Spring 2024 Freshman Checklist

Welcome to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! This sheet serves as a reference for spring 2024 specific deadlines and adjustments for the attached Fall 2023 Admitted Student Guide booklet. The information covered in the attached guide is still relevant; however, important deadlines, next steps and dates for Spring 2024 are outlined on this sheet.

Some other items to note about this booklet: the cover page says “Class of 2027,” but your term of admission is Spring 2024. The booklet also has tuition and fees for the 2022-2023 academic year. For 2023-2024 academic year costs, please visit z.umn.edu/costs.

You must complete these important steps to ensure you are ready to be a #FutureGopher this spring! If you have already completed some of these steps, thank you!

NEXT STEPS

1. Confirm Your Enrollment
   All Spring 2024 freshmen are required to confirm their enrollment by December 1, 2023.
   - If you already paid your $280 confirmation fee for Fall 2023, it will be credited to your account for the spring. You do not need to pay the confirmation fee again.
     ○ IMPORTANT: you must confirm your intent to enroll through the form on your Application Tracker at z.umn.edu/tracker.
   - If you still need to pay your $280 confirmation fee, fill out the Defer Enrollment Confirmation Fee Request form at z.umn.edu/DeferConfirmationFee to keep the lower confirmation fee of $280. Confirmation fees have increased for 2024, but because your original application was for 2023, we will preserve your $280 confirmation fee if you defer it to your first tuition bill.
     ○ By filling out the Defer Enrollment Confirmation Fee Request form you are reserving your place in the Spring 2024 freshman class.

2. Arrange Housing
   If you have not arranged for housing, the University of Minnesota Housing & Residential Life spring application opens in mid-October. If you have already arranged to live on-campus, no action is needed.

   For complete information about various housing options and to fill out the housing application, visit the Housing & Residential Life website at housing.umn.edu. Note: the $50 housing application fee is nonrefundable. If you have any questions, please contact Housing & Residential Life at housing@umn.edu.
3. Submit Your Final Transcript
   It is University of Minnesota policy that students must meet the following conditions before they are eligible to enroll: graduate from high school or pass the GED (or equivalent) before beginning classes, and successfully complete the courses listed on their application as “to be completed.” In order to verify you have met these requirements, you must request your high school submit your final transcript, including date of graduation, to the Office of Admissions by December 1, 2023.

   To check what documents are needed, log into your Application Tracker at z.umn.edu/tracker.

4. Submit Your Official Test Scores (if applicable)
   In order to verify the test scores you self-reported at the time of application, the Office of Admissions must receive your official test score report from the testing agency by December 1, 2023. A scanned or electronic copy of an official test score report is not considered official. Official results, including total, overall or composite scores and subscores, must match the information provided in your Self-Reported Academic Record.

   To check what documents are needed, log into your Application Tracker at z.umn.edu/tracker.

5. Attend New Student Orientation
   Orientation is required for all new students. Once you have confirmed your enrollment, you will receive information from your college about completing your New Student Checklist and selecting an orientation date. Learn more at ote.umn.edu/incoming-freshman/orientation.

   More information on Spring 2024 Orientation will be available later in 2023. If you have questions and concerns about Spring 2024 Orientation and class registration, contact Orientation & Transition Experiences at oteinfo@umn.edu.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Gopher community! If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000, or online at z.umn.edu/ContactAdmissions.
The University of Minnesota Twin Cities (U of M) is home to the curious, and those who strive to feed that curiosity. Two U.S. vice presidents have called the U of M home. Award-winning authors, musicians, and journalists have too. Astronauts. Civil rights leaders. Athletes. Ground-breaking physicians. Inventors. Nobel Prize winners. All have called our campus their home. And now, we would like to add you to the list.

As a U of M student, you will expand your global perspective, develop new passions, and accomplish more than you ever thought possible.

Maybe you’re driven to be part of the next generation of global citizens and leaders. Maybe you have always wanted to experience all four Minnesota seasons. Maybe you hope to help unlock the keys to cleaner water and soil, more sustainable resources, healthier people, and more equitable and just societies. Maybe you are just looking for your place in the world, and hope to find it in our vibrant community of scholars.

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

The Office of Admissions, along with the University community, vows to support our community members who continue to face inequities. We know, however, that words are not enough, and that a commitment to action will not suffice.

