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.

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. 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.

The website will prompt you to confirm your enrollment and pay your non-refundable $95 confirmation fee using a credit card.

You also can return the enrollment confirmation form at z.umn.edu/AdmissionsForms and the confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions.

Interested in postponing your enrollment?
If you decide to postpone your first semester of enrollment for any reason, please contact the Office of Admissions (Email: admissions@umn.edu Call: 612-625-2008/1-800-752-1000) so that we may consider your application for a later semester.

SUBMIT YOUR FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
All international students studying on an F-1 student visa are required to submit a Financial Certification Statement at z.umn.edu/submitfincert, as soon as possible, but no later than August 1, 2020.

The Financial Certification Statement 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

ARRANGE HOUSING
Be sure to make housing arrangements prior to arriving on campus. For complete information about the various housing options available, please visit the University’s Housing & Residential Life website at www.housing.umn.edu/international. Everything you need to know about on-campus, off-campus, and temporary housing for those who will arrive in the U.S. prior to the beginning of the semester is available on this website. On-campus housing is limited. 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.

Complete all three of these important steps right away to ensure you are ready to be #FutureGopher!
SUBMIT PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Successful completion of secondary school/high school graduation is a University of Minnesota enrollment requirement. In order to fulfill the University of Minnesota policy for proof of high school graduation, you must provide the Office of Admissions with an official copy of your graduation certificate and/or final secondary school transcript and/or leaving exam results along with official English translations by August 1, 2020.

- Proof of high school graduation may include exam results such as, but not limited to, IB, 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.
- If you have completed a GED program, we require that you provide an official copy of your GED certificate.
- If you have obtained an Associate of Arts degree from a US college, we will require an official copy of your final transcript with completion of an Associate of Arts degree listed on the document. Note: We may not accept Associate of Science degrees as satisfying our high school graduation requirements.

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.

You will have a MD hold on your account, which prevents you from registering for classes if you do not complete this requirement by the stated deadline.

SUBMIT OFFICIAL FINAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPTS

Submit your official, final transcripts (with English translation, if necessary) submitted directly to the Office of Admissions by September 1, 2020 from all colleges or universities that you have attended, even if no credit was earned. Once we receive them, we will automatically produce and email a transfer credit evaluation to you. This evaluation will show the courses and total credits transferred, the courses that did not transfer, as well as how the transfer courses will fulfill any of the University’s Liberal Education (LE) requirements. When you attend Transfer Student Orientation, you will receive an Academic Progress Audit System (APAS) report that shows how your transfer courses may have fulfilled any college or major requirement in order to complete your degree. Note that your international credits may not transfer as 1 to 1. Your courses will transfer as “T” (transfer for passing) or “F” (fail) and the grades that you received in the course will not show on your APAS report or on your transcript. You may need to supply additional information before you will know if a course you have taken will meet any LE or major requirements. Learn more about international transfer credit evaluations at z.umn.edu/InternationalTransferCredit.

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.

2020-2021 ESTIMATED COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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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. Estimated costs are 2019 actual costs plus 5%.

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 Financial Certification Statement form. Learn more at z.umn.edu/CostsAndJobs.

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 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: isss.umn.edu/new or contact them at isssnew@umn.edu.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS
International transfer students must complete both international student orientation and transfer student 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, 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.

Transfer Orientation: New Student Checklist
Transfer Orientation is a one-day, on-campus program required of all new transfer 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-transfer/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.

You may select one of the following 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 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 during your first year, in addition to academic courses. At orientation, your academic advisor will assist you with selecting English language courses.
- If you complete the required number of transferable semester credits and the equivalent of the University of Minnesota freshman English writing course at your current U.S. school, submit an updated official transcript.

To learn how to fulfill the University of Minnesota English proficiency requirement and remove the AZ hold, visit [z.umn.edu/englishreq](http://z.umn.edu/englishreq). Contact the Office of Admissions (Email: admissions@umn.edu, Call: 612-625-2008/1-800-752-1000) with questions and concerns.

AP, IB AND A-LEVEL 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 possible.

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
**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

**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.

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**2020-2021 University Calendar**

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Goldy Gopher, our campus mascot, also hopes you’ll choose to join the Gopher community!
University of Minnesota

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