



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

*Explore student
organizations,
communities,
cultural centers
and more!*

A resource for exploring and joining
University of Minnesota Twin Cities Communities.



The University of Minnesota is a special place with a vibrant community where students interact and exchange ideas. Diversity, **broadly defined**, is an essential, invaluable component of the University of Minnesota experience.

Building a **multicultural campus of students, faculty and staff from different races, geographic origins, economic backgrounds, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexualities, talents and beliefs**, ensures that as a University, we provide a nurturing, comprehensive and global learning environment.

Our classrooms encourage critical thinking, provide opportunities to grow intellectually, and are trusted places to challenge beliefs and theories. Your academic, personal, and professional goals are important to us, and we will support you every step of the way.

So, are you ready to be a world-changer?

A discovery-maker? A barrier-breaker?

YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

Looking for opportunities related to a specific community? This guide is full of helpful links as you explore the many U of M resources, communities and opportunities, including the Twin Cities region. We listed examples of groups and resources throughout, with so much more to discover online. Ski-U-Mah!



LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is on the traditional homelands of the Dakota people. Minnesota comes from the Dakota name for this region, Mni Sota Makoce - the land with smoky or cloudy water.





FUN FACT: Twenty-five percent of the U of MN undergraduate students are the first in their families to attend college.

THRIVE

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

The U of M offers students living on campus a chance to engage in a Living Learning Community (LLC)—a group of like-minded individuals who explore college, culture, and community together in a residence hall.

With more than 30 to choose from, each LLC is designed to deliver a warm and welcoming on-campus living option with a focus on diverse cultures and communities. Each “house” provides a variety of events and services to support students in their academic and personal growth.

Check out some of the LLCs!

- American Indian Cultural House
- CASA SOL
- CFANS Diversity House (College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences)
- Charlotte’s Home for Black Women
- Chinese Language and Culture House
- Huntley House for African American Males
- MLK Beloved Community
- Social Justice Action
- STEM Diversity House
- TRIO Multicultural LLC
- Tsev Hmoob

Find all of the LLCs at z.umn.edu/LiveLearn

JOIN SOMETHING GREAT

The Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE) is a campus-wide resource that promotes an inclusive atmosphere. MCAE’s programs are designed to create powerful, caring connections among all members of the University of Minnesota community.

MCAE’s signature programs include “Student Excellence in Academics and Multiculturalism,” which offers students the opportunity to explore multiculturalism across disciplines, and the “President’s Distinguished Faculty Mentor Program,” which links underrepresented students with distinguished faculty mentors. MCAE believes students should feel connected to their culture while attending the U of M. MCAE’s annual events include the “Celebration of Achievement” and programming that supports Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Asian Pacific Islander Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Native American History Month. Learn more at mcae.umn.edu



DID YOU KNOW?

Students who live on campus their first year have a 10% higher graduation rate than students living off campus.

FUN FACT ABOUT HOUSING: Housing and Residential Life offer “Groups!” Which are exactly what they sound like - a way for you to connect with others in your building community around something you love to do. You can join one or create one! housing.umn.edu/groups

DIVE IN

U of M students have fun and make friends through 900+ student-run organizations. Those organizations include many cultural centers, 200+ cultural student groups, including groups like the African and the West Indian Student Associations. The U of M campus also has 15 multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities.

But it's about more than just being social—you'll also build a great skill set by managing budgets, planning events, or coordinating volunteers.



FUN FACT: The University of Minnesota is home to four Greek Councils: the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Multicultural Greek Council and the Panhellenic Council.

FIND CAMPUS COMMUNITY

“The Black Student Union hosts numerous events for students to come together and discuss different topics or to just hang out and get to know each other.”



—Aijalong L, College of Liberal Arts, from Goldsboro, NC

Curious about our 900+ Student Groups?