We must demonstrate that we are taking that 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 denounce all forms of discrimination, racism and bias. We join President Gabel in committing to bring our energy, our passion and our care for each other to end the heartbreaking cycle of racially motivated violence and discrimination.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that the University of Minnesota Twin Cities is built within the traditional homelands of the Dakota people. It is important to acknowledge the peoples on whose land we live, learn, and work as we seek to improve and strengthen our relations with our tribal nations.

We also acknowledge that words are not enough. We must ensure that our institution provides support, resources, and programs that increase access to all aspects of higher education for our American Indian students, staff, faculty, and community members.
The University of Minnesota continues to monitor COVID-19. We 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.

Content specific to International Students is highlighted with a globe icon.
CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

When you confirm your enrollment, you are declaring your intent to attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, and we will hold a place for you in the incoming class. To confirm your enrollment online visit z.umn.edu/confirm and pay your non-refundable $280 confirmation fee by May 1.

Confirmation forms and fees postmarked after May 1 are accepted on a space-available basis.

INTERNATIONAL NEXT STEP: SUBMIT YOUR UNDERGRADUATE NEW STUDENT I-20 REQUEST

All international students who need an F-1 visa to study at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities must request an I-20 document from the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office. Complete the Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request at myisss.umn.edu as soon as possible, but no later than August 1. The form can also be accessed directly through this link: z.umn.edu/I-20Request_NewUndergrad.

The Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request is required for all new F-1 undergraduate students, including students who will transfer their I-20 and F-1 visa status from a current U.S. school to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. More information at isss.umn.edu/new.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

U.S. students can submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting October 1. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.gov. Be sure to release your FAFSA information to us by including U of M Federal School Code: 003969.

When you submit the FAFSA, we will consider you for grants, loans, work-study, and need-based scholarships! If you complete the FAFSA by March 1, you will receive an estimated financial aid package prior to May 1. We encourage all students to apply for financial aid, even if they think they may not be eligible.

Students on temporary visas are not eligible to apply for U.S. or state of Minnesota financial aid programs.
**APPLY FOR GUARANTEED HOUSING**

When you choose to live in campus housing, you join nearly 90% of first-year students who enjoy the benefits of on-campus life! While living in University housing, you can:

- Meet new people and develop lasting friendships.
- Live close to classes, student centers, libraries, and the recreation center.
- Get involved through social, educational, and cultural activities such as intramural sports, hall council, and Homecoming or Spring Jam events.

Housing assignments are based on the date the completed housing application is received, space availability, and whether students meet program requirements. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities guarantees housing to all admitted first-year students who are willing to accept an assignment to any space if they do all of the following:

1. Submit the housing application and non-refundable housing application fee ($50) to Housing & Residential Life no later than May 1;
2. Confirm their enrollment with the Office of Admissions no later than May 1; and
3. Submit the Housing Guarantee Fee ($200) before May 15.

Students who apply for housing after May 1 are placed in housing only on a space-available basis.

**Living Learning Communities**

A wide variety of Living Learning Communities (LLCs) are available within University housing, including those that are academic and interest-based, and those that are background and culturally focused. These communities offer a special opportunity for students to live and learn with other students who share similar interests. To explore all the LLCs available at the U of M, visit z.umn.edu/LiveLearn.

The housing application opens in early November. To apply, visit housing.umn.edu.

For information on early arrival housing for international students, visit housing.umn.edu/international.

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**AFTER YOU CONFIRM**

**NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST**

The New Student Checklist is an online checklist that allows students to sign up for orientation and take any required placement or proficiency exams.

**ATTEND ORIENTATION**

As a new student, you will attend Orientation, an on-campus event focused on easing the transition to college life. During Orientation, you will meet with your advisor, register for classes, learn about University resources, and meet other incoming freshmen.

International freshmen are required to complete both their International Student Preparation Course and Freshman Orientation. More information on these requirements can be found on page 21.

* Instructions on the New Student Checklist and how to select an Orientation date will be emailed to students who have confirmed their enrollment beginning in April.
ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

SUBMIT YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT AND OTHER ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS

Prior to enrolling at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, all confirmed students will need to submit official final transcripts and other verification documents by July 1. The Office of Admissions compares these official documents against the student’s Self-Reported Academic Record submitted with their application.

In order to verify that students have met these enrollment requirements, they must request that their high school submit their final transcript, including date of graduation, to the Office of Admissions by July 1.

