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 in your shoes 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 overnight program, which takes place mostly in June and July. You will meet other new students, learn about University resources, and experience a night in a residence hall. 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.

Check out the detailed outline of the Orientation schedule at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyschedule.
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST
Available beginning April 6, 2016
Before you can attend Orientation, the two-day program where you register for classes, you must complete your New Student Checklist, which is personalized to 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 in order to navigate Orientation & Welcome Week. See page 10.

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

ORIENTATION
Get ready to make some new friends, and learn how to navigate the U of M campus. See page 3.
WELCOME WEEK EVENT SELECTION
Check your email on July 21 to personalize your Welcome Week schedule.

COMPLETE ONLINE MODULES
Watch your email in late July for information on how to complete three required online modules: AlcoholEdu, Transit-Financial Wellness™ and Haven.

WELCOME WEEK
Begins August 31
See page 15.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
September 6
NEW STUDENT

☐ 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

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
Orientation occurs between June 7 and July 15.

TO ACCESS YOUR NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST REFER TO PAGE 8 FOR YOUR COLLEGE LINK.
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

☐ COMPLETE PLACEMENT TESTING
Your checklist will list your assigned placement test requirements for subjects such as chemistry, mathematics, and languages. Complete your tests as soon as you are able to allow yourself the opportunity 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 insert).

☐ REVIEW THE HOW-TO GUIDES
How-To Guides provide step-by-step instructions for completing common tasks related to registration, financial aid, billing, and updating personal information. You are expected to be familiar with how to search for classes. onestop.umn.edu/howto/

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

☐ APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
See Page 12.

☐ 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.
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 changing your 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 driving directions and parking, a packing list, and other reminders.

**Overnight Accommodations**

**JUNE 7-JULY 15:**
A space in Comstock Hall is reserved for you between Day 1 and Day 2 of your Orientation program. We require all students to stay the night on campus to experience a night in the residence hall and because required programming will end late on Day 1 and begin early on Day 2.

**Extra Nights or Attending an August Date**

If you need to stay an extra night before or after your Orientation date, or if you are attending on August 24 or 25, 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, 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.
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/uminnesota.

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 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.
As your official University of Minnesota identification card, the U Card is your key to campus. 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 prepaid 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.
ONE STOP
ONE STOP STUDENT SERVICES

Enrollment, Billing, and Financial Aid

For answers to all your financial questions, look to One Stop Student Services. For many students, college means managing personal finances to a greater degree. Financial planning, financial aid, 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.

Are you from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or Manitoba?

If you are a resident of any of these states or province, you may qualify for reciprocity tuition rates, which are lower than nonresident tuition rates. Reciprocity rates are not automatic; you must apply through your home state or province. Links to reciprocity applications are available at z.umn.edu/reciprocity.

Have you checked your financial aid status online?

There are five steps to receiving financial aid. You can find out what step you are on at the “My Finances” tab of MyU.umn.edu. How to Guides with instructions for viewing and completing financial aid processes are available at the One Stop website: onestop.umn.edu/howto.

The five steps are:

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<td>1 Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</td>
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<td>3 Review email asking you to respond to the electronic Financial Aid Award Notice (eFAAN)</td>
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<td>4 Complete entrance counseling and promissory notes for any accepted loans</td>
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<td>5 Receive disbursement of funds in your student account</td>
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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.
MAKE SURE YOU MEET THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

All students who are 1) admitted to a degree program and 2) registered for six or more credits per semester that count toward the automatic assessment of the Student Services Fee are required by the University of Minnesota to have health plan coverage. Eligible students who do not waive the Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) per established guidelines before the deadline, will automatically be enrolled in the SHBP and billed for the entire semester.

Please visit www.shb.umn.edu for more information about the University-sponsored SHBP. For questions contact the Office of Student Health Benefits at umshbo@umn.edu, 1-800-232-9017 or 612-624-0627.

Complete Your Immunization Form

As a University of Minnesota student, you are required to complete the Student Immunization Form at the start of your college career. You may complete and submit your record online or by using a printable form. To access either form or to learn more about the University's immunization requirements, visit www.bhs.umn.edu/immunizations.

To learn more about the University of Minnesota’s immunization requirements, go to www.bhs.umn.edu/immunization-requirements.htm.

Send your completed paper form to:

Boynton Health
Attn: Patient Assistance
410 Church Street S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
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 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.