Here's a sample, but visit them all at gopherlink.umn.edu/organizations

- **African Student Association:** A forum where Africans and non-Africans can come together and openly discuss issues concerning Africa and Africans, while educating the University community about African culture.
- **American Indian Science and Engineering Society:** A private, non-profit organization building community and supporting American Indian students in science, engineering and other fields.
- **Black Motivated Women:** Serves as a vehicle to educate our community on all aspects of being a black woman from all nationalities in today's society.
- **Business Association of Multicultural Students (BAM):** Provides students with a diverse perspective of today's global business environment and assist with their pursuit of professional excellence.
- **Hmong Men's Circle:** Provides extraordinary support for Hmong males living in America, pursuing higher education to advance the Hmong male identify and exceptional public engagement.
- **Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences at the U of M:** A national society that welcomes students of all races and ethnicities interested in agricultural and related science careers. The society provides support for networking, mentoring, leadership growth and more.
- **Multicultural and First Generation College Students:** Provides community, information and opportunities for multicultural and first generation college students at the U of M College of Liberal Arts.
- **Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers:** Promotes the development of Hispanic students in engineering, science and other technical professions to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity and social equity.
- **Somali Student Association:** Hosts numerous activities and events to support cultural awareness and learning.
- **Viiivncaus- Hmong Women's Group:** Supports the Journey of Hmong women through open discussions about balancing culture, education and relationships to promote success in a dynamic environment.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can explore all of your interests and student groups at gopherlink.umn.edu.

COMMUNITIES

ACADEMICS

CULTURAL STUDIES

When you take advantage of the U of M's cultural studies departments, you're building on the success of countless meetings, petitions, and protests. Student voice is integral to our University history, and students have played a significant role in the creation of our programs. Academics inspire students like you to make a difference, challenge the powers that be, and become world-changers. So learn a lesson. Then put it to use.

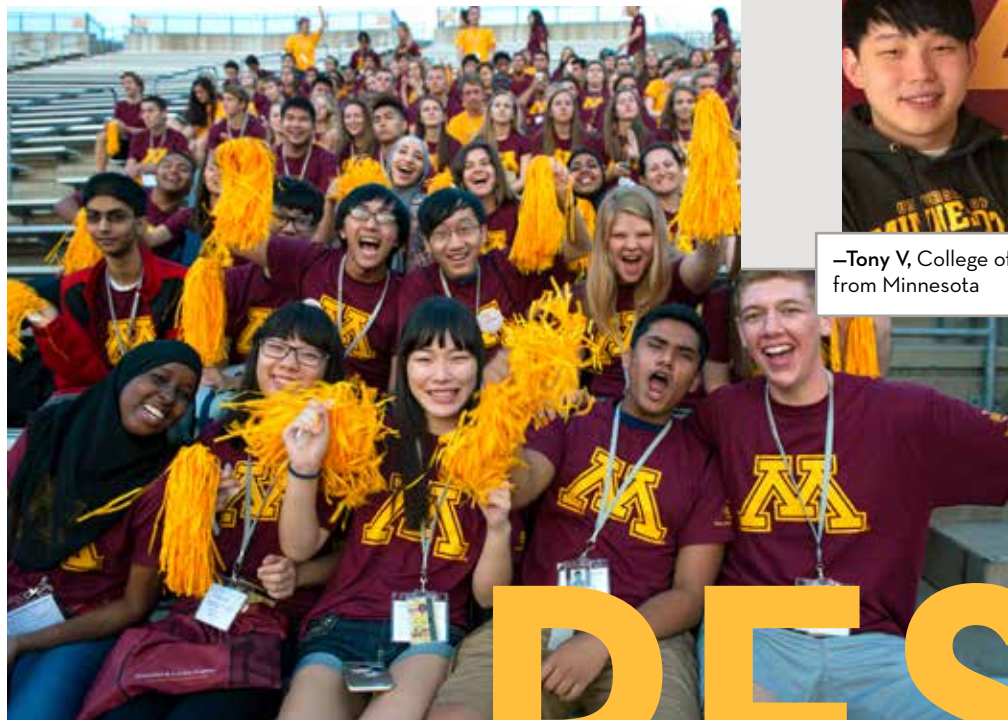
The U of M is home to some of the oldest cultural studies programs. Two of them—the Department of African American & African Studies and the Chicano Studies Department, were born from student protests in the Civil Rights era. In addition, the American Indian Studies Department was the very first formed of its type at any college or university.

LEARNING TOGETHER

The most valuable learning experience in college is that 'you are not alone', everyone works together and helps each other.



—Tony V, College of Liberal Arts, from Minnesota



UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

The University has many professionally staffed offices to support students throughout all communities. Here is a sampling of options to explore.