Our goal is your success at the University of Minnesota. Because strong academic preparation through the senior year of high school enhances the likelihood of student’s academic success, it is the policy of the University of Minnesota that students must meet the following conditions before they are eligible to enroll:

1. Graduate from high school or pass the GED (or the equivalent) before fall semester begins.
2. Successfully complete the courses listed on their applications as “to be completed during the senior year.”
3. Submit an official ACT, SAT and/or English Proficiency test score*

*This requirement is only for students who self-reported an ACT, SAT or English proficiency test as part of their application. Official test scores must be received from the testing agency by July 1.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

An AZ hold will be placed on your student account if you have not yet met our English proficiency requirements. For more information, visit English Proficiency Information at z.umn.edu/englishreq.

There are a few options to have the AZ hold cleared:

- Enroll in one or two English language courses in your major area of study during your first year, in addition to academic courses. At orientation, your academic advisor will assist you with selecting English language courses.
- Take an English proficiency test administered by the University’s Minnesota English Language Program (MELP) upon arrival to campus.

Depending on your results, you may be required to take one or two English language courses in your major area of study during your first year, in addition to academic courses. Contact MELP at esl@umn.edu for more information.
- Take another English proficiency test and submit an official score report. Both the total score and writing subscore must meet or exceed the minimum required scores.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENT

For examples of official documents and submission instructions please visit z.umn.edu/officialdocs.

- All documents not issued in English must be in the original language and include a certified, true (word-for-word) English translation.
- Official documents are those that are original or are attested copies of original academic documents mailed in a sealed, stamped school envelope directly from the secondary school or examining board.
- A scanned or electronic copy of an official document is considered unofficial.
- Official and complete academic records and proof of high school graduation may include exam results such as, but not limited to, IB, IGCSE, O/AS/A-level, WAEC, HKDSE, SPM, and CISCE/CBSE.
**Senior Year Grades Policy**
Senior year courses and grades are very important, and are considered when making admission decisions. After final transcripts are received, we review each student's senior year coursework and grades to confirm completion and that student performance during the senior year is consistent with the academic performance at the time of application.

Changes in senior year coursework may result in a change to the student's college of admission. Unsuccessful completion of senior year coursework and/or a significant decline in academic performance during the senior year will result in reconsideration of the admission decision and may result in the cancellation of admission.

“Successful completion” of coursework is defined as achieving grades consistent with (or better than) earlier terms on the transcript. Each year, there are cases where admission must be rescinded based on significant declines in senior year grades. If you are making changes to your senior year courses, or are experiencing declining grades, you must consult with the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000 or z.umn.edu/ContactAdmissions.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS YOU MAY RECEIVE:**

**COLLEGE COURSEWORK**
If you completed any college coursework while in high school, before enrolling at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, arrange to have an official final transcript sent directly to the Office of Admissions from each college you attend. A transfer credit evaluation will be produced and emailed to you.

- If these courses were completed at a University of Minnesota campus, you do not need to send your transcript.
- If courses were taken at an institution outside the United States, please visit z.umn.edu/International TransferCredit.

**PLACEMENT AND PROFICIENCY TESTS**
After you confirm your enrollment, your college of admission will contact you in April about placement and/or proficiency tests you need to take. These tests will take place online through your “New Student Checklist.”

**AP, IB, GCE AND A-LEVEL**
The University of Minnesota awards credits for qualifying scores on the Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), GCE A-Level exams and College in the Schools. For detailed information on these tests, please visit:

- z.umn.edu/AdvancedPlacement
- z.umn.edu/InternationalBaccalaureate
- z.umn.edu/ALevel

Applicants who misrepresent or falsify information may have their admission cancelled. In addition, failure to provide verification documents may result in the cancellation of enrollment.

The U of M will not penalize students for changes made to grading systems due to COVID-19 and remote learning.
Imagine being a student at a world-class research university. Imagine the incredible opportunities you will find in a dynamic metropolitan area. And imagine earning a prestigious degree from one of the nation’s top public universities, all for a great value. You’ll find all of this at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
The tuition and fees listed in the following tables cover one academic year (two semesters) of enrollment. This table is shared for planning purposes. As is the case with most public colleges and universities, tuition and fees for fall 2023 will be estimated in spring 2023 and finalized in July 2023.

Please note that the exact cost of attendance varies slightly from student to student based on college of enrollment and courses taken. For more information about costs, visit [z.umn.edu/costs](http://z.umn.edu/costs).

