

Fall 2021

**Admitted International
Freshman Guide**

COME CURIOUS

CONGRATULATIONS!

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is home to the curious, and those who strive to feed that curiosity. Two United States 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 2025. 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 2025, we invite you to explore some of those reasons in the pages that follow.

WELCOME, #FUTUREGOPHER!

The University of Minnesota is closely monitoring COVID-19. We continue to work closely with state and federal agencies to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff and community members. For the most up to date information please visit z.umn.edu/CampusUpdates.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the University of Minnesota Twin Cities is on the traditional homelands of the Dakota people. It is important to acknowledge the peoples whose land we live, learn, and work on. We acknowledge words are not enough, and we must ensure our institution provides support and access to higher education for American Indian students, staff, faculty and community members.

OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

We stand with those calling for sustained and meaningful change, including University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel and our university partners at the Office for Equity and Diversity, and pledge to:

1. **Listen:** Listen to members of Black, Indigenous, and communities of color who continue to experience the damaging effects of historical trauma, oppression, and systemic racism.
2. **Learn:** Learn about anti-Blackness and its pervasive and harmful impact. Learn more about our role in creating change. Dismantling systemic racism cannot happen without an understanding of the history of our University, state, and nation.
3. **Support:** Support impacted communities. Donate. Volunteer. Create intentional spaces to process anger, sadness, and grief. There are many immediate and long-term needs.
4. **Advocate:** Make your voice heard. Get involved in efforts to create change within and beyond the University. Systemic change cannot happen without direct action and advocacy.

Source: Office for Equity and Diversity

The Office of Admissions vows to support our community members who continue to face inequities. We acknowledge words are not enough. We must demonstrate we are taking action. It will take courage to confront our past mistakes and our personal and institutional biases, to have difficult conversations, and to risk missteps. As an institution of teaching and learning, we are both obligated and well-positioned to do just that.

We have every confidence in this generation of students to move the world in a way that earlier generations have not. We commit to supporting those working to achieve the goal of a better, fairer, safer society. We hope you'll join us to be a part of this effort.



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.



NOTE: Confirmations submitted after the May 1 deadline are accepted on a space-available basis only. **Confirm by May 1!**

Need to postpone your enrollment?

You have been admitted for fall semester 2021. 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 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.

For international housing information such as on-campus, off-campus and temporary housing, visit: housing.umn.edu/international.

You can apply for housing even before you confirm your enrollment. The University of Minnesota guarantees housing to all admitted first-year freshmen who are willing to accept assignment to any space designated, and who:

1. Submit the housing application-contract and non-refundable housing application fee to Housing & Residential Life no later than **May 1**; and
2. Confirm their enrollment with the Office of Admissions no later than **May 1**.

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 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 iss.umn.edu/new.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS



SUBMIT YOUR OFFICIAL ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS

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 (word-for-word) English translations.
- 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.



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. Your request must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Admissions.



Senior Year Grades Policy

Senior year courses and grades are very important, and are considered when making admission decisions. After complete academic records are received, we review each student's senior year coursework and grades, and any applicable exam results, to confirm completion and that student 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 1-612-625-2008 or email us at z.umn.edu/contactadmissions.



SUBMIT YOUR OFFICIAL TEST SCORES

Any test scores self-reported (ACT, SAT, English proficiency) during the application process must be verified as official prior to enrolling. Test scores must match the highest reported score on your Self-Reported Academic Record, and must be received by the Office of Admissions by **July 1**. Please request that your test scores be sent to our office directly from the testing agency.

A scanned or electronic copy of an official test score report is not considered as official results. 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 admission.

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. Costs for the 2021-2022 academic year will be finalized in July 2021. 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.

2020-2021 ESTIMATED COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Tuition & Fees* (full academic year or two semesters)	\$34,334
Mandatory Health Insurance (12 months)	\$2,544
Living Expenses, including room and board, books and supplies, and personal/miscellaneous expenses (12 months)	\$18,795
Total	\$55,673

Some programs and colleges have additional **mandatory fees and/or tuition surcharges. Students enrolled in the Carlson School of Management (CSOM), College of Science and Engineering (CSE) and some College of Liberal Arts (CLA) majors will be charged an additional \$1,000 per semester tuition surcharge to maintain innovative classrooms and laboratories.*

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.

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 Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request form. Learn more at isss.umn.edu/fstudent/oncampus.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.

PREPARE TO BE A GOLDEN GOPHER

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)

After you confirm your enrollment and submit your Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request form, you will receive the 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: iss.umn.edu/new or contact them at issnew@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 iss.umn.edu/new to begin the course.

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

Freshman Orientation: New Student Checklist

Freshman Orientation is required for 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 z.umn.edu/IncomingFreshmanOrientation.



Please note: In-person Orientation activities were shifted to an online format due to COVID-19 safety measures for fall 2020. The University of Minnesota will continue to monitor the situation for fall 2021 and communicate a plan when available.

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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 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.
- 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 may 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.

For more information, visit English Proficiency Information for International Students at 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.

