Congratulations on your admission!

Curiosity is what drives us to discover. To keep questioning science, art, life, and opinion. To go beyond what we know. To uncover what we don’t. When you come curious to the University of Minnesota, you’ll master the skills, learn the facts, and make the connections you need to explore the world, secure a job, and find your future. In fact, when you bring curiosity to campus, the first thing you’ll find is that you fit right in.
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. To confirm your enrollment, you will need to submit a non-refundable $95 confirmation fee by the deadline noted in your admission materials. You may do so online at: z.umn.edu/confirm. Or, you can return the enrollment confirmation form (which is included with your paper admission letter) and your confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions. Confirmations submitted after the deadline are accepted on a space-available basis.

Interested in postponing your enrollment?
If you decide to postpone your first semester of enrollment for any reason, please contact us at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000 so that we may consider your application for a later semester.

Submit a Financial Certification Statement and Passport Copy (Required for All F-1 Students)
Deadline: December 1

Transfer I-20s are issued after you: (1) confirm your enrollment, (2) submit your Financial Certification Statement and passport copy, (3) meet with the international student advisor at your current school to discuss your intent to transfer schools, and (4) complete the transfer release form. More details about this process are available at z.umn.edu/I20Transfer or by contacting an advisor in International Student Scholar Services (ISSS) at 1-612-626-7100 or by email at issssnew@umn.edu.

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 be arriving in the U.S. prior to the beginning of the semester) is available on this website. On-campus housing is limited. If you are looking for off-campus housing, please visit housing.umn.edu/off-campus for important information about renting off-campus housing.
Submit Proof of High School Graduation
Successful completion of secondary school/high school graduation is a U of M enrollment requirement. In order to verify that you have completed secondary school, have your secondary school send to the Office of Admissions no later than January 15, 2020 your official final secondary school transcript and proof of graduation (i.e., graduation certificate or leaving exam results). 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 attested copies of original academic documents that are mailed in a sealed, stamped envelope directly from the secondary school or examining board. A scanned or electronic copy of an official document is considered unofficial. Examples of official documents can be found on the Office of Admissions website at z.umn.edu/officialdocs.

You will have a MD hold on your account, which prevents you from registering for classes if you do not complete this requirement in a timely manner.

Submit Official Final College/University Transcripts
You must have your official, final transcripts (with English translation, if necessary) submitted directly to the Office of Admissions by April 15, 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 (to include the first-year writing and writing intensive requirements). When you attend Transfer 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.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

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.

Tuition and expenses
International students must prove they have sufficient funds available to pay their educational and personal expenses. For 2020-2021, the estimated cost for a single undergraduate student is $57,165 (includes $35,913 full-time tuition and fees* for 9 months, $2,457 mandatory health insurance for 12 months, and $18,795 living expenses for 12 months.). Tuition and fees are subject to change and actual costs 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.

* 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. Tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year will be finalized in July 2020.

Paying your tuition
Your tuition payment will generally 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 Form. Learn more at admissions.tc.umn.edu/costaid/jobs.html.

PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

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: www.isss.umn.edu/new or email them at isssnew@umn.edu.
Online Programs 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 www.isss.umn.edu/new to begin the course. You also can learn about other orientation requirements including MyISSS Document Check, ISSS Check-in, and Welcome Session on the same page.

Transfer Orientation
Transfer Orientation is a one-day, on-campus program required of all new transfer students. Completing an online orientation prior to arriving at your on-campus orientation experience is required. The online program contains information specific to your college of enrollment as well as University-wide resources, services, and policies. The Orientation & Transition Experiences office will begin communicating orientation related information once you have confirmed your enrollment with the Office of Admissions. For more information, visit ote.umn.edu/incoming-transfer.

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Disability Services
To register to receive accommodations or services for a documented disability, email drc@umn.edu or call 1-612-626-1333 (voice or TTY). You can also visit diversity.umn.edu/disability/ for more information.

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English proficiency testing
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Minimum credit requirements
Most of our degree programs require you to complete 120 credits. A few require 128 credits. To graduate in four years, you need to average 30-32 credits a year (15-16 a semester).

All new degree-seeking students who enroll at the University are required to register for a minimum of 13 credits each semester until they graduate.

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