Class of 2024
Admitted International Freshman Guide
COME CURIOUS
CONGRATULATIONS!

The University of Minnesota is home to the curious, and those who strive to feed that curiosity. Two US vice presidents have called the U of M home. Award-winning authors, musicians, and journalists have too. Astronauts. Civil rights leaders. Athletes. Ground-breaking physicians. Inventors. Nobel Prize winners. All have called our campus their home. And now, we would like to add you to the list.

We invite you to join the Class of 2024. As a U of M student, you will expand your global perspective, develop new passions, and accomplish more than you ever thought possible.

BECAUSE YOU ARE DRIVEN TO DISCOVER.

Maybe you’re driven to be part of the next generation of global citizens and leaders. Maybe you have always wanted to experience all four, Minnesota seasons.

Maybe you hope to help unlock the keys to cleaner water and soil, more sustainable resources, healthier people, and more equitable and just societies. Maybe you are just looking for your place in the world, and hope to find it in our vibrant community of scholars.

There are a million reasons to consider the University of Minnesota. Now that you’re admitted to the Class of 2024, we invite you to explore some of those reasons in the pages that follow.

WELCOME, #FUTUREGOPHER!
WHAT’S NEXT?

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. Confirm your enrollment online at z.umn.edu/confirm by May 1.

The website will prompt you to confirm your enrollment and pay your non-refundable $280 confirmation fee using a credit card.

You also can return the enrollment confirmation form (included with your admission letter) and the confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions.

NOTE: Confirmation forms and fees postmarked after the May 1 deadline are accepted on a space-available basis. Confirm by May 1!

Need to postpone your enrollment?
You have been admitted for fall semester 2020. If you decide to postpone your first semester of enrollment for any reason, you must contact the Office of Admissions so we may consider your application for a later semester.

APPLY FOR HOUSING
To ensure your top choice for on campus living, it is very important to apply as early as possible at housing.umn.edu! Since housing space is limited, the University of Minnesota assigns housing on a first-come, first-served basis. This means the earlier you apply for housing, the better your chances of being assigned to your preferred hall or apartment.

You can apply for housing even before you confirm your enrollment. Note that the $50 housing application fee is non-refundable. Students who apply for housing after May 1 are placed in housing on a space-available basis.

SUBMIT YOUR UNDERGRADUATE NEW STUDENT I-20 REQUEST
All international students studying on an F-1 student visa are required to submit an Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request (formerly known as Financial Certification Statement) at z.umn.edu/I-20Request_NewUndergrad as soon as possible, but no later than August 1.

The Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request is required not only to obtain an I-20 and F-1 visa, but also to transfer your I-20 and F-1 visa status from your current U.S. school to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. More information at isss.umn.edu/new

Complete all three of these important steps right away to ensure you are ready to be #FutureGopher!
Before you can register for classes for next year, you must complete the following items. If we do not receive these items, your admissions decisions may be cancelled.

**SUBMIT YOUR OFFICIAL AND COMPLETE ACADEMIC RECORD**

In order to verify the coursework and grades you self-reported at the time of application, the Office of Admissions must receive your official and complete academic documents from all secondary schools attended along with proof of high school graduation (i.e. graduation certificate or leaving exam results) by July 1.

- 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 mailed in a sealed, stamped school envelope directly from the secondary school or examining board.
- A scanned or electronic copy of an official document is considered unofficial.
- Official and complete academic records and proof of high school graduation may include exam results such as, but not limited to, IB, IGCSE, O/AS/A-level, WAEC, HKDSE, SPM, and CISCE/CBSE. Examples of official documents and the submission instructions can be found on the Office of Admissions website at [z.umn.edu/officialdocs](http://z.umn.edu/officialdocs).

**Deadline Extension**

If you are unable to submit the secondary school documents by the July 1 deadline, you must contact the Office of Admissions in advance and provide the reasons for the deadline extension. Your request must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Admissions.

