ORIENTATION & NEXT STEP INFORMATION
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA!

On behalf of the Orientation Leader team, we are so excited to have you join our Golden Gopher family. We hope you know how big of an accomplishment it is to be admitted, and you should be proud of this achievement—we definitely are! Some of you may be excited to start your journey through college and some may be a little apprehensive. Try not to worry, we’ve been students like you and can say with confidence that we absolutely love it here. Our goal is to help you feel comfortable at this new place that we call home. So take it all in and enjoy your experience! We can’t wait to see you at Orientation this summer!

– Your 2016 Orientation Leaders
WHAT HAPPENS AT NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

Orientation is a required two-day program, which takes place in August for most international students. You will meet other new students, attend a required immigration information session, and learn about University resources. On Day 2 of Orientation, you will meet with an advisor and register for fall semester classes. This publication outlines the process for preparing to attend Orientation. Note: If you are currently living in the U.S, you are eligible to attend Orientation in June or July. Program details for those dates can be found at www.ofyp.umn.edu/orientation/freshman-orientation.

Check out the detailed outline of the Orientation schedule at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyschedule.
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST
Before you can attend Orientation, the two-day program where you register for classes, you must complete your New Student Checklist, which is personalized for you and your college of enrollment (i.e. College of Liberal Arts). See pages 6-7.

DOWNLOAD U MINNESOTA APP
This app has all the information you need to know to navigate Orientation & Welcome Week. See page 10.

NEW STUDENT TIMELINE

REGISTER FOR PARENT ORIENTATION
Information on how to register for Parent Orientation is in the attached publication. Make sure your parent/family reviews this material. See attachment.

COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PREPARATION COURSE
See page 10.

WELCOME WEEK EVENT SELECTION
Check your email on July 21 to personalize your Welcome Week schedule.
COMPLETE ONLINE MODULES
Watch your email in July for information on how to complete three required online modules: AlcoholEdu, Transit-Financial Wellness™ and Haven.

GLOBAL GOPHER WEEK (AUGUST 22-31)
You are encouraged, but not required, to attend Global Gopher Week, a series of events to help new international students prepare for the upcoming school year. Learn more at www.isss.umn.edu/new

MANDATORY ARRIVAL DATE:
Sunday, August 21, 2016

ORIENTATION & IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN
Get ready to make some new friends, and learn how to navigate the U of M campus. See page 2.

WELCOME WEEK
Begins August 31. See page 15

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
September 6
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

☐ INITIATE YOUR U OF M EMAIL
   Email is the official method of communication at the U of M. Start checking your U of M email now for important updates about Welcome Week.
   To initiate:
   [it.umn.edu/services/students/getting-started-guide](it.umn.edu/services/students/getting-started-guide)
   To check email: mail.umn.edu

☐ COMPLETE THE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF SURVEY
   This survey will provide your academic advisor with specific information about you. Your advisor will use this information to help you register for your first semester classes on Day 2 of Orientation. You will be asked to enter previous coursework and AP/IB exam results (if applicable). This survey will take 10-15 minutes. Once completed, you will be able to select your Orientation date.

☐ SELECT YOUR ORIENTATION DATE
   August 24-25, 25-26, 29-30
   Note: If you are currently living in the U.S., you are eligible to attend Orientation in June or July

☐ COMPLETE PLACEMENT TESTING
   You checklist will list your assigned placement test requirements for subjects such as chemistry, mathematics, and languages. Complete your tests as soon as you can so that you have time to complete learning modules and potentially place into a higher course (chemistry only). Final course placement is required one week before your Orientation date.

☐ REGISTER YOUR PARENTS FOR PARENT ORIENTATION
   Encourage your parents or family members to attend Parent Orientation. Select an Orientation date together, if possible. Parents will complete a separate process to register for Parent Orientation (see attachment).

☐ REVIEW THE HOW-TO GUIDES
   How-To Guides provide step-by-step instructions for completing common tasks related to registration, billing, and updating personal information. You are expected to be familiar with how to search for classes.
   [onestop.umn.edu/howto](onestop.umn.edu/howto)
☐ REVIEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES
INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS
issu.umn.edu/new

☐ COMPLETE PHOTO UPLOAD TO HAVE YOUR U CARD READY AT
ORIENTATION
z.umn.edu/photoupload
See Page 11.

