University of Minnesota

EAST BANK
MINNEAPOLIS
WALKING TOUR
PRE-TOUR CHECKLIST

☐ SNEAKERS TIED
☐ MAROON & GOLD GEAR ON
☐ SELFIE SMILES READY

PARK:
4th St Parking Ramp
1625 4th Street SE
Minneapolis, MN, 55455
*Pay for parking
Visit pts.umn.edu for more information

START:
Jones Hall
27 Pleasant Street SE
Minneapolis, MN, 55455
TOUR ROUTE

Expected Time: 1.5 hours

PARKING

TOUR STOP

VIEW POINT

PHOTO STOP
Walk to Jones Hall

Walk from 4th Street Parking Ramp to Jones Hall.

Stop behind Jones Hall to take a picture in front of the Maroon Wall Photostop! #FutureGopher
Jones Hall is home to the Freshman Admissions Welcome Center. Here, families can meet with Admissions staff to answer any questions they have when considering the U of M.

(Note: While we are working remotely to reduce the spread of COVID, please call us at 1-800-752-1000. We are happy to answer your questions!)

It’s also home to the College of Liberal Arts Language Center, which supports the teaching and advancement of foreign languages with technology.

Fun Fact: Jones Hall was once home to the physics department, followed by the College of Architecture.
Walk to Northrop

Walk south on Pleasant Street SE away from Jones Hall towards Northrop

You will see five building viewpoints on your way
Eddy Hall is the oldest standing building on campus. It is also a part of the Minnesota Historical Archives. While there are no longer any active classes that are held in Eddy Hall in order to preserve the building, there are still important offices located inside. For example, the Office of Classroom Management is housed here. It is also home to the Learning and Academic Skills Center and the University Counseling and Consulting Services. Additionally, make sure you take a stroll by it in the fall, when the colors of the building pop!
Nicholson Hall is where multiple liberal education classes and lectures are held. It’s also home to Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature, Studies in Cinema & Media Culture, and Classical & Near Eastern Studies. It’s home to one of the University Writing Centers on Campus, which is a free resource run for students by students, to have papers, essays, and lab reports reviewed and edited by undergraduate and graduate students and teaching assistants.
Scott Hall is home to the oldest American Indian Studies department in the nation. The building is also home to three other departments: Chicano Studies, Asian American Studies, and American Studies. The University of Minnesota is the only school in the state to have a Chicano and Latino Studies department.

**Fun Fact:** Chicano and Latino Studies has a unique project focused on oral history. The aim of the project is to create and preserve oral histories of Chicanas/os and Latinas/os in Minnesota. Students involved in the project have the opportunity to interview community members and capture their stories and traditions.
Elliot Hall is home to the Institution of Linguistics and the Department of Psychology, which just passed its 150 year anniversary! It houses the undergrad and graduate psychology programs, typically ranking in the top ten nationally each year. Psychology is the second-most popular area of study on campus (after Undecided).

Fun Fact: Elliot Hall houses the Minnesota Center for Twin & Family Research that performs many twin studies, including the famous Twins Reared Apart study in 1979.
Wulling Hall houses the Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy & Development within the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). CEHD has highly ranked educational programs. This building is also on the National Register of Historic Places.
Northrop Memorial Auditorium re-opened in April 2014 after a major renovation. It now houses the University Honors Program, the Institute for Advanced Study, the College of Design Travelers Innovation Lab, Northrop Presents, and two box offices. The renovation increased study and collaborative space on the East Bank campus by 50%. Students often receive free or discounted tickets to Northrop events. Upon application to the University, students are automatically considered for the University Honors Program - there is no supplemental application. Students in the Honors Program have the opportunity to graduate with Latin honors, access Honors advisers and more.
Northrop Memorial Auditorium offers a wide variety of fantastic shows for all to see. Whether it be ballet, symphony orchestras, or even hosting John Mulaney to the Clintons, Northrop is a great place to see wonderful performances! Additionally, first year students at the University do receive one free ticket to a show (during their first year) and Northrop offers discounted tickets to shows as well. Northrop is also home to the tasty Surdyk's cafe, where you can enjoy great coffee, sandwiches, and have a relaxing place to study. Lastly, the Honors Advising Offices, if a student is interested in the Honor's program, are located in Northrop.
Walk to Northrop Mall

Walk south away from Northrop across the plaza towards the grassy Mall.