### Tuition and Fees for New Undergraduate Students (2022-2023 Academic Year)

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1. Resident definition: Students attending the U of M from Minnesota*, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Manitoba, Canada. *
The U of M defines residency as those who: 1) Are permanently residing in Minnesota, or 2) 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 U of M. During that time the student may not attend any other Minnesota post-secondary educational institution.

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

3. Final housing and fees are estimates and will be determined in the summer of 2023 by the Board of Regents.

4. Many students keep their miscellaneous expenses below this figure by spending responsibly.

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 the U of M. Students who choose not to borrow do not incur any loan fees.

6. Students enrolled in the Carlson School of Management (CSOM) and College of Science and Engineering (CSE) will be charged an additional $1,250 per semester tuition surcharge to maintain innovative classrooms and laboratories.

Reciprocity is not guaranteed. Students from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Manitoba, Canada must submit an application for reciprocity to the higher education office in their home state to be considered for reciprocity rates. Additional information and links to the applications can be found at [z.umn.edu/reciprocity](http://z.umn.edu/reciprocity).
Curiosity has a guaranteed return. Come curious and you will find that the U of M offers competitive tuition rates and a great value. Our unique blend of academic programs, real-world learning opportunities, and a major metropolitan location will prepare you to follow your dreams, no matter what path you take after graduation. Just ask Forbes, Princeton Review, and Kiplinger’s Personal Finance. They have all ranked the University in the “Best Value” category for our high retention rates and high graduate salaries.
COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Graduating in four years is important—it lowers your costs and gets you a top-notch degree sooner, so you can explore the world, secure a job, be successful, and find your future.

The University of Minnesota’s commitment to your success is gaining attention. High retention rates, low debt burden, and high graduate salaries earned us Forbes magazine’s “rising star college” title.

Did you know? Any credits you take over the 13-credit threshold are free of charge, so you can take a variety of courses without worrying about extra tuition costs (Students take 15-16 credits each semester to graduate on time.)

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 z.umn.edu/MNDream or contact the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities has a number of merit-based scholarships that are awarded to recognize students’ outstanding academic achievements. A complete listing of freshman merit scholarships can be found at z.umn.edu/AcademicScholarships.

Did you know? Last year, we awarded over $50 million in academic scholarships.

There is no separate application for most scholarships. Admitted freshmen are considered for scholarships based on their application for admission. Scholarships are very competitive. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of March 2023.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

While international students studying on the F-1 visa in the United States do not qualify for U.S. or Minnesota state financial aid programs, there are academic scholarships available for international students. For more information on these opportunities and eligibility, visit z.umn.edu/INTLScholarship.

Information for international students can be found next to the globe icon.
When you choose the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, you will study at one of the country’s top public research universities. With access to 150 majors and 135 minors, you can follow in the footsteps of the notably curious. Like national civil rights leader, Roy Wilkins; NASA’s first female flight director, Michele Brekke; and open-heart surgery pioneer, Walt Lillehei. Explore all your academic opportunities at majors.umn.edu.
YOUR CLASSES

Did you know? Four out of five U of M classes have fewer than 50 students. Language classes and composition classes have particularly low enrollment caps so that you have ample opportunities to connect with your professor and classmates alike.

YOUR PROFESSORS

At the U of M, your education won’t come exclusively from a textbook; your college experience will be enhanced by award-winning faculty who are discovering new knowledge every day. Your professors will include Nobel Prize winners, National Academy of Sciences members, the Institute of Medicine members, American Academy of Arts and Sciences members, and published authors or patent holders.

YOUR RESEARCH

Professors are not the only people at the U of M who are pushing the boundaries of knowledge; one of the best benefits of a major university is the opportunity to conduct research as an undergraduate student. By pairing up one-on-one with a faculty mentor, you can explore your interests through projects and experiments you design in the topic of your choice. Explore all the ways you can participate at ugresearch.umn.edu.

YOUR CLASSROOMS

As a pioneering leader in designing classrooms and curricula that gets students engaged, the U of M’s active-learning classrooms use technology to foster connections and teamwork. And “state of the art” isn’t limited to the classroom. You will experience sophistication and technology throughout campus. For example:

- Music students practice and perform in the only all-Steinway school in the Big Ten.
- Physics students conduct pioneering research with experts from around the world in the U of M’s underground neutrino lab in Northern Minnesota.
- Nursing students become future health professionals in the state-of-the-art Health Sciences Education Center.
- Journalism students use cutting-edge equipment in broadcast studios and editing labs.
- Agricultural and natural resources students utilize 160 acres of land, located on-campus, for ground-breaking crop, environment, and soil research.