☐ COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PREPARATION COURSE
See Page 10.

☐ FINALIZE YOUR HOUSING ARRANGEMENT FOR FALL
See Page 13 for on-campus housing deadlines.

☐ SUBMIT YOUR FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO THE OFFICE
OF ADMISSIONS BY JULY 1
admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply/hs_policy.html

☐ MARK YOUR CALENDAR—WELCOME WEEK,
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 5
See Page 15.

TO ACCESS YOUR NEW STUDENT
CHECKLIST REFER TO PAGE 8 FOR
YOUR COLLEGE LINK.
As a University of Minnesota student, you were admitted directly into a college. The staff in these colleges are here to assist you in your transition to the University. Their contact information is listed on the right. If you have specific questions about your placement testing requirements or Orientation date, contact your college directly.

COLLEGE CONTACT INFORMATION

Use the appropriate link below to access your NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST.

CARLSON SCHOOL OF MGMT (CSOM)
612-624-3313
advisbsb@umn.edu
carlson.checklist.umn.edu

COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (CBS)
612-624-9717
newincbs@umn.edu
cbs.checklist.umn.edu

COLLEGE OF DESIGN (CDES)
612-626-3690
cdesinfo@umn.edu
cdes.checklist.umn.edu

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD)
612-625-3339
cehdnew@umn.edu
cehd.checklist.umn.edu

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES (CFANS)
612-624-6768
cfanssso@umn.edu
cfans.checklist.umn.edu

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (CLA)
612-625-2020
class@umn.edu
cla.checklist.umn.edu

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (CSE)
612-624-2890
cseadvising@umn.edu
cse.checklist.umn.edu
PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

Before your scheduled Orientation date, you will receive an email outlining important information including immigration check-in times and other reminders.

**International Reception Center**

Temporary housing is available in the International Reception Center (IRC). Only new students can stay in the International Reception Center. Those traveling with family should find other housing. The International Reception Center is on the Minneapolis East Bank Campus.

For costs and reservations, please see International Reception Center at [www.housing/umn.edu/international/irc](http://www.housing/umn.edu/international/irc).

**Overnight Accommodations**

**AUGUST 24 OR 25**

If you are not staying in the International Reception Center and have Orientation on August 24-25 or 25-26 and need a place to stay, visit [z.umn.edu/addnight](http://z.umn.edu/addnight) to see if space is available on campus. The cost is $27 per night, including tax. Check in anytime after 3:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 29–30:**

Overnight accommodations are not available without a housing contract. If you are attending Orientation on this date, and not staying in the International Reception Center, you will be able to request permission to move into your residence hall room before the program. Watch your U of M email in August for more details.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PREPARATION COURSE

All new international students must complete the International Student Preparation Course prior to their Immigration Check-in. In order to access this online orientation, you will need to activate your U of M Internet ID and password. To learn more, go to isss.umn.edu/new.

What is the International Student Preparation Course?
The International Student Preparation Course is an interactive tool created to help you learn about your immigration status and prepare for success at the University of Minnesota. It is mandatory for all new international students, and you must complete the required elements before attending your Immigration Check-in.

DISABILITY/MOBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The Disability Resource Center office is committed to making the University accessible and inviting to anyone with a disability. To request accommodations (including sign language interpreters and alternate formats), contact Disability Resource Center at 612-626-1333 (v/tty) or ds.umn.edu.

If you or a family member have a short-term disability (e.g. broken leg) and would have difficulty walking long distances during Orientation, please contact Orientation & First-Year Programs at 1-800-234-1979 for golf cart accommodations. Arrangements must be made two weeks prior to your Orientation date.

U MINNESOTA MOBILE APP

Before Orientation download the U Minnesota mobile app to your mobile device. It has information about your Orientation (schedules, event descriptions, maps, etc.), and in early August you will be able to access Welcome Week materials. To learn more visit www.ofyp.umn.edu/uminnnesota.