You will see two building viewpoints on your way and one photostop.
Johnston Hall houses undergraduate and graduate CLA advising, student services, and the college’s Dean and administration offices. The University of Minnesota offers outstanding graduate and professional education across a range of disciplines. As an undergrad, you can work with them to find out your post-graduation options!

Fun Fact: CLA is the biggest college at the University, with 60+ different majors!
Morrill Hall houses University administration offices, including President Joan Gabel’s office. The Office of Undergraduate Education, The Office of Equity and Diversity, and University Relations are also located in Morrill Hall.
Northrop Mall is seen as the center of the East Bank Campus. During the warmer months, students gather to study, relax, eat lunch, and socialize on the mall. Many buildings on the mall are connected via the University’s tunnel and skyway system, the Gopher Way. 80% of East Bank, 95% of the St. Paul Campus, and 90% of West Bank is connected by the Gopher Way. The buildings on the mall mirror each other, similar to the National Mall in Washington D.C!
Walk down the east side of the **Mall**, and back up the west side of the **Mall** to end at **Walter Library**.

You will see six building viewpoints on your way.
Tate Hall houses lecture halls and lab rooms for many physics and astronomy courses. Recently renovated, Tate offers a modern learning space with many resources for student success. On top of the building, you can see a green dome which acts as a working observatory. Admission to the observatory is free to students on Friday night, so as the saying goes, go to 'Tate at eight for a cheap date'!
Vincent Hall is home to the mathematics department, and formerly the mortuary sciences program. It is also home to the Minnesota Center for Financial and Actuarial Mathematics for students who choose to pursue the actuarial emphasis in the mathematics program. There is a hidden outdoor courtyard along Scholars Walk between Vincent Hall and Murphy Hall.

Fun Fact: Vincent Hall has a full mathematical library in the basement only accessible to students in the mathematics program.
Murphy Hall is home to the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Through three different major tracks, the journalism major at the University prepares students for work primarily in journalism, public relations and advertising.

**Fun Fact:** The First Amendment is the first thing journalism students see in the main entry of Murphy Hall, as it’s painted on the wall! The main entry also has 24/7 access to the three major US cable news channels via three TVs.

**Fun Fact:** Murphy Hall is also home to the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law, one of the nation’s top media law centers.
Ford Hall is home to the departments of Communications Studies, Statistics, and Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies. It has many lecture rooms and plenty of study space for students!
Kolthoff Hall houses primarily chemistry labs. The lobby has a large, interactive periodic table of almost all the known elements with a sample of each one. This building was originally designed without pillars, but pillars were added to be consistent with all of the other buildings on the mall (the current pillars aren't even connected to the building).
Smith Hall is home to the Chemistry Department and all undergraduate chemistry labs. The Chemistry Department has a long history of excellence in the sciences, including two Nobel Prize winners. Chemistry is a central science taken by most of the undergraduate students that study at the University. Annually, more than 10,000 students take General Chemistry and/or Organic Chemistry in Smith Hall.
Walter Library is one of 12 libraries on our Twin Cities campus. There are group study rooms and quiet study areas throughout the building, as well as free peer tutoring through the SMART Learning Commons. The Wise Owl Cafe is located in the bottom level of the library near the tunnel system, and is a popular spot among our student body!

Fun Facts: With over 8.2 million volumes and counting, the University library system is among the top-20 largest libraries in the nation. Walter Library is the second largest library on our campus.
Walk from the front of Walter Library west on Scholars Walk. Turn left on Pleasant Street.

You will see two building viewpoints on your way.
Fraser Hall is home to the CLA's Deans Office, the East Bank District Administration office, and the Academic Support Resource (ASR) Information Technology center. It is right across from Walter Library and close to the mall, so it is a great place to stop in the lobby and grab a snack from one of the several vending machines they have on the way to class!
Appleby Hall is home to the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, which offers tutoring services, office hours, free printing, and more for students. The building also houses the Martin Luther King Jr. program, which provides advising services to all students, primarily those of color, in a multicultural environment. It also houses the President’s Emerging Scholars advising community, which provides personalized, holistic, and culturally competent advising that advances academic excellence, campus engagement, and professional development for students. It also includes: the Circle of Indigenous Nations; Counseling & Consulting Services; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Ally Programs Office; the Aurora Center for victim advocacy; the Women’s Center; and the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.
Bruininks Hall houses One Stop Student Services, Veteran Services, Career Services, and the Center for Academic Planning and Exploration (CAPE). At One Stop, students can seek help regarding financial aid, course registration, requesting transcripts, and more all in one location. Bruininks houses the Liberal Arts career offices which offers opportunities such as mock interviews for students up to a year after graduation.