Did you know? The knowledge unlocked in U of M classrooms and labs is headed straight to the marketplace, with U of M researchers filing for 1,100+ active patents, and launching over 200 start-up companies.

YOUR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Tutoring - The University of Minnesota Twin Cities offers tutoring support for over 250 subject areas including math, science, and writing. Tutoring helps students develop academic study skills and confidence needed to succeed in their courses.

Academic Advising - You will work closely with academic advisors throughout your time on campus - whether you need help planning courses, discovering the perfect learning abroad program, or finding an internship, we are here for you!

Center for Academic Planning and Exploration (CAPE)
Undecided on which of the 150+ majors is right for you? CAPE is designed to help students explore their interests and make informed, self-determined choices about their academic plan. For more information on all CAPE has to offer visit cape.umn.edu.

For international students interested in academic planning and exploration, visit capeinternational.umn.edu.

HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program (UHP) provides enriched opportunities within each of the U of M freshman colleges, creating a program of shared passions, creative collaboration, and intellectual and cultural diversity.

Students whose admission applications are complete by the Early Action Deadline (November 1), Early Action II (December 1), or the Regular Deadline (January 1) will receive full consideration for the University Honors Program. Students who apply after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis. Students admitted into the University Honors Program will be notified by the end of March 2023.

Information for international students can be found next to the globe icon.
Studying at one of the only Big Ten universities within minutes of a dynamic metropolis, you’ll benefit from all that a city – actually two cities – has to offer. The state of Minnesota is home to 16 Fortune 500 companies statewide—one of the highest per capita rates in the nation—so you’ll have lots of options for professional experience. Local headquarters for companies like 3M, Target, Boston Scientific, UnitedHealth Group, and General Mills recruit on campus for internships and permanent positions.
YOUR ALUMNI NETWORK

When you graduate from the University of Minnesota, you’ll join a legacy of excellence and an alumni network with 490,000+ Golden Gophers who are working, volunteering, and innovating across the world.

Did you know? U of M students, faculty, and alumni have founded approximately 19,000 companies worldwide, employing 1.1 million people.

- What do the Wall Street Journal’s mobile news editor, and NASA’s first female flight director have in common? They’re Golden Gophers.
- How about former Vice Presidents Hubert H. Humphrey and Walter Mondale, and the former press secretary for President Barack Obama? Golden Gophers.
- In fact, a recent alumni survey estimated that one of every 14 Minnesota alumni has served in elected office. The Oval Office is calling you!

YOUR CAREER CENTERS

To help you achieve your personal and professional goals, the U of M offers specialized career centers, each tailored to serve undergraduate students on a specific career path. Our career advisors can help you:

- Explore majors and choose one. They do this via individual assistance, personality and interest tests, classes, and resource rooms full of information you can browse.
- Connect your major to potential careers. You’re likely to find options that you didn’t know were available.
- Search for internships and jobs. They’ll teach you effective job-search strategies, resume writing, and interviewing skills.
- Decide if you want to attend grad school and help you apply.
- Attend the University of Minnesota Job and Internship Fair, featuring hundreds of employers from across Minnesota and the world.

THE SHOE TREE IS WAITING

The “Shoe Tree” is a time-honored campus tradition. When students graduate, they toss their shoes off the Washington Avenue Bridge and into the branches of the tree, symbolizing the start of their next journey. What will the next step in your journey be? A dream job? A graduate or professional degree? Travel? Whatever it may be, your future starts here.
Stepping onto campus, you’ll embark on an adventure that will truly open your mind, and go beyond the classroom. At the U of M there are over 1,000 student organizations (200 of which are culturally focused) where you can express yourself, explore new interests, and create your own unique community.
YOUR STUDENT LIFE

Want to build a cool race car? Our Solar Vehicle Project won 1st place at the 2022 American Solar Challenge. Want to create lifelong international friendships? The International Buddy Program hosts fun and free social events with international students and current U of M student mentors. To explore all the ways you can learn skills, volunteer, build experience, and have fun in 1,000+ groups, visit z.umn.edu/UofMStudentGroups.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

We pride ourselves in giving back to the community, and we even have an advising team that can help guide you through volunteer opportunities that match your interests, values and goals. Whether you want to stay on campus and volunteer at the U of M Masonic Children’s Hospital or Ronald McDonald House, or venture off-campus and work with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the Special Olympics. To explore all the opportunities waiting for you, visit ccel.umn.edu.

