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A guide to the transfer students' journey

The University of Minnesota is home to bright students who never stop asking questions, searching for answers, and changing the world. And they all have one thing in common – they were once making the same exciting decisions about the future that you are today.

We know you are working hard to make the best choice for your educational investment – one that will support your transition to a new campus and also inspire your curiosity. We created this booklet to help you tackle your college transfer journey one step at a time, and turn your anticipation into exhilaration.





FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

While there are many factors that weigh into your final decision about transferring to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, for most students it boils down to a feeling of “fit.” Below, we’ve assembled some key steps you can take to help you discover the right fit for you as a transfer student, as well as key questions to ask any college or university that you are considering transferring to.

- **Make a list of what’s important to you in a college**

- > What opportunities are you looking for? What career do you want to achieve after graduation?
 - * Questions to ask:
 1. What majors do you offer that match my interests?
 2. What is the job placement rate after graduation for your major/program/college?
 3. What resources are available for transfer students to help with after-graduation plans?
- > How do your credits transfer from previous institutions?
 - * Questions to ask:
 1. How can I see how my courses transfer into a particular major?
 2. Do you have course transfer guides available so that I can plan what to take at my current institution with the goal of transferring into your program in the future?
 3. What credits don't transfer into your institution? What is the petition process to have credits re-evaluated?
- > How will I pay for college?
 - * Questions to ask:
 1. What scholarships do you have that are dedicated to transfer students?
 2. Are there work study/on-campus jobs available?
 3. How does financial aid work for transfer students at your institution?

- **Ask a lot of questions**

- > When it comes to admissions questions, such as course requirements or deadlines, “word of mouth” can be confusing! When you contact a college or university directly with your questions, you will get the most up-to-date and accurate information.
- > *If you have a question about how to apply, what major program fits your goals, or what it’s like to be a student at the University of Minnesota, don’t hesitate to reach out to a transfer admissions counselor. Our counselors are here to support you through your college search process. You can find your counselor’s direct contact information at <http://z.umn.edu/mytfrcounselor>. Or, reach out to the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000.*



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

- **Explore your major options with Major Key**

- > **Already know what you want to study?** Great! Use the Major Key to see an overview of the program and check out potential career options. You can also look at degree requirements and find out what classes you might take.
- > **Not sure yet?** Don't worry! This is the perfect time to explore your options and see what's out there. With degrees ranging from Accounting to Youth Studies and a wide variety of programs in between, there's something for everyone at the University of Minnesota.
- > Maybe you want to stick with a familiar subject or maybe you're looking to try something new. Whichever path you choose, the U of M will help you discover what makes you driven to learn more. Visit majors.umn.edu to check out the Major Key and explore what the University of Minnesota has to offer!

- **Already have plans for after your undergraduate years?**

- > Whether you've got a career goal in mind or you're planning on pursuing a graduate degree or professional program, the University of Minnesota's specialized career centers provides support and guidance for a variety of post-graduation goals. Our great Twin Cities location allows for quick access to a diverse economy filled with opportunities for résumé-building, hands-on experiences.

MAJORS.UMN.EDU

The Major Key is a tool created to help you find information about opportunities related to all of our majors - we offer more than 140! Learn about a program itself, related majors, associated careers, and more at majors.umn.edu.

VISIT CAMPUS



On a U of M campus visit, you never know who your tour guide may be!

- > A campus visit is one of the best ways to learn more about what a college or university has to offer, and find out if it is a good fit for you.
- > *On a visit to the University of Minnesota, you'll get an inside look at one of the nation's top research universities; learn about U of M majors, student life, study abroad, and undergraduate research; and experience the exciting atmosphere of our Big 10 campus in person.*
- > *Tips for a successful campus visit:*
 - **Bring plenty of questions, and don't be afraid to speak up!** You'll get the most out of the visit by asking the questions that matter to you.
 - **Customize your visit to fit your own goals and interests.** Take advantage of the variety of opportunities available to you on campus by requesting a special appointment. When you schedule your visit, be sure to check out our transfer student visit information page at <http://z.umn.edu/tfrvisitinfo> for individual college visit links and information.
 - **Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.** Check the forecast, plan ahead, and make sure you're prepared for a long walk around campus!
 - **Spend time exploring the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan area.** Our great location is one of the top benefits to our students. Explore what the surrounding community has to offer!
 - **Don't hesitate to call with questions about what visit option is right for you.** A great way to start planning a unique campus visit is to call our VISITLINE (612-625-0000 or 1-800-752-0000) to discover the best visit option for you and your family.



LOOK AHEAD AND GET EXCITED!



Part of finding the right fit for you is learning more about student life on campus. For lots of great transfer student information, visit transfer.umn.edu. Also, take a sneak peek into life on campus by connecting with us on social media!



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Now, take a deep breath... you got this!

"Curiosity is the ultimate beauty of an adventurous mind." - Debasish Mridha

- > When you let your curiosity guide you, you'll discover the right fit for you. Right now, you're taking the next steps toward achieving your goals and dreams.
- > At the University of Minnesota, you'll find great opportunities, learn more about yourself and the world around you. You'll expand your global perspective, discover new passions, and accomplish more than you ever thought possible. Best of all, when you bring your curiosity to campus... you'll find that you fit right in!