**Senior Year Grades Policy**

Senior year courses are a primary factor we consider when making admissions decisions. After complete academic records are received, we review each student’s senior year coursework, the grades earned in those courses, and any applicable exam results to confirm course completion, and that the performance during the senior year is consistent with the academic performance at the time of application. Unsuccessful completion of senior year coursework and/or a significant decline in academic performance during the senior year may result in the cancellation of admission.

“Successful completion” of coursework is defined as achieving grades consistent with or better than earlier terms on the academic transcripts and reports. Each year, there are cases where admission is rescinded based on significant declines in senior year grades.

If you are making significant changes to your senior year courses, or are experiencing declining grades in any of your courses, you must consult with the Office of Admissions 1-800-752-1000 or 612-625-2008 or email us at [z.umn.edu/contactadmissions](http://z.umn.edu/contactadmissions).

**SUBMIT YOUR OFFICIAL TEST SCORES**

In order to verify test scores you self-reported at the time of application, we must receive your official test score report submitted from the testing agency to the Office of Admissions by July 1. A scanned or electronic copy of an official test score report is considered unofficial. Official results, including total, overall or composite scores and subscores, must match the information provided in the applicant’s Self-Reported Academic Record form. The July 1 submission deadline cannot be extended. We strongly recommend you to request your official test scores be sent as soon as you confirm your enrollment.

**IMPORTANT:** For students who do not submit the necessary documents by the deadline, or if altered, modified, or falsified documents are submitted, admission will be rescinded, the I-20 will be cancelled, and the student will NOT be allowed to enroll at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
FINANCIAL PLANNING

TUITION AND FEES
Tuition and fees are subject to change. These costs for the 2020-2021 academic year will be finalized in July 2020. Actual expenses vary for individual students. The University of Minnesota is not responsible for any difference between estimated and actual costs. Cost increases should be expected for each subsequent academic year. For more information, visit [z.umn.edu/intlcosts](http://z.umn.edu/intlcosts).

2020-2021 ESTIMATED COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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<td>Full-time tuition and fees (9 months)</td>
<td>$35,913</td>
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<td>Mandatory health insurance (12 months)</td>
<td>$2,457</td>
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<td>Living expenses, including room and board, books and supplies*, and personal/miscellaneous expenses (transportation, clothing, entertainment, etc.) for 12 months</td>
<td>$18,795</td>
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<td>$57,165</td>
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* The tuition and fee figure above includes $922 international student fees, $1,794 student services fee, collegiate fee and miscellaneous fees. Tuition and fees listed here are 2019 actual costs plus a 5% increase in tuition and fees.

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. International students must prove they have sufficient funds available to pay their educational and personal expenses.

PAYING YOUR TUITION
Your tuition payment generally will 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. More information on payment method options such as Flywire is available at [z.umn.edu/intlpay](http://z.umn.edu/intlpay).

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 form. Learn more at [admissions.tc.umn.edu/costsaid/jobs.html](http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/costsaid/jobs.html).

Did You Know?
Any credits you take over the 13-credit threshold are free of charge, so you can take a variety of courses without worrying about extra costs. Most students take 15-16 credits a semester to graduate on time.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)
After you confirm your enrollment and submit your Financial Certification Statement, you will receive International Student Pre-arrival Guide 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 ISSS’s website: isss.umn.edu/new or contact them at isssnew@umn.edu.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS
International freshmen must complete both international student orientation and freshman orientation.

International Student Online Preparation Course
Prior to arrival, all new international students are required to complete the International Student Preparation Course. This program is the first step in completing new international student orientation requirements, and it will help you prepare for your arrival at the University. Visit isss.umn.edu/new to begin the course.

Upon arrival, you should complete MyISSS Document Check. Once on campus, you are required to attend ISSS Check-in and Welcome Session. Review the ISSS New Student Information at isss.umn.edu/new.

Freshman Orientation: New Student Checklist
Freshman Orientation is a two-day on-campus program required of all new students. Once you have confirmed your enrollment, you will receive information from your college about completing your New Student Checklist.