EXPAND YOUR GLOBAL HORIZONS

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is proud to offer one of the nation’s largest and most comprehensive study abroad programs, with 180+ opportunities in 50+ countries. Advisors will help you find your ideal fit from a wide-range of academic, research, and internship opportunities abroad, so you can gain valuable experience to prepare for life in a global society.

Despite the pandemic, we are safely sending students abroad to locations where health and travel restrictions allow. To learn more about our Learning Abroad Center and COVID-19 safety measures, visit UMabroad.umn.edu.

STUDENT CULTURAL CENTERS

Cultural exploration and awareness is an important part of the college experience. In addition to our numerous student organizations, the U of M also has nine student cultural centers that each have a dedicated gathering space in our student union building. See what each Cultural Center has to offer at z.umn.edu/StudentCulturalCenters.

YOUR GREEK COMMUNITY

Through fraternities and sororities, you can make friends, connect with mentors, and find your home on campus. You will join a strong community of nearly 3,000 students who are devoted to leadership, scholarship, community, and service. With nearly 60 fraternities and sororities on campus, the U of M has many unique options for membership. Learn more about Fraternity and Sorority Life at fsl.umn.edu.
Diversity is a core value of life at the University of Minnesota. Our campus community is made up of students and staff with different backgrounds, interests, and experiences. Living and learning in a diverse community prepares you for a future in a global society. Here, you’ll be encouraged to think critically, grow intellectually, and challenge the status quo.

How do we define “diversity”? In the broadest sense. Our university community is strengthened by our students, staff, professors, and alumni who represent different races, economic backgrounds, geographic origins, ages, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, abilities, talents and beliefs, as well as those with disabilities both apparent and non-apparent.

**MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY**

As part of the U of M student community, you’ll find 200+ culturally focused student groups, nine student-run cultural centers, 14 multicultural fraternities and sororities, and some of the oldest cultural studies programs in the United States. At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, you can celebrate your own culture and learn about others!

To explore all of the U of M communities, visit z.umn.edu/CommunitiesUMN.

### FALL 2021 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

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Source: www.oir.umn.edu
MULTICULTURAL CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (MCAE)

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 University of Minnesota community. MCAE’s commitment to creating such a climate is driven by a student-first culture in which students are the highest priority.

MCAE offers six Living Learning Communities (LLCs) that have four core educational support priorities for residents: sense of belonging, self-efficacy, academic support, and navigating a predominantly white institution (PWI).

mcae.umn.edu  mcae@umn.edu  @umnmcae

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The University of Minnesota is committed to providing accommodations to all qualified students with disabilities. Students with disabilities can take advantage of the nation’s first Disabled Student Cultural Center. To register to receive accommodations or services for a documented disability, please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC).

diversity.umn.edu/disability  drc@umn.edu
612-626-1333 (voice or TTY)

GENDER AND SEXUALITY CENTER FOR QUEER AND TRANS LIFE

The Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life is dedicated to transforming campus climate for University of Minnesota students, staff, faculty, and community members by developing and supporting more inclusive understandings of gender and sexuality through education, advocacy, outreach, and support.

gsc.umn.edu  gsc@umn.edu
612-625-0537

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) cultivates an inclusive community by providing expertise and leadership with compassion to further prepare the University’s international students and scholars to meet complex challenges in a diverse, interconnected, multiracial, multicultural world. ISSS also provides advising, counseling, programs, and advocacy for international students and scholars to strengthen connections and understanding that advance campus internationalization and enrich the academic experience of all.

issc.umn.edu  issc@umn.edu  @isscumn

VETERANS RESOURCE OFFICE

The Veterans Resource Office is a one-stop service destination for students and family members of veterans and current members of the military. The office provides academic support and a gathering place for those who serve in the military. To request services, get information about education benefits, or get involved with the Student Veterans Association, please reach out via the following methods:

veterans@umn.edu  612-625-8076

PUBLIC SAFETY

University of Minnesota’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) is committed to partnering with our campus community to ensure our students, faculty, staff and visitors are safe. The Department of Public Safety has three departments dedicated to campus safety. The Public Safety Emergency Communications Center (PSECC) is a 911 dispatch and monitoring center. University Security is a uniformed security department that focuses on safety escorts and providing security services. The University of Minnesota Police Department is a state licensed police department.

z.umn.edu/DPSInfo
The University of Minnesota campus is located between Minneapolis and St. Paul (also known as the Twin Cities).

