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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:
- 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

Early Action Deadline: Thursday, November 1, 2018
- Full consideration for admission, University Honors Program, and most scholarships is given to students whose applications are complete by November 1.
- *November 1 is also the deadline for the Freshman Nursing Guarantee Program supplemental application.*
- Applicants will receive a decision no later than January 31, 2019.
- *Minnesota does not offer early decision. The deadline for admitted students to confirm their enrollment is May 1.*

Regular Deadline: Tuesday, January 1, 2019
- Full consideration for admission, University Honors Program, and most scholarships is given to students whose applications are complete by January 1.
- Applicants will receive a decision no later than March 31, 2019.

STEPS TO COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

To be considered for admission to the University of Minnesota, you will need to complete the following three basic steps. We recommend following the steps in the order below.
1. Submit a completed application. Apply now at z.umn.edu/apply.
2. Pay the $55 application fee or fee waiver (part of the application form).
3. Submit a Self-Reported Academic Record to report your courses, grades and test scores.
   - Students taking the October ACT or SAT will be considered on time for the November 1 deadline if they either:
     » Self-report their test scores by November 30.
     » Provide the U of M school code (ACT code 2156 or SAT code 6874) when registering for the October exams to request the agency send your test scores.
   - Students taking the December ACT or SAT will be considered on time for the January 1 deadline if they either:
     » Self-report their test scores by January 31.
     » Provide the U of M school code (ACT code 2156 or SAT code 6874) when registering for the December exams to request the agency send your test scores.

   Your strongest composite score will be considered in the review of your application. The writing exam is recommended, but not required.

Note - Applicants to the following programs must also submit a supplemental application: Acting (BFA Actor Training Program), Dance, Music, Nursing (Freshman Nursing Guarantee Program). See 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 will appear on Application Tracker within 10 days. (Please note that international documents may take slightly longer.) Each document is reviewed and 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

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

Regular deadline applicants: Students who submit their complete applications by the January 1 (regular) 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 early action or regular 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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

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

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 2018, 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 2018 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 2018. 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 2018 ADMITTED FRESHMAN ACADEMIC PROFILE	Middle 50 percentile of fall 2018 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	1320-1460	82-97
Breakdown by College			
Carlson School of Management	28-32	1330-1440	86-97
College of Biological Sciences	29-33	1350-1470	91-99
College of Design	25-30	1240-1400	75-94
College of Education + Human Development	23-28	1230-1370	74-91
College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	25-30	1250-1380	76-94
College of Liberal Arts	26-31	1290-1420	78-94
College of Science and Engineering	31-34	1410-1510	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 2018. 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 2018 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 *Average for Honors Admits*	97-99	92-98	99-99	98-99	95-99	95-99	94-99	96-99
ACT Composite *Average for Honors Admits*	33-34	30-32	34-36	33-35	31-34	30-33	31-34	32-35
SAT Total Score *Average for Honors Admits*	1470-1540	1370-1450	1510-1570	1480-1550	1420-1530	1400-1470	1420-1470	1400-1540

AFTER ADMISSION

NEXT STEPS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

Apply for Financial Aid → The FAFSA is 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 2018, 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 when 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 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. University housing is assigned based on the date you apply for housing, so applying early can increase your chances of receiving your top housing requests. Learn more about on-campus housing options at housing.umn.edu.

- You can apply for housing before you receive an admission decision, but the $50 application fee is non-refundable.

Confirm Enrollment

- The deadline for admitted students to confirm their enrollment for fall 2019 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 z.umn.edu/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.

Submit Final Official Transcript and Test Score

- You must submit an official transcript listing your high school graduation date by July 1. Your official test score results are also due on July 1 before your term of enrollment.

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