- **Circle of Indigenous Nations:** Recruits, retains and supports graduation of American Indian/ First Nations and Alaska Native students. Strives to bridge the richness of the surrounding American Indian communities with the strengths of the university's research, education and teaching.
- **College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Science Office for Diversity and Inclusion:** Focuses on promoting academic richness through cultural diversity.
- **Cultural Centers:** The University offers many cultural centers to provide a focused, professional-staffed resource and community for those who seek greater understanding, engagement and appreciation of specific communities.
 - **Al-Madinah Cultural Center** - Creates a better understanding and appreciation for the diverse cultures and traditions of Islam and Muslims.
 - **American Indian Student Cultural Center** - Promotes cultural diversity, develops leadership in American Indian students and builds understanding of American Indian people, issues, history and culture.
 - **Asian American Student Union** - Provides educational, cultural, social and community pillars through activities and events in and outside of campus.
 - **Black Student Union** - Strives to embrace Blackness in all its forms by creating an ideal intellectual, cultural and social environment for students.
 - **La Raza Student Cultural Center** - Our mission is to achieve a greater historical, political and cultural awareness concerning the Chicano/a, Xicano/a and Latino/a communities, through cultural and educational programs and events.
- **Let's Talk:** A program that provides informal drop-in consultations at multiple locations around campus, as a partnership with many campus partners including the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement, President's Emerging Scholars Program (PES), and TRIO.
- **MLK Jr. Program:** An academic advising office within the College of Liberal arts.
- **Office for Equity and Diversity:** Has a mission to leverage the transformative power of equity and diversity to advance excellence in teaching, research and community engagement at the university.
- **Office of Multicultural Student Engagement:** A unit of Student Affairs, dedicated to serving all students through diverse engagement opportunities, to retain culturally aware and academically successful students.

RESOURCES

YOU'LL LOVE THE NEIGHBORS

In addition to countless career opportunities, the Twin Cities also provides numerous chances to explore cultures through events, like the Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival every August, and the Festival of Nations every May.

The Twin Cities area is full of vibrant cultural communities. With 126 languages and dialects, close-knit neighborhoods, and hundreds of traditional and international performances, you'll experience the benefits of our Minneapolis-St. Paul location.



University of Minnesota students and staff visited the state capitol. They met with legislators to share the importance of the University to the state.



LOCATION

DISCOVER DIVERSITY IN THE TWIN CITIES

This publicly provided directory - z.umn.edu/tcdirectory - provides information about resources and services within the Twin Cities area. You can view the directory by major category or the primary community served. Descriptions and contact information provided are from the original organization's website. *(The University of Minnesota does not endorse any of the resources or services listed in the directory that are external to the University.)*

GREAT LOCATION

"I have found many opportunities at the U that are setting me up for success in my future career."



—Nicole K, Carlson School of Management, from Minnesota



GAIN REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE WHILE IN SCHOOL

Access to global companies, state government and more

Whether you're interested in government at the state capital, business, the arts, technology and science, or media, our metropolitan location is the perfect place to jumpstart your career through internships and mentorships.

Minnesota is home to 19 Fortune 500 companies, with more than 257,000 alumni living and working in the Twin Cities metro area for great networking potential.



"The Twin Cities is the perfect balance of suburban and city life. There is so much you can do—whether it's exploring the city or taking a walk alongside nature—it's the perfect fit for any type."

—Hemant P., Class of 2019



"I chose the University of Minnesota because of the Chinese Flagship Program. It is a prestigious program at 12 universities in the USA that helps students reach a superior level of Chinese. I also decided on the U of M because I found it to be a campus filled with diverse people and opportunities to help me grow as a person."

—Anna F, Asian Languages and Literature major from St. Louis, MO, Class of 2020

STUDENT & ALUMNI VOICES

OUR COMMITMENT

We believe diversity is necessary to doing our best work and fostering our humanity. That's why the University of Minnesota community is collectively dedicated to cultivating an inclusive and equitable environment. We aim to continue to weave these core values into the work of all colleges and units across campus, together with everyone in the campus community – students, staff and faculty.

We welcome you to join us today and impact the world tomorrow.

AN INVITATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA!

We are here to help you discover everything you need to know about the University of Minnesota Twin Cities to find your college home, apply for admissions and hopefully join us as a future Gopher on campus.

Preparing and exploring your options?

We welcome you and your family to come visit campus! Learn more about our great academics, value, opportunities and location.



Looking forward to your final year in high school?

As you move into senior year, we encourage you to make sure you've taken your college entrance exam - either the ACT or SAT, we accept either test.

NOTE application deadlines: Early Action November 1 and Regular Deadline January 1.

Confirming your spot in the class?

If you apply and are admitted, we look forward to welcoming you on campus in the fall. Be sure to confirm your enrollment by the May 1 deadline and to apply for housing early to get your pick of on-campus housing!



QUESTIONS?

We are here to help you with any questions you have!

Find your admissions counselor at
z.umn.edu/counselor

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

TTY for the hearing impaired: 612-625-9051
admissions@umn.edu

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