**Fun Facts:** This is the greenest building on campus. It utilizes natural sunlight by using ceramic window dots, producing natural convection. It earned the LEED Gold certification and reduces carbon emission by 555 tons every year.
Bruininks Hall has 12 state-of-the-art active learning classrooms, which provide technology-driven and collaborative interaction among students and faculty. The classrooms have also served as a model for other universities across the nation who are pursuing the same cutting-edge style of education. Each room has two large projector screens and a flatscreen television for every table. Each table has three microphones, outlets and cords that allow students to hook up and project their computer onto the corresponding televisions. Active learning classrooms promote group work, collaboration and the use of technology in the learning environment.
Walk to Coffman Memorial Union

Walk south from Bruininks Hall, following the walking path.

You will see two viewpoints on your way.
The Washington Avenue Bridge connects the two sides of the Minneapolis campus - East Bank and West Bank. The upper level of the bridge has a covered walkway for pedestrians and bike lanes on the outside. Under the covered walkway, the walls of the bridge are painted by U of M student groups each fall to represent their organization for the school year. In the distance is downtown Minneapolis, giving students the opportunity to experience urban life while still having their own space on campus.

Fun Facts: The Twin Cities has the most Fortune 500 Companies per capita in the country (16) including Target, 3M, General Mills and others. We are also the only school in the country with the Mississippi River running right through campus!
The Weisman Art Museum is a free admission art museum for students and the general public. The U of M has one of the country’s largest and most dynamic public art programs, with more than 300 framed, original artworks. Students have the ability to rent art from the museum for $15 per semester.

Fun Facts: The building was designed by Frank O. Gehry, who also designed the Guggenheim Art Museum in Bilbao, Spain and Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.
Coffman Memorial Union is a home for all students - the fireplace lounge through the front doors is a great spot to relax, and the food court downstairs has seven (yes, seven!) restaurants to choose from. Across from the food court, the University Bookstore carries all required textbooks and a huge variety of Maroon and Gold apparel and alumni items. Down one more level is Goldy’s Game Room, including a 16-lane bowling alley! The union also houses a 400+ seat Theater and the offices for Student Unions and Activities.
The second floor of the Union was renovated in 2013 and houses many of our student cultural centers and student organizations. This includes the Black Student Union; La Raza Student Cultural Center; the American Indian Student Cultural Center; and the Asian-American Student Union - among others.
Walk east from Coffman Memorial Union on Washington Ave. until you reach MCB on your right.

You will see 4 view points on your way and one photo stop.
LOOK RIGHT

GOLDS STATUE
Nils Hasselmo Hall was named after the 13th President of the University of Minnesota. It is home to biochemistry, biomedical engineering, and neuroscience research labs. It also houses the Center for Cardiovascular Repair. This building is home to half of the labs and offices for biomedical engineering, immunology and other related fields.
Boynton Health Services is our health provider on campus. Students must have a health insurance plan, whether it be their own, a parent’s insurance, or one that is bought through the University. Boynton is a functioning clinic with a pharmacy, women’s clinic, mental health clinic, urgent care, and eye clinic. Students can also receive their flu shots through Boynton during the fall.

**Fun Facts:** Boynton offers stress management workshops, featuring Tai Chi, yoga and pilates. For stress management, there is a service called PAWS (Pet Away Worry and Stress), which allows students to interact with puppies, cats and even Woodstock the therapy chicken!
Jackson Hall houses pharmacology, physiology, neuroscience, genetics, cell biology, and cadaver labs.

**Fun Fact:** A time capsule left in 1911 was found while the building was undergoing renovation. The capsule, reopened in January of 2005, included newspapers, picture books of the University, reports from the Board of Regents and unfulfilled visions of architect Cass Gilbert.
Amundson Hall is home to the Chemical Engineering and Material Sciences program. The University of Minnesota is consistently ranked top 5 nationally for chemical engineering. The Gore Annex is a 40,000-square-foot expansion to Amundson Hall that was made possible through generous donations. In addition, Valspar Corporation funded a new 3,000-square-foot materials science and engineering lab located in the Gore Annex.
The Molecular and Cellular Biology building houses the College of Biological Sciences’ student services, and general and advanced biology coursework -- including lab sections. Biochemistry, molecular biology, and biophysics professors have received prestigious awards for their research and teaching our students!