We will also provide current information about Orientation and Welcome Week through the U of M Class of 2020 Facebook group. (Want to tweet about Orientation? #UMN20)
The U Card is your official University of Minnesota identification card. It’s important to get your U Card during Day 2 of your Orientation because you’re going to need it immediately for access to Welcome Week events and entrance to your residence hall. You will use it to access your Gopher GOLD™ account that functions as a declining balance account that you can use to conveniently pay for items on campus. Gopher GOLD™ is the only way to pay for printing on campus as well.

You can get your U Card one of two ways:

1. Bring a valid photo ID (driver’s license, state ID, or passport) to the U Card Office during Day 2 of your Orientation, and wait to have your picture taken.

2. Go to z.umn.edu/photoupload and use Photo Upload to upload your picture. We will preprint your U Card so it’s ready to be picked up on Day 2 of your Orientation. You will need to present a valid photo ID to pick up your preprinted U Card.
Enrollment and Billing
For answers to all your financial questions, look to One Stop Student Services. Many students learn to manage personal finances while in college. Financial planning and work opportunities can help you make the most of your time and money. One Stop counselors give you friendly, expert, and individualized service in person, by phone, or online at onestop.umn.edu.
HOUSING

Housing Application Freshman Guarantee Deadline: May 1
May 1 is the last day to submit a housing application and be guaranteed a University housing space. The sooner you apply, the greater your chances of getting one of your top hall choices. Submit the online application (www.housing.umn.edu) with the $25 nonrefundable housing application fee.

Once your application has been submitted and your enrollment has been confirmed, you will be guaranteed University housing.

Housing Guarantee Payment: $200 due May 15
Payment must be received by May 15 to be assigned a space in on-campus housing.

Failure to submit the $200 guarantee payment will result in the cancellation of your 2016-2017 assignment/guarantee. This is separate from your Admissions enrollment confirmation fee.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND THE STUDENT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

All international students and their dependents are automatically enrolled in the University-sponsored Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), and the fees will be charged on your tuition bill each semester. If you have health insurance coverage through a United States-based, employer-sponsored group health plan or the University-sponsored Graduate Assistant Health Plan, you do not have to purchase the SHBP and are eligible to waive enrollment.

The University of Minnesota requires international students to obtain the following immunizations. We encourage you to obtain your immunizations before leaving your home country.

If you are enrolled in a program in an Academic Health Center program please see www.bhs.umn.edu/immunization-requirements.htm#ahc-student for your requirements.

1. Diphtheria/Tetanus — Td (dose within the past 10 years)
2. Measles — rubella, red measles (two doses after age 12 months)
3. Mumps — two doses after age 12 months
4. Rubella — German measles (two doses after age 12 months)

Here is the online immunization form for students to complete. If you know the dates that you had these immunizations, you can complete the form on your own. If you don’t know the dates, then you may need to check with your parent, guardian or medical provider.

If you have not had the required immunizations, you can come to Boynton Health to get them after you register for fall semester classes. A hold will be placed on your record to prevent registration for the spring semester if you do not submit an immunization form before spring registration (approximately 8 weeks after fall semester starts). However, if you can, you should submit your immunization record during the summer before classes start.

To learn more, visit
Office of Student Health Benefits
www.shb.umn.edu
Boynton Health
www.bhs.umn.edu
**Wednesday, August 31 - Monday, September 5, 2016**

Mark your calendars for Welcome Week 2016! Look forward to meeting new friends, learning about your college, navigating the campus, and exploring the Twin Cities! By engaging in a variety of programs, you will gain the confidence to start your first semester of courses and thrive in your new community. Launch your transition to life at the University of Minnesota with this program designed specifically for you!

*Note: This program is required. Make sure to plan your arrival date, family vacations, work schedules, and housing leases (if living off campus) so that you will be able to start Welcome Week on Wednesday, August 31.

More information, including a specific schedule, is available at [welcomeweek.umn.edu](http://welcomeweek.umn.edu).
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