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# Admission Guide for Recent Immigrants

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Thank you for your interest in the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! We are very proud of our long history of inclusive, global engagement and the community we have built that embraces diversity. Keeping our campus a welcoming place for all students is one of the University's top priorities.

The Office of Admissions can help you with resources to obtain your transcripts or academic documents. Please know that we are happy to work with you through this application process and address any questions or concerns you may have.



## What do I need to submit to complete an application?

A complete admission application includes the items listed below. Applications cannot be reviewed until all of these items are received.

**Complete online application for admission**  
([z.umn.edu/apply](https://z.umn.edu/apply))

**Non-refundable application fee**

**Official transcript(s) in the original language from all secondary and postsecondary schools attended**

A certified true English translation is required if the transcripts are not issued in English. Note: It is University policy that applicants provide official transcripts from all secondary and postsecondary institutions they have attended, *even those where no credit was earned*, for financial aid and transfer of credit review purposes.

**Test scores**

SAT or ACT examination results are not required.

If your native language is not English, an official score report of an English proficiency test score is required. If you have lived in the United States for more than 8 years, you may not be required to submit the results of an English proficiency test. The University of Minnesota accepts results from the following:

English Proficiency Test	Minimum Required Total Score	Minimum Required Writing Score	Registration
TOEFL iBT	79	21	<a href="https://www.ets.org/toefl/">https://www.ets.org/toefl/</a> UMN Test Code: 6874
IELTS Academic	6.5	6.5	<a href="https://www.ielts.org/">https://www.ielts.org/</a>
MELAB	80	80	<a href="https://cambridgemichigan.org/">https://cambridgemichigan.org/</a>
PTE Academic	59	59	<a href="https://pearsonpte.org/">https://pearsonpte.org/</a>
CAE C1 Advanced	180	190	<a href="https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced/">https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced/</a>

Transfer applicants who have successfully completed at least 26 or more transferable semester credits at a college or university in the United States and have completed the equivalent of the U of MN freshman English writing requirement with a grade of C or better, or successfully completed 60 or more transferable semester credits at a two or four-year postsecondary institution in the United States, may not be required to submit English proficiency exam scores. For more information on our English proficiency requirements, visit [z.umn.edu/intlenglish](https://z.umn.edu/intlenglish).

**Missing time information**

A list of work, school, or other activities since graduating from high school, with dates included, must be provided. Students who have had a break in their education after completing high school or between any years of college/university enrollment should submit a statement of missing time via the Missing Time List ([z.umn.edu/missingtime](https://z.umn.edu/missingtime)). This information is required for our overall assessment of your application materials and to ensure that any coursework since high school graduation is reflected in your application file.

**Transfer Supplemental application(s)**

If you are applying to the Carlson School of Management, Center for Allied Health (Clinical Laboratory Sciences), College of Education and Human Development, Dental Hygiene, Mortuary Science, or Nursing, a supplemental application is required. Supplemental applications are available at [admissions.tc.umn.edu/PDFs/](https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/PDFs/)

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## When should I apply?

It's important to be aware of the transfer application deadline(s) for the college(s) you are interested in. Each college specifies a date in which the application for admission (and all other application materials) are due. Some colleges admit for both the fall and spring term, but others only admit students for the fall term. Find your application deadline(s) by visiting [z.umn.edu/transferdeadlines](http://z.umn.edu/transferdeadlines). It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure all items are received by the application deadline(s). We encourage you to *complete* the application process by the priority deadline. Some selective programs and colleges may reach their enrollment limit and may not consider applications completed after the priority deadline.

## Can I start as a Freshman?

Freshman applicants are typically current high school seniors graduating from high school prior to the start of our fall semester. Students who have registered or enrolled in a postsecondary institution, such as college, university, vocational college or trade school, after completing secondary school are considered transfer applicants for University of Minnesota admission application purposes. Even if credits are not awarded from your school, you would still be considered a transfer student with no award of credit. In some situations, transfer applicants have freshman standing since no credits are awarded. Transfer applicants should not apply as freshmen. On your online application, you must list all names and locations of schools you have attended after high school graduation with dates of attendance included, even if you did not complete programs or you did not receive credits.

## What else should I know about applying for admission to the U of M?

### College-Specific Transfer Admission Requirements

- Typically, prospective transfer students will have completed 26 or more transferable semester credits at the time of application. Individual colleges and programs review each application, and admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of each student's academic preparation and performance, and the additional information provided in the application, in addition to program-specific criteria including specific prerequisite course and credit requirements for the individual college or program. To learn about prerequisite courses and transfer admission requirements information, please visit Transfer Admission Requirements ([z.umn.edu/TransferAdmissionRequirements](http://z.umn.edu/TransferAdmissionRequirements))

### Transfer Admission Information Session

- You can register to attend a college or program information session through the University of Minnesota Visit Office. For more information about how to register for an information session, please visit [z.umn.edu/TransferCampusVisit](http://z.umn.edu/TransferCampusVisit) or contact the Visit Office directly at 612-625-0000. During this information session, you will meet with a transfer admissions specialist who will be able to address any questions you may have about applying to the University of Minnesota.



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## **What should I do if I have further questions about a specific major or degree-program, prerequisite coursework, etc.?**

Our transfer admissions counselors and student services staff are here to assist you and answer any further questions you may have. To find the contact information for your college's admission counselor, visit [z.umn.edu/TransferSpecialist Directory](http://z.umn.edu/TransferSpecialistDirectory).