**Fun Fact:** Sometimes professors ask students to figure out what kind of molecule the structure is outside of the building. The catch: it’s actually a random assortment of atoms that are chemically insignificant in nature!
Walk to Superblock

Continue east from the Molecular and Cellular Biology Building (MCB) on Washington Ave. until you reach Harvard St. Walk south along the east sidewalk and turn left between Centennial Hall and Pioneer Hall. Walk towards the heart of Superblock!

You will see 8 view points on your way.
Moos Tower is home to the University of Minnesota’s professional health programs - including the medical, pharmacy, dentistry, and nursing schools. We are the only University in the country with a National Center for Interprofessional Practice. Undergraduate students at the university have access to the Health Careers Center, a specialized center that helps students explore health career options and prepare for admission into health professional programs.
The Transportation and Safety Building houses the University of Minnesota Police Department and Parking & Transportation Services. Both of these departments provide the free services “624-WALK” and “Gopher Chauffeur” to escort students from anywhere on campus (and up to a mile off-campus) to reach their destinations safely.
The Health Sciences Education Center is a new building that houses a variety of the University’s interprofessional health programs. Health career students will be able to thrive in state-of-the-art active learning classrooms. Study space is widely available whether it’s in the common areas or the Biomedical Library that’s located in the basement.
University of Minnesota Medical Center has a complex on both East Bank and West Bank. It’s a fully-functioning hospital system and is the main hospital for the University’s professional health programs. The world’s first open heart surgery and first bone marrow transplant were done at the hospital.
Superblock is an area on East Bank dedicated to four residence halls, three of which are open to freshmen only. The area has an abundance of outdoor space for students to relax. Ranging from basketball courts, volleyball pits, hammocking spaces, grills for cookouts, and regular seating, Superblock holds a lot of social opportunity for students to meet and interact with other students who are sharing their first year experiences.
**Centennial Hall** is one of four residence halls located in the 'Superblock' area of campus. Built in 1950, Centennial houses approximately 700 students. What makes this residence hall unique is that it is compromised primarily of single rooms, with some additional double rooms and three-person suites.
Pioneer Hall is one of four residence halls in the 'Superblock' area of campus on East Bank. Originally built in 1930, Pioneer Hall was renovated and reopened in 2019. Housing approximately 750 students, it is the only hall in Superblock that is open to both first year and returning students. The building is composed of a blend of single, double, and triple rooms. In addition, Pioneer is the home of Superblock's dining hall. Students can use their meal plan's 11, 14, or unlimited swipes per week to use the dining hall here or any others across campus.
Frontier Hall is one of the four residence halls of the East Bank campus 'Superblock' area. 735 students reside here and it is a co-ed residence hall for first-year students. The building, built in 1959, consists of double and 2-person suite room layouts which sets it apart from other first-year residence halls. The Taylor Tutoring Center, sponsored by the College of Science and Engineering, is also located in Frontier. The center offers "academic support in calculus, physics, and chemistry" for members of the College of Science and Engineering's Taylor House Living Learning Community.
Territorial Hall is one of the four residence halls in the Superblock area of campus on East Bank. The building was built in 1958, and later expanded in 1999. Territorial Hall houses almost 700 residents all of which are first-year students. The room types across the building are almost exclusively double rooms. The building also houses a number of Living Learning Communities including @ Home in MN House, Explore House, Carlson Leadership House, and Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives House.
Walk to the Rec Center

Walk north from Superblock on Walnut St. until you reach the Recreation and Wellness Center.

You will see 2 viewpoints on your way.
McNamara Alumni Center is home to the Alumni Association, University of Minnesota Foundation, and Disability Resource Center. The night sky from the night the university was founded is projected on the building’s Alumni Honor Wall.

Fun Fact: The music video for Incubus’ hit single, “Drive,” was filmed at McNamara. The band’s video was nominated at the 2001 MTV Video Music Awards for Best Group Video.
Scholars Walk stretches from McNamara Alumni Center to Walter Library, essentially from one end of campus to the other. Just as the name suggests, Scholar's Walk illustrates the typical walk of a University of Minnesota scholar: from student to alumni. Not only does Scholars Walk provide a view of many of the University's gorgeous buildings, but along the way it also includes informative plaques that speak a bit on U of M history.
The Recreation and Wellness Center is surely one of the University's gems. Recently constructed in 2013, it is one of the newest buildings on campus. It has two wings, north and south, each with four floors of exercise space and equipment. The various amenities include weight machines, free weights, cardio machines, full size basketball courts, dance studios, an indoor track, swimming pool, rock climbing wall, and more. No membership is required, as it is including in student services fees. Each semester students have the option to buy a fitness pass, which grants access to fitness classes such as cycling, yoga, and more. Intramural sports and physical education classes are also held at the Rec, both of which make great options for meeting friends while staying in shape. After a workout, students can rejuvenate with a smoothie from French Meadow Bakery, located in the Rec's lobby.
Walk from the Recreation Center on Scholars Walk until you reach Church Street SE and turn right.

