geoscience
- Mathematics
- Physics

Physiology
- Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences
- Statistics

Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Child Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Economics
- Geography
- Global Studies
- History
- Human Physiology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sociology of Law, Criminology, & Deviance
- Urban Studies

Choose from Multiple Majors
- Individualized Majors
- Individually Designed
- Interdepartmental Major

Two Cities are better than one
To build your future and your career

One of the amazing things about being at the U of M is what’s just beyond campus. Here, you get a great liberal arts education where you develop the Core Career Competencies, right in the middle of a metropolitan center where you can develop connections and gain experiences that will serve you for the rest of your life. Seventeen Fortune 500 companies—including Target, 3M, and Medtronic—are headquartered here. We’re one of the nation’s major high-technology centers. We’re home to the State Capitol in St. Paul, as well as to major nonprofit organizations in health care, the environment, and social services. This means that the “real world”—with opportunities for internships, mentoring, and professional relationships—is right at your doorstep. We help you build your future while you earn your degree.
Curious? Take the next steps to plan ahead for college:

**VISIT**
Explore the University of Minnesota and learn about what life is like as a U of M student through our virtual visits. We offer online campus tours, individual appointments with tour guides, and information sessions for students interested in the College of Liberal Arts.

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**CONTACT**
Our admissions counselors are here to answer any of your questions. Give us a call!
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