INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ORIENTATION

& NEXT STEP INFORMATION

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On behalf of the Orientation Leader team, welcome! 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! This publication outlines your next steps to prepare for Orientation. We can’t wait to see you at Orientation this summer!

– Your 2017 Orientation Leaders
You have confirmed your enrollment, so by now you should have completed the following. If you haven’t, attend to this to-do list right away. The rest of the publication outlines your next steps to prepare for your arrival at orientation.

1. APPLY FOR HOUSING BY MAY 1 AND SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING GUARANTEE PAYMENT BY MAY 15

Students planning to live on campus and apply for housing by May 1 are guaranteed a place on campus. Next, a $200 housing guarantee payment is due by May 15, 2017 to confirm your space.

2. INITIATE YOUR STUDENT INTERNET ACCOUNT AND U OF M EMAIL

Use your U of M Internet ID and password to initiate your Student Internet Account at [www.umn.edu/initiate](http://www.umn.edu/initiate). The University uses Google as our email and as an applications platform. Initiating your Student Internet Account gives you access to your University email via Gmail and Google Apps. Your University email account is the official method of communication at the U of M. Be sure to set a strong password and check your email regularly at [mail.umn.edu](mailto:mail.umn.edu).

Review the Getting Started Guide for Student at [z.umn.edu/gettingstarted](http://z.umn.edu/gettingstarted). Questions? Contact U of M Technology Help at [612-301-4357](tel:612-301-4357) or at [help@umn.edu](mailto:help@umn.edu).
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST
checklist.umn.edu
Before you can attend Orientation, 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 5.

COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PREPARATION COURSE
See page 8.

COMPLETE ONLINE MODULES
Watch your email in early August for information on how to complete three required online modules: AlcoholEdu for College Life™, Transit-Financial Wellness™, and Haven-Understanding Sexual Assault™.

GLOBAL GOPHER WEEK
(August 21-September 1)
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/program/ggumn/.

WELCOME WEEK
Begin August 30 See page 11.

REGISTER FOR PARENT ORIENTATION
Information on how to register for Parent Orientation is located on page 12. Make sure your parent/family reviews this material.

WELCOME WEEK EVENT SELECTION
Check your email on July 21 to personalize your Welcome Week schedule.

MANDATORY ARRIVAL DATE
Monday, August 21, 2017.

ORIENTATION
Get ready to make some new friends and learn how to navigate the U of M campus. See page 6.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
September 5
The New Student Checklist is personalized for each new student and includes the tasks you need to complete before coming to Orientation. Below are the main items you will find on the New Student Checklist.

- **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 23-24, 24-25, 28-29 Note: If you are currently living in the U.S., you are eligible to attend Orientation in June or July.

- **COMPLETE PLACEMENT TESTING**
  Your New Student Checklist will list your assigned placement test requirements for subjects such as chemistry, mathematics, and languages. Take your tests early to allow yourself the opportunity to complete learning modules and potentially place into a higher course (chemistry only). Placement exams must be completed at least one week prior to your Orientation date.

- **TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES**
  You will be required to submit your final transcripts and test scores for your final high school grades, AP, IB, CLEP, A-Level scores and any college transcripts by July 1, 2017.

- **COMPLETE PHOTO UPLOAD TO HAVE YOUR U CARD READY AT ORIENTATION**
  The U Card is the official U of M identification card and your key to campus. You will pick up your U Card during Day 2 of your Orientation; you will need it for access to Welcome Week events and entrance to your residence hall and dining center.

  Upload a photo before Orientation at [z.umn.edu/photoupload](https://z.umn.edu/photoupload) or have your photo taken on Day 2 of Orientation.

- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**
  The International Student Preparation Course must be completed prior to arriving on campus and completing Immigration Check-in.
Students who are admitted to the U of M are admitted directly into a college. The staff in these colleges are here to assist you in your transition to the University. College contact information is listed below. If you have specific questions about your placement testing requirements or changing your Orientation date, contact your college directly.

COLLEGE CONTACT INFORMATION

CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (CSOM)
612-624-3313
advisbsb@umn.edu

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

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

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

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

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

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (CSE)
612-624-2890
cseadvising@umn.edu

WHAT HAPPENS AT NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

Orientation is a required two-day program, which takes place in August for most international students. You will select your Orientation date as part of the New Student Checklist. At Orientation 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 academic advisor and register for fall semester classes. Students are placed in small groups based on their college of enrollment and are led by an Orientation Leader. Note: If you are currently living in the U.S., you are eligible to attend Orientation in June or July.

Check out the detailed Orientation schedule at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyschedule.
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. Make sure you check your U of M email regularly.

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.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: AUGUST 23 OR 24
If you are not staying in the International Reception Center and have Orientation on August 23-24 or 24-25 and need a place to stay, visit 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.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING AUGUST 28 – 29:
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.
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 initiate 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 U of M. 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 (DRC) serves as a central resource for students with disabilities to address barriers to access on our campus. If you have a disability and would like to discuss accommodations for Orientation (including sign language interpreters and alternate formats), please contact the DRC at 612-626-1333 (v/tty) or drc@umn.edu. For additional information, visit diversity.umn.edu/disability.

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.

DOWNLOAD THE U MINNESOTA APP TO YOUR MOBILE DEVICE (AVAILABLE AT THE END OF MAY)

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 2021 Facebook group. Want to tweet about Orientation? #UMN21

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. When you arrive to Orientation, you are expected to be familiar with how to search for classes. onestop.umn.edu/howto/
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND THE STUDENT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

All international students and their dependents are required to purchase and enroll in the University-sponsored Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP). 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 and to complete an immunization form. Academic Health Center students have additional immunization 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)

We encourage you to obtain the required immunizations before leaving your home country. If you know the dates that you had these immunizations, you can complete the immunization form on your own. If you don’t know the dates, then you may need to check with your parent, guardian, or medical provider. Find more information and the online immunization form on the Boynton Health website.

