

Spring 2021

NEW STUDENT INFORMATION

A Guide for Admitted Transfer Students



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 Twin Cities, 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.

The University of Minnesota is closely monitoring COVID-19. We continue to work closely with state and federal agencies to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff and community members. For the most up to date information please visit z.umn.edu/CampusUpdates.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the University of Minnesota Twin Cities is on the traditional homelands of the Dakota people. It is important to acknowledge the peoples whose land we live, learn, and work on. We acknowledge words are not enough, and we must ensure our institution provides support and access to higher education for American Indian students, staff, faculty and community members.

OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

We stand with those calling for sustained and meaningful change, including University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel and our university partners at the Office for Equity and Diversity, and pledge to:

1. **Listen:** Listen to members of Black, Indigenous, and communities of color who continue to experience the damaging effects of historical trauma, oppression, and systemic racism.
2. **Learn:** Learn about anti-Blackness and its pervasive and harmful impact. Learn more about our role in creating change. Dismantling systemic racism cannot happen without an understanding of the history of our University, state, and nation.
3. **Support:** Support impacted communities. Donate. Volunteer. Create intentional spaces to process anger, sadness, and grief. There are many immediate and long-term needs.
4. **Advocate:** Make your voice heard. Get involved in efforts to create change within and beyond the University. Systemic change cannot happen without direct action and advocacy.

Source: Office for Equity and Diversity

The Office of Admissions vows to support our community members who continue to face inequities. We acknowledge words are not enough. We must demonstrate we are taking action. It will take courage to confront our past mistakes and our personal and institutional biases, to have difficult conversations, and to risk missteps. As an institution of teaching and learning, we are both obligated and well-positioned to do just that.

We have every confidence in this generation of students to move the world in a way that earlier generations have not. We commit to supporting those working to achieve the goal of a better, fairer, safer society. We hope you'll join us to be a part of this effort.

COME CURIOUS

WELCOME

At the University of Minnesota, you'll discover a rich community of people dedicated to finding new ways to make the world a better place. Our students come curious, with big questions and bright futures. We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Minnesota community this spring!

ADMITTED STUDENT CHECKLIST

Confirm your enrollment today.

To let us know that you're coming, and to reserve your place in the spring class, confirm your enrollment today at z.umn.edu/confirm.

Deadline: November 1 (If you were admitted after October 18, your confirmation deadline is within two weeks of your date of admission.)

Submit your transcripts.

You must submit transcripts from all colleges that you have attended, as well as your final high school transcript.

Deadline: February 1

Apply for financial aid.

When you apply for financial aid, we will consider you for grants, loans, work study, and need-based scholarships.

Deadline: October 1

NEXT STEPS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

Explore the U of M campus

While we prefer to show you around our beautiful, Big Ten campus in person, we invite you to virtually explore from the comfort of your couch. The U of M offers a variety of experiences, from self-guided tours, to one-on-one appointments with admission counselors, to virtual events; all of which will give you a glimpse of the opportunities that await you at the University of Minnesota. For a list of all offerings visit admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit.

Despite current world events, we are optimistic we can welcome you back to campus soon! To see the most up-to-date information on the return of on-campus tours and events, please visit admissions.tc.umn.edu.

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 spring class.

To confirm your enrollment, you 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) with 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 the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000 so that we may consider your application for a later semester.

AFTER YOU CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

Attend New Student Orientation

After you submit your enrollment confirmation, you will receive an invitation to orientation from your college of admission. Orientation will be held in January, and your college will be in contact with you about the specific date. If you have questions, reach out to Orientation & Transition Experiences at 612-624-1979.

Please note: In-person Orientation activities were shifted to an online format due to COVID-19 safety measures for fall 2020. Orientation will continue to monitor the situation for spring 2021 and communicate a plan when available.



Submit your transcripts

College/university transcripts

After we receive your official, final transcripts from all colleges or universities that you have attended, we will email instructions to view your transfer credit evaluation. 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 requirements (to include 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 requirements.

Secondary school/high school transcript

Successful completion of secondary school/high school graduation is a U of M enrollment requirement. In order to verify you have completed this requirement, your final transcript, including date of graduation, is due to the Office of Admissions by **February 1**. If we do not receive your final high school transcript, a hold will be placed on your record, preventing you from registering for future terms. **Exception:** Students who have completed a previous A.A. degree or bachelor's degree do not need to submit a high school transcript.

AFTER YOU ENROLL

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 credits 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. Students with exceptional circumstances may apply to take less than 13 credits, but we expect that the majority of our students will take 13 or more credits every semester until they graduate.

The University has implemented this 13-credit requirement to help keep you on track to graduate in a timely fashion.

The benefits are clear:

- You receive a fundamentally sound education.
- You can compete for jobs, professional schools, and graduate schools more aggressively.
- You can participate earlier in the economic advantages (wages and benefits) associated with a baccalaureate degree.

If you have additional questions, visit onestop.umn.edu/academics.

No charge for any credit over 13

To support timely graduation, we recommend that students take a course load of 15 credits per semester. The University's tuition structure provides additional financial incentives for students to take 15 to 16 credits a semester: There is no charge for any credit over 13. For example, if you take 15 credits a semester, you only pay for 13.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

The tuition and fees listed cover one academic year (two semesters) of enrollment. The table for the 2020-2021 academic year is shared for planning purposes. As is the case with most public colleges and universities, tuition and fees for fall 2021 will be estimated in spring 2021 and finalized in July 2021. Please note that the exact cost of attendance varies slightly from student to student based on college of enrollment and courses taken. Fees and charges are subject to change without notice as necessitated by University or legislative action. For the most up-to-date information on cost of attendance, visit z.umn.edu/costs.