As one of the only Big Ten universities within a short distance to a dynamic city, students benefit from all that the city has to offer. The Twin Cities offer endless opportunities for you to explore outside of the classroom. Check out all it has to offer at z.umn.edu/GreatLocation.

**FOUR SEASONS**

Minnesota enjoys the full scope of all four seasons. You can paddleboard in the summer, pick apples in the fall, cross-country ski in the winter, and bike the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway in the spring. No matter what season it is, there are plenty of places to enjoy it near campus; from the Mississippi River, to six state parks, and a National Wildlife Refuge - all within the Twin Cities metro area!

*Did you know?* The Center for Outdoor Adventure at the University of Minnesota has rental equipment for students. From camping gear, bikes, canoes, snowshoes, and so much more, you will have all that you need to take advantage of each season.

**YOU’LL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS**

If you want to explore a new culture—or connect with your own—you’re in luck. When you live in the Twin Cities, you’ll be minutes away from Somali, Latino, American Indian, and Hmong communities, just to name a few. So come ready to check out the Dragon Boat Festival, Minnesota Qeej Festival, or the Mdewakanton Sioux Community’s annual Wacipi.
Join us for an official campus visit!
After an information session with an admissions counselor, a U of M student will lead you on a walking tour of our vibrant and historic campus so you can experience our atmosphere in person.

SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY
In addition to our on-campus events and visits, we also offer virtual experiences. From self-guided tours, to one-on-one appointments with admissions counselors, to virtual events, you can learn more about the opportunities that await you at the University of Minnesota by scanning the QR code or visiting z.umn.edu/ExploreCampus.
International Student Information

Orientation Requirements

International Student Preparation Course (Online)
Prior to arrival, all new international students are required to complete the International Student Preparation Course. This program is the first step in completing international student orientation and it will prepare you for your arrival. Visit isss.umn.edu/new to begin the course.

ISSS Check-In and Welcome Session
Complete your ISSS Check-in and Welcome Session as soon as possible after you arrive in the U.S. There are two parts to this requirement. They must be completed in the following order:

> Step 1: Check-in with ISSS. Use the “ISSS Check-in and Welcome Session” form in MyISSS to submit your immigration documents and notify ISSS of your arrival. This is required by the U.S. government.
> Step 2: Complete an ISSS Welcome Session. Depending on your student status, you may complete this requirement in-person or online. Full details are available at z.umn.edu/ISSSorientation.

Student Pre-Arrival Guide
After you confirm your enrollment and submit your Undergraduate New Student I-20 Request form, you will receive a link to the online International Student Pre-Arrival Guide from International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Staff members from ISSS will assist you as you prepare to arrive on campus, and they will work with you after your arrival in Minnesota.

University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Unless you have received a Global Excellence Scholarship or an ISSS need-based scholarship, as an international student at the University of Minnesota, you are expected to take full responsibility for financing your education. International students must prove they have sufficient funds available to pay their educational and personal expenses.

* Some programs and colleges have additional mandatory fees and/or tuition surcharges. Additional fees and surcharges ($2,500) for CSOM and CSE students are not included here.

• In order to issue an I-20, which is needed to obtain an F-1 student visa, the University of Minnesota is required by the U.S. government to maintain records that demonstrate that international students have at least the funds necessary to cover their tuition, fees, and living expenses for their first year of study. For the visa application purpose, this chart includes one full academic year (2 semesters) of tuition, and international student fees as well as mandatory health insurance and living expenses for 12 months.

• Students graduating from a Minnesota high school who have an H-4 visa may be eligible to pay MN resident tuition rates. Learn more at z.umn.edu/residency.

For a quick reference on your next steps as an admitted International student, please visit our Checklist for Admitted International Freshman at z.umn.edu/INTLadmitchecklist or by scanning the QR code.
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Visit z.umn.edu/Congrats for more ways to celebrate and confirm!

Schedule Your Campus Visit Today z.umn.edu/campusvisit

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QUESTIONS? WE’RE HAPPY TO HELP!

Explore our website at admissions.tc.umn.edu.
Find your admissions counselor at z.umn.edu/counselor.
Contact the Office of Admissions at z.umn.edu/UMNAdmissions.

Phone: 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000
Fax: 612-626-1693