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 6 weeks after fall semester starts). However, if you can, you should submit your immunization record during the summer before classes start.
Wednesday, August 30 – Monday, September 4, 2017

Mark your calendars for Welcome Week 2017! 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 30.

More information, including a specific schedule, is available at welcomeweek.umn.edu.
As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student’s transition to college life. That is why we want parents and family members to attend an Orientation program. Parents of international students may choose from the following Parent Orientation programs:

**PARENT ORIENTATION:**
University wide orientation program hosted by Orientation & First-Year Programs

**INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION (IPOP) PROGRAM:**
hosted by International Student & Scholar Services

**CHINESE INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM (CHIPoP):**
hosted by International Student & Scholar Services and delivered in Mandarin

At all programs, you will learn about the business of interacting with the University and its many resources. At the Parent Orientation program, you will become aware of the transitional issues students experience during their first year at the U of M and some strategies for supporting them through this transition. Even if you’re familiar with the U of M campus, Parent Orientation offers relevant and timely information on tuition expenses (including how the tuition bill can be paid), health insurance, safety on campus, academic expectations, academic advising, registration, and University resources.

Parent Orientation is on the same dates as student Orientation. The IPoP program is on Tuesday, August 22 and the CHIPoP program in on Thursday, August 17. More information regarding the IPoP and CHIPoP programs can be found on the next page.

For the Parent Orientation program schedule, visit [www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent).
**How to Register**

Once your student selects an Orientation date, you can register for Parent Orientation at [www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent).

You are not automatically registered for Parent Orientation when your student selects a date. We encourage students and parents to attend on the same day. You are welcome to come on another date if you cannot come on the same day as your student.

**Cost of Attendance**

The cost, $25 advance registration/ $35 on-site registration, includes a continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, a full day of workshops, and printed materials.

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**INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION (IPOP) PROGRAM**

This half-day program on Tuesday, August 22 will address any international student and parent-related questions. This session is a supplement to the one-day Parent Orientation program. There is no additional charge for this program.

For questions about IPOP, please e-mail ipop@umn.edu. We are able to respond in different languages, if needed.

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**CHINESE INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM (CHIPoP):**

Chinese speaking international parents are invited to join a one-day alternative orientation session on Thursday, August 17. This session is delivered in Chinese language and addresses specific questions and concerns of Chinese parents.

To read more about this program in Chinese language, go to [www.isss.umn.edu/programs/parent/default.html](http://www.isss.umn.edu/programs/parent/default.html). For questions about CHIPoP, please e-mail lixx0887@umn.edu.
On Campus

AUGUST 23 OR 24:
On-campus lodging is available in Centennial Hall. The rate for one person is $44, and each additional guest is $27 per night. You will be able to check into your room at 3:00 p.m., or earlier if your room is ready. Your room will have basic amenities such as linens and towels.

To make your reservation: z.umn.edu/orientationhousing

AUGUST 28:
There is no on-campus overnight option.

Hotels

We recommend the following hotels because they are close to Orientation activities. When making your reservation, let them know you are visiting the University of Minnesota. Follow the links below and use the recommended code when making your reservation.

DoubleTree by Hilton Minneapolis — University Area (EAST BANK)
www.DoubleTreeUniversity.com
1-844-327-3827 or 612-504-3000
Get the University of Minnesota discount by calling and referencing “U of M Orientation” or use code “FYP” when booking online.

Courtyard Minneapolis Downtown (WEST BANK)
Visit www.courtyardminneapolis.com and use Special Rate “Z8U” to book your U of M Friends and Family rate, or call us directly at 612-333-4646.
Located in a vibrant neighborhood between downtown Minneapolis and the U of M, Courtyard Marriott offers full breakfast and dinner service, easy access to freeways and airport, and complimentary shuttle service to the U of M.

Point of Contact: Megan Boosalis, Corporate Travel Account Executive, Megan.boosalis@courtyardminneapolis.com | 612-638-4628
ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

As students begin their careers at the University, it is important that they register for classes on their own with the guidance of their academic advisors, and that they begin making their own decisions about their academic futures. Encouraging students to be self-sufficient will help them develop confidence, improve problem-solving skills, and enhance their overall experience at the U of M.

STAY CONNECTED TO CAMPUS

Once school begins, here are some great ways for parents and families to stay connected with the University. Families will receive the Parent and Family Program Update newsletter emailed every other week during the academic year and periodically during breaks. Connect on Facebook by visiting parent.umn.edu to learn how.
Join the U of M Alumni Association with a Family Membership. The Family Membership program provides families, including your student, with all of the great benefits of the Alumni Association, while also supporting programming and events for family members when they visit campus. Alumni Association membership will also connect your student with mentoring and career development resources. Families receive a subscription to Minnesota Alumni, the award-winning Alumni Association magazine that highlights what’s happening at the U.

Membership also includes a 20 percent discount at the University Bookstore, including apparel and gifts, along with academic pricing on select Apple products (discounts as much as $100 on select products); alumni rates at The Commons Hotel on campus, member ticket rates for Northrop Dance, U of M Theater Arts, and School of Music Performances. Registration information is available at parent.umn.edu/membership. Stop by their table at the Resource Fair during Orientation.
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