ORIENTATION

& NEXT STEP INFORMATION

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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, enjoy your experience! We can’t wait to see you at Orientation this summer!

– Your 2015 Orientation Leaders

Have more questions? Ask Us!

Orientation & First-Year Programs
612-624-1979 or 1-800-234-1979
www.ofyp.umn.edu
ofyp@umn.edu
WHAT HAPPENS AT NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

Orientation is a required two-day program, which takes place mostly in August for most international students. You will meet other new students, attend a required immigration session, and learn about University resources. On Day 2 of Orientation, you will meet with an adviser 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.
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 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 to navigate Orientation & Welcome Week. See page 10.

WELCOME WEEK EVENT SELECTION
Check your email on July 22 to personalize your Welcome Week schedule.

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

COMPLETE GLOBAL GOPHER ONLINE ORIENTATION
See page 10.
ORIENTATION & IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN
Get ready to make some new friends, and learn how to navigate the U of M campus. See page 2.

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

MANDATORY ARRIVAL DATE:
Sunday, August 23, 2015

WELCOME WEEK
Begins September 2. See page 15.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
September 8
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
To check email: mail.umn.edu

COMPLETE THE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF SURVEY
This survey will provide your academic adviser with specific information about you. Your adviser 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 26-27, 27-28, 31-September 1
Note: If you are currently living in the U.S., you are eligible to attend Orientation in June or July

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. You can take each test only once. The results will determine which course(s) you will take, so please take each test seriously. Tests must be completed two weeks 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.

www.umn.edu/ucard/umtc/photoupload.html
See Page 11.

☐ COMPLETE GLOBAL GOPHER ONLINE ORIENTATION
See Page 10.

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

☐ MARK YOUR CALENDAR—WELCOME WEEK, SEPTEMBER 2-7
See Page 15.

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

onestop.umn.edu/upgrade/
As a University of Minnesota student, you were admitted directly into a college. The staffs in these colleges are here to assist you in your transition to the University. Their contact information is listed on the right for your reference. 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](mailto:carlson.checklist.umn.edu)

**COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (CBS)**
612-624-9717
newincbs@umn.edu
[cbs.checklist.umn.edu](mailto:cbs.checklist.umn.edu)

**COLLEGE OF DESIGN (CDES)**
612-626-3690
cdesinfo@umn.edu
[cdes.checklist.umn.edu](mailto:cdes.checklist.umn.edu)

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

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

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (CLA)**
612-625-2020
class@umn.edu
[cla.checklist.umn.edu](mailto:cla.checklist.umn.edu)

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (CSE)**
612-624-2890
cseadvising@umn.edu
[cse.checklist.umn.edu](mailto: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, a packing list, and other reminders.

International Reception Center
Temporary housing is available in the International Reception Center (IRC). 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 26 OR 27
If you are not staying in the International Reception Center and have Orientation on August 26-27 or 27-28 and need a place to stay, visit z.umn.edu/addnight to see if space is available on campus. The cost is $23 per night, including tax, payable that evening with cash or check. Check in anytime after 3:00 p.m.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1:
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 for more details.
GLOBAL GOPHER ONLINE ORIENTATION

All new international students must complete the Global Gopher Online Orientation 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.

What is the Global Gopher Online Orientation?
The Global Gopher Online Orientation 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 Services 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 Services at 612-626-1333 (v/tty) or ds.umn.edu.

Arrangements must be made two weeks prior to your Orientation date. 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.

U MINNESOTA MOBILE APP

Before Orientation you will want to 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 2019 Facebook group. (Want to tweet about Orientation? #UMN19)
U CARD

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 secure, personal 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.

Or save time and ...

2. Go to www.umn.edu/ucard/umtc/photoupload.html 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.

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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.

As of July 1, 2014, the University of Minnesota became a smoke- and tobacco-free campus.
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 2015-2016 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 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. To learn more, visit www.shb.umn.edu.

Send your completed paper form to:

Boynton Health Service
Attn: Patient Assistance
410 Church Street S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Wednesday, September 2 – Monday, September 7, 2015

Welcome Week is a required six-day program that marks the beginning of your college experience at the University of Minnesota. The program is designed to assist you in navigating your transition to college as a member of the U of M community, while enhancing your opportunities for personal development and academic success, increasing your sense of belonging. Welcome Week introduces and builds upon various communities within the University of Minnesota including Welcome Week Small Group, College of Enrollment, U of M campus, and the Twin Cities. Look for more details after you attend Orientation.

Prepare for Welcome Week right now!

- MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR WELCOME WEEK
- PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL, WORK SCHEDULES, AND HOUSING leases (if living off-campus) early so you will be able to start Welcome Week September 2

More information, including a specific schedule, is available at welcomeweek.umn.edu.