You will see 12 viewpoints on your way (we know, that’s a lot!)
Physics and Nanotechnology Building is home to 40 modern and highly flexible lab spaces. It was designed with large windows to create a concept of “science on display.” In its “Clean Labs,” researchers must wear white jumpsuits to keep labs dust free because nanotechnology is small enough to be affected by dust.
Akerman Hall is home to the College of Science and Engineering Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Administration departments. Additionally, there are general classrooms in the building. Though it was built in the 1940's, the majority of the building was actually completely renovated just over ten years ago. Also, Akerman Hall is connected to Shephard Labs through a skyway, and several other buildings through the Gopher Way tunnels underground!
Keller Hall is one of the University's largest academic buildings and is home to the Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and Computer Engineering departments. Filled with many lectures halls and computer labs, one being open 24/7, it has everything that an engineering student would need. It also has a recently renovated atrium with computers and plenty of study space.

Fun Fact: Keller Hall is built to look like a floppy disc being inserted into a hard drive. There's a QR reader at the base of the building that will give you information about the history of the floppy disc if you scan it.
Lind Hall is over 100 years old and is a center for the College of Science and Engineering. Here, CSE students are able to meet with their advisors. On the first floor is the Taylor Center, a study space from the College of Science and Engineering. Lind Hall also houses a variety of organizations, such as the CSE Ambassadors, the Science and Engineering Student Board, and the Society of Women Engineers. Lind Hall is also the home to the English Department and you will find advising for English on the third floor.
The Mechanical Engineering Building is home to the mechanical engineering department, as the name suggests. The University's mechanical engineering department consistently ranks one of the best in the nation and it's all thanks to the amazing research that goes on in this building. The Mechanical Engineering Building has many lecture halls and computer labs available for students to use for their classes. One computer lab is even open 24/7!
Rapson Hall houses the architecture, landscape architecture, and product design departments. It is fully equipped for innovation with 3D printers and a woodshop. During the school year, student models and projects line the halls. Taking a stroll through Rapson and seeing student’s designs in miniature form is quite worth it!

**Fun Fact:** Rapson is made of copper and in time will oxidize to turn the same turquoise color as the Statue of Liberty.
Pillsbury Hall is home to the Geology Department. Along with that, it is also the U of M's second oldest building that is still standing! It's recognized by the building's unique exterior, composed of a mixture of different kinds of rocks. Inside you'll find mostly classrooms, but also the classroom management office. As we like to say around campus, this building ROCKS, and should never be taken for GRANITE!
The Nolte Center for Continuing Education is home to the Writing Studies Department. On the first floor of the Nolte Center, students can gather in Nolte 120 for a quiet study space that offers outlets and seating. In addition, the Nolte Center is connected to various other campus buildings such as Williamson Hall and Northrop Auditorium via the Gopher Way, which students can access through the Nolte Center's basement.
The Armory is home to the University's Army Reserves Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). ROTC is composed of students who are in the Army. Upon graduation, students who are a part of ROTC receive their commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

**Fun Fact:** Around May, you can actually rappel down the walls of the Armory!
The **University Field House** was recently renovated in 2019 and consists of a 200-meter indoor track, 4 basketball courts, and indoor soccer fields. It's "one of the largest facilities on campus" and is especially used by the University's Track and Field team. Many PE courses, such as Conditioning, are held in the space too. The University's Recreation and Wellness website holds the building daily schedule, allowing students to attend open hours to use the space.
10 Church Street is the former home to the University's Bell Museum and now houses the Leadership Minor office and a variety of classroom spaces. The Leadership minor program is available to students of all majors and equips students to identify their identity within the context of community and the greater world. One of the building's featured spaces is a large lecture hall that is often used for classes in addition to various student organization meetings.
17th Avenue Residence Hall is located on the intersection of 17th Avenue and SE 4th St near Dinkytown. The residence hall is also located near all sports arena's and Athlete's Village. This building houses all double-style rooms and about 600 students. As many student athletes live here, the dining hall is known for its healthy yet filling serving sizes and food choices. It was built in 2013 and still stands as one of the newest residence halls on campus.