Estimated Tuition and Fees for New Students (2020-2021 Academic Year)

Undergraduates	Commuter	Resident ¹ Dorm or Apartment (includes SD, ND, WI, Manitoba)	Non-resident ² Dorm or Apartment
Tuition	\$13,318	\$13,318	\$31,616
Books & Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Estimated Fees ⁴	\$1,824	\$1,824	\$1,824
Estimated Room & Board ⁴	\$3,328	\$10,358	\$10,358
Transportation	\$228	\$228	\$1,728
Personal/Misc ⁶	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Loan Fee ⁵	\$214	\$214	\$214
Total	\$21,912	\$28,942	\$48,740
Surcharge for CSOM students and CSE students ³	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total with Surcharge	\$23,912	\$30,942	\$50,740

Notes:

¹ Resident definition: Students attending the U of M from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada. Residents of Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba, Canada must apply for reciprocity status.

² Non-resident definition: Students attending the U of M, but are not from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada.

³ Students enrolled in the Carlson School of Management (CSOM) and College of Science and Engineering (CSE) will be charged an additional \$1,000 per semester tuition surcharge to maintain innovative classrooms and laboratories.

⁴ Final housing and fees are estimates and will be determined in the summer of 2021 by the Board of Regents.

⁵ Students who choose to take out a federal direct student loan incur origination fees set up by the federal program. These fees are included in the cost of attendance as the average amount paid by students who borrowed in the previous year at our school. Students who choose not to borrow do not incur any loan fees.

⁶ Many students keep their miscellaneous expenses below these figures by spending responsibly. See budget tips and tricks at z.umn.edu/livelifelikeastudent.

Minnesota residency

To be eligible for the resident tuition rate, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder), and:
- Have resided in Minnesota continuously for at least one calendar year before the first day of your first semester of enrollment.
- You also must be able to demonstrate that during that year, your primary purpose for being in Minnesota was something other than school attendance.

Tuition discounts for nonresidents

Reciprocity: If you are a resident of Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Manitoba, you may be eligible for reciprocity, which entitles you to pay a tuition rate equal or comparable to the Minnesota resident rate. **Application for reciprocity is separate from the admission application.** For more information, and to fill out a residency application, please visit z.umn.edu/reciprocity. If you have any questions, please contact the U of M's residency officer at 612-625-6330 or 1-800-752-1000.

Minnesota Dream Act

Minnesota residents eligible for the Minnesota Dream Act pay in-state tuition rates at the U of M, and are also considered for state financial aid and U of M scholarships. To learn more about the Minnesota Dream Act (also known as the Minnesota Prosperity Act), please visit dream.umn.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000.

Financial aid

At the University of Minnesota, the majority of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, such as loans, grants, or work study funds. Most families use a variety of resources to pay for college. For detailed information on costs, aid and scholarships, visit z.umn.edu/costsaid.

Need-based financial aid

To apply for need-based financial aid, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. We encourage you to complete the FAFSA, even if you think you might not be eligible for aid. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Non-need based loans

If your family does not qualify for need-based loans, you may still be offered non-need based student and parent loans by completing the FAFSA.

Student jobs

Once you have registered for classes, you are eligible to use the University Job Center, an online resource to help students find on- and off-campus jobs. You can learn more about this resource at admissions.tc.umn.edu/costsaid/jobs.html.

Housing

On-campus housing

A limited number of on-campus housing spaces are available for transfer students. For more information about housing options available, please visit the University's Housing & Residential Life website at housing.umn.edu/transfer. If you have any questions, please contact Housing & Residential Life at 612-624-2994 or visit www.housing.umn.edu.

Off-campus housing

If you want to live off-campus in a house, room, or apartment, Housing & Residential Life also has information about privately-owned housing at www.housing.umn.edu/offcampus. For listings of rental vacancies in campus area neighborhoods—including Dinkytown, Stadium Village, West Bank, and St. Anthony Park—you also may check the classified ads in the Minnesota Daily, the student newspaper.

Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

The U of M student community is built on acceptance and support. Our university community is strengthened by our students, staff, faculty, and alumni representing different races, economic backgrounds, geographic origins, ages, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, abilities, talents, and beliefs.

The Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE) is a campus-wide resource that promotes an inclusive atmosphere to foster and enrich multicultural understanding among all members of the U of M community. MCAE's commitment to creating such a climate is driven by a student-first culture in which students are the highest priority. To stay connected with events, services, and opportunities, contact MCAE at mcae@umn.edu, mcae@umn.edu, or 612-626-9671.

Disability Resource Center

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

Veterans Resource Office

The Veterans Resource Office provides academic support and a gathering place for those who serve in the military, and family members of veterans. To request services, get information about education benefits, or get involved with the Student Veterans Association, visit z.umn.edu/veterans, call 612-625-8076, or email veterans@umn.edu for more information.

Students with families

The Student Parent HELP Center provides programs and services designed to promote access, retention, and academic success for University students who are parents. The HELP Center assists all undergraduate student parents at the Twin Cities campus.

The HELP Center offers an academically-oriented facility where parents can study and develop community with other students facing the same challenges and rewards that parenting offers. Services and programs include grants for child care, academic scholarships, emergency funds, counseling and advocacy, a study area and computer center, and weekly parent education and support group. For more information, visit sphc.umn.edu, or email sphc@umn.edu.

Campus calendar and events

Many in-person activities and events were shifted to an online format due to COVID-19 safety measures. The University of Minnesota will continue to monitor the situation for spring 2021 and will communicate any changes. For important key dates and events, please visit z.umn.edu/keydates.