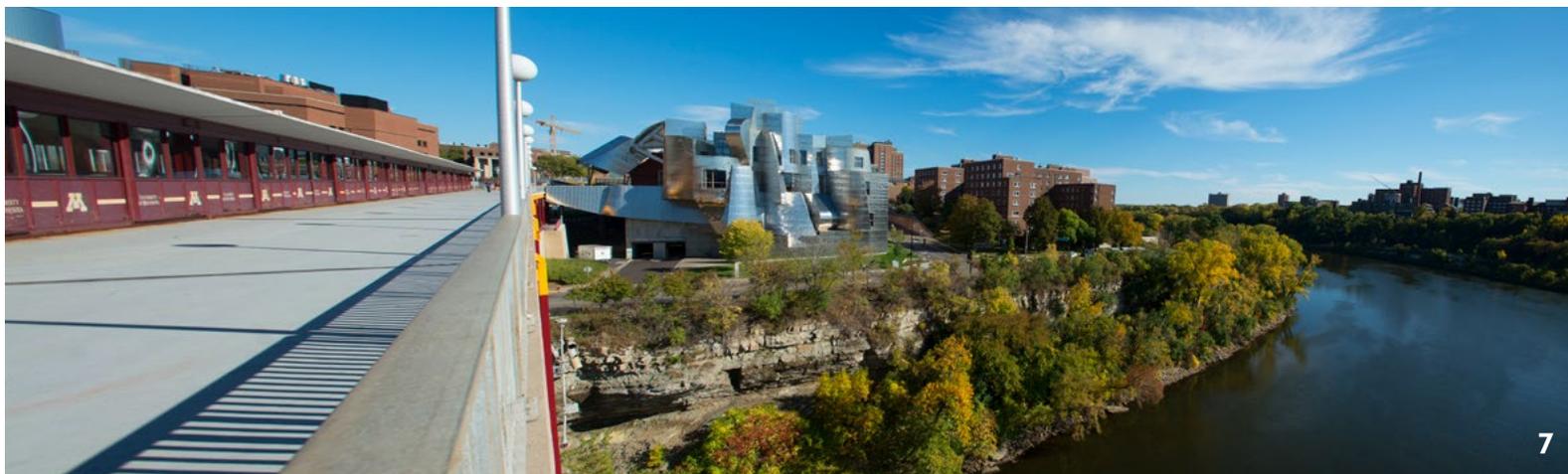


For more information about arrival preparation

Contact the Office of Admissions with questions and concerns.

Email: z.umn.edu/contactadmissions

Call: 1-612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000



GOOD TO KNOW

Major Exploration for International Students

At the University of Minnesota, we offer 150+ undergraduate 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.

Living Learning Communities

A wide variety of Living Learning Communities (LLCs) 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. For more information, visit: z.umn.edu/livelearn.

Optional Global Gopher Programs

The International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) has arranged several programs to help students 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. Visit z.umn.edu/ISSSNewStudentPrograms for more information.

Campus Calendar and Events

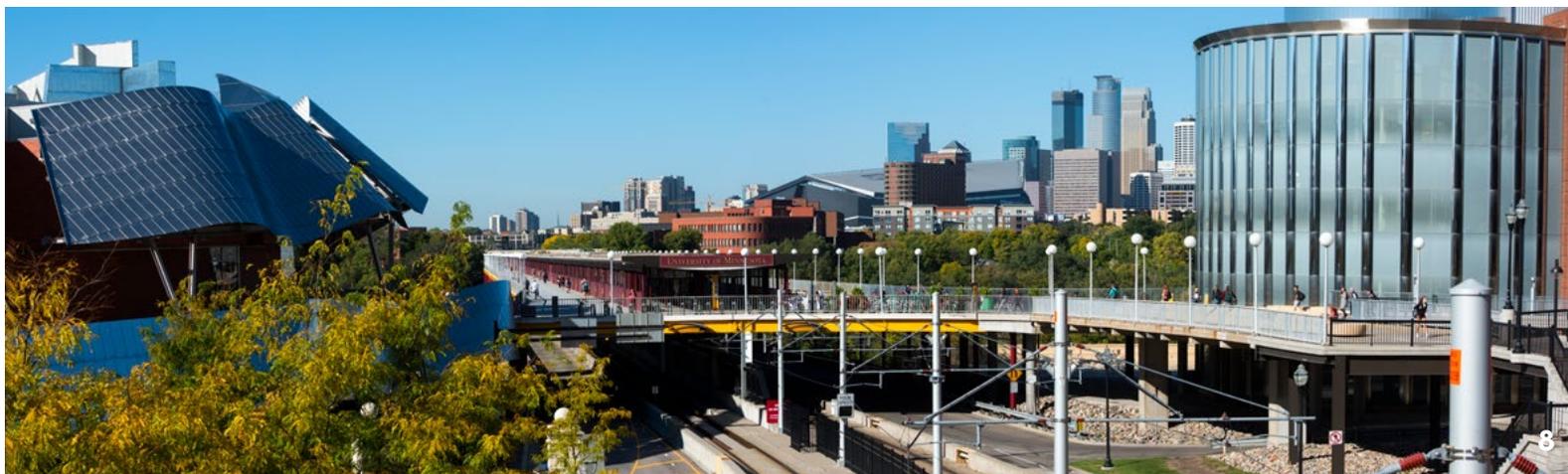
Many in-person activities and events were shifted to an online format due to COVID-19 safety measures. The University of Minnesota will continue to monitor the situation for fall 2021 and will communicate any changes. For important key dates and events, please visit z.umn.edu/keydates.



Goldy Gopher, our campus mascot, also hopes you'll choose to join the Gopher community!

2021-2022 University Calendar

Arrive by	August 23
Welcome Week	September 1-6
Classes begin	September 7
Final examinations	December 16-22
Semester break	December 23-January 17
First day of spring semester	January 18
Spring Break	March 7-11
Final examinations	May 5-11



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CELEBRATE!

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

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