## **What major is right for me? What should I study at the University of Minnesota?**

At the University of Minnesota, we offer more than 150 undergraduate majors. To explore each major in more depth, visit <http://majors.umn.edu/>

## **What if I want to study English language first?**

The University of Minnesota's Minnesota English Language Program (MELP) has an intensive English program for students wishing to improve their English skills before applying for admission to the University. Students who take English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at the University of Minnesota have access to the University's many resources and facilities. Classes are small, instructors are highly qualified, and students will receive advising and support services designed specifically for them. Find out more about the MELP, visit <https://ccaps.umn.edu/Minnesota-English-Language-Program>.

## **What if I have not earned 26 transferable credits before applying for admission to the University of Minnesota?**

Many students transfer to the University of Minnesota for a future term after completing 26 transferable credits or 3-4 semesters of college coursework at another U.S. institution. One option you may want to consider is attending Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State). By being part of the Minnesota Cooperation Admission Program ([z.umn.edu/MNCAPOverview](http://z.umn.edu/MNCAPOverview)), you will complete prerequisite courses and obtain transferrable credits toward Liberal Education requirements for participating majors before transferring to the University of Minnesota. For more information on Minnesota State, visit [www.minnstate.edu/](http://www.minnstate.edu/).

## **Can you evaluate my college degree or certificate and transcripts from my home country before I apply to the University of Minnesota?**

We do not provide applicants with international credits evaluations prior to admission. International transfer credit evaluations are completed after you are admitted and have confirmed your enrollment prior to your college orientation date.

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## **What can I do if I cannot obtain my foreign college transcripts?**

Since official transcripts and certified true English translations from all schools attended are required, please contact International Admissions staff for resources that may help you to obtain your transcript. One resource is Request for Academic Records. You may download the request form at [http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/PDFs/Intl\\_Transcript\\_Request.pdf](http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/PDFs/Intl_Transcript_Request.pdf), complete the top part of the form, and submit it to your school. This form will help you request your official documents.

## **How will credits from a foreign college or university be transferred to the University of Minnesota?**

The University of Minnesota will transfer credits from colleges and universities recognized by the Ministry of Education or other appropriate Ministry or National government body in the country where located (considered equivalent to U.S. accreditation). Since the University yearly credits total for a full-time course load is 30 semester credits, a step converting the international credits to reach this amount is required, so your credits may not transfer as 1 to 1. For example, credits from China generally transfer at .6 or .7, credits from Korea at .9 and credits from ECTS .5. The University of Minnesota accepts a broad range of academic courses. English courses from abroad need to be evaluated upon arrival by our Department of English based on the course syllabus. Remedial, ESL, and Military courses are not transferable. A student must meet the Liberal Education (LE) requirements in addition to degree requirements to receive a Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. To learn about our international transfer credit evaluation and LE requirements, visit [z.umn.edu/TransferCreditEvaluation](http://z.umn.edu/TransferCreditEvaluation).

## **Am I a resident of the state of Minnesota? What are the requirements for Minnesota state residency?**

Resident status is granted to students who:

- Are permanently residing in Minnesota; and
- Have been continuously present in the state of Minnesota for at least one calendar year prior to the first day of class attendance at the University. During that one year period, the student must not have attended any other Minnesota post-secondary educational institutions.

Students who are not United States citizens may be considered for resident status if they hold a valid immigrant visa. Students who enter the U.S. on an immigrant visa, or who have a lawful permanent resident document (green card) must also meet the criteria for establishing resident status at the University of Minnesota. Permanent Resident status does not automatically grant resident status at the University.

The University of Minnesota reserves the right to interpret the basic definition of resident status as it applies to individual students. For more information, refer to [z.umn.edu/residency](http://z.umn.edu/residency). If you would like to have your residency status evaluated, complete a Resident Classification Evaluation Request Form.



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESOURCES

## Program in Translations and Interpreting

20 Nicholson Hall  
216 Pillsbury Dr SE  
<https://cce.umn.edu/pti>  
ccepti@umn.edu  
612-625-0591

For information about non-UMN translation resources, please contact the Office of Admissions at [admissions@umn.edu](mailto:admissions@umn.edu) or 612-625-2008

## Immigration Response Team

<http://immigration.umn.edu>  
immigration@umn.edu  
612-624-4224

## Financial Aid Information

One Stop Student Services Center  
333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall  
222 Pleasant St SE  
<https://onestop.umn.edu>  
onestop@umn.edu  
612-624-1111

## Residency and Reciprocity Information

[z.umn.edu/residency](http://z.umn.edu/residency)  
612-625-2008

## Office of Graduate Admissions

309 Johnston Hall  
101 Pleasant Street SE  
<https://www.grad.umn.edu/admissions>  
gsquest@umn.edu  
612-625-3014

## Minnesota English Language Program (MELP)

20 Nicholson Hall  
216 Pillsbury Dr SE  
<http://z.umn.edu/melp>  
esl@umn.edu  
612-624-1503 or 1-800-234-6564

## Disability Resource Center

180 McNamara Alumni Center  
200 Oak St SE  
<https://diversity.umn.edu/disability/drc@umn.edu>  
612-626-1333

## Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

<https://diversity.umn.edu/multicultural/mcae@umn.edu>  
612-624-6386

## Pre-Health Student Resource Center

420 Delaware St SE  
2-565 Moos Tower  
<https://www.healthcareers.umn.edu/phsrc@umn.edu>  
612-624-6767

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