The New Student Checklist is an interactive, online checklist allowing students to complete the “Tell us about yourself” survey, sign up for orientation dates, and take any required placement exams. Depending on your college, you may need to take a placement test for math, chemistry, and/or a second language to help us determine the best starting point for your college curriculum.

For more information, visit Orientation & Transition Experiences at ote.umn.edu/incoming-freshman/orientation.
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT: AZ HOLD
If you have not yet provided official documentation meeting our English proficiency requirement, you will have an AZ hold placed on your student account. This will prevent you from registering for classes.

There are a few options to have the AZ hold cleared:

- Take an English proficiency test and submit an official test score report. Both of the total score and writing subscore must meet or exceed the minimum required scores. Information on English proficiency tests and minimum required scores is available at [z.umn.edu/englishreq](http://z.umn.edu/englishreq).
- Take an English proficiency test administered by the University’s Minnesota English Language Program (MELP) upon arrival to campus. Depending on your test results, you will be required to take one or two English language courses in your major area of study during your first year, in addition to academic courses. Contact MELP at esl@umn.edu for more information.
- If you do not wish to take an English proficiency test, enroll in one or two English language courses in your major area of study during your first year, in addition to academic courses. At orientation, your academic advisor will assist you with selecting English language courses.

Visit English Proficiency Information for International Students at [z.umn.edu/englishreq](http://z.umn.edu/englishreq).

TRANSFER COURSE AWARDS
The University of Minnesota Twin Cities awards credit for qualifying scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and GCE A-Level exams. Submit your official exam results to the Office of Admission as soon as they are released. If you have completed any university or postsecondary courses, have an official final transcript in the original language with a certified true English translation sent directly to the Office of Admissions from each university you have attended.

Detailed information is available at [z.umn.edu/InternationalTransferCredit](http://z.umn.edu/InternationalTransferCredit).

For more information about arrival preparation
Contact the Office of Admissions with questions and concerns.
Email: z.umn.edu/contactadmissions
Call: 612-625-2008
GOOD TO KNOW

Major Exploration for International Students

At the University of Minnesota, we offer 150+ under-graduate majors. As a U of M student, you will get to know other students in your intended major, connect with faculty and staff in your areas of interest, and benefit from academic advising and career services tailored to your personal and career goals. To explore each major in more depth, visit capeinternational.umn.edu

Optional Programs

The International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) has arranged several programs in August to help you adjust to campus, learn about campus resources, and make new friends. While not required, past students said the activities helped them feel more prepared for the start of classes.

- **International Parent Orientation** - An opportunity for your parents to learn about campus, meet with the staff who specialize in working with international students, and get questions answered. Learn more at isss.umn.edu/programs/parent.
- **Global Gopher Academy** - August 10-15, 2020 this program offers workshops, academic training sessions, tours, and fun activities to help introduce you to fellow students, U.S. culture, and life at the University of Minnesota. You will also take part in academic preparation sessions, meet new and current students, and have the opportunity to explore the Twin Cities. Learn more at isss.umn.edu/programs/isuccess.
- **Global Gopher Events** - August 24 - September 1. These events are an opportunity for you to prepare for classes, make new friends, and discover the amazing services the UMN offer. You can also talk to returning international students about what you should do while on campus. Visit isss.umn.edu/programs/ggumn/ for more information.

Living Learning Communities

A wide variety of Living Learning Communities are available within University housing, including culturally focused houses, interest-based houses such as Biology House, and others.

These communities offer a special opportunity for students to live and learn with other freshmen who share similar interests.

Assignments in Living Learning Communities are based on the date the completed housing application contract is received, space availability, and whether students meet program requirements.

Students who are interested in one of the Living Learning Communities are encouraged to apply online at z.umn.edu/LiveLearn as soon as possible, but no later than March 1.

**2020-2021 University Calendar**

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<td>September 8</td>
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* If you need to secure off-campus housing, you should arrive approximately three weeks prior to the start of classes so you have sufficient time to search for housing.
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CELEBRATE!

Visit z.umn.edu/FutureGopher for more ways to celebrate and confirm!

Schedule your admitted student visit or take a virtual tour today at z.umn.edu/campusvisit

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