ORIENTATION

& NEXT STEP INFORMATION

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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
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 adviser 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
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.

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.

ORIENTATION
Get ready to make some new friends, and learn how to navigate the U of M campus. See page 2.
WELCOME WEEK EVENT SELECTION
Check your email on July 22 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 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:
\textit{it.umn.edu/services/students/ getting-started-guide}
To check email: \textit{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
Orientation occurs between June 9 and July 17.

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.
   onestop.umn.edu/upgrade/

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

☐ APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
   See Page 12.

☐ 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 AUGUST 1
   admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply hs_policy.html
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

**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 9-JULY 17:**
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 26 or 27, visit [z.umn.edu/addnight](http://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, 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.
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)

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 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.

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.

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. Obtain an application from your high school guidance counselor.

Have you checked your financial aid status online?
There are six steps to receiving financial aid. To find out what step you are on, go to the One Stop home page and log in to the “Financial Aid Status” quick link. The University is undergoing a system upgrade this spring. Beginning in late April, the financial aid steps will change to appear in the My Finances section of the MyU portal (MyU.umn.edu). The six steps are:

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<td>If asked, submit additional documents to One Stop</td>
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<td>Review paper estimated Financial Aid Award Notice (FAAN)</td>
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<td>Review email asking you to respond to the electronic Financial Aid Award Notice (eFAAN)</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Complete entrance counseling and promissory notes for any accepted loans</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>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 2015-2016 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 appropriately waive the Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) per established guidelines before the deadline, will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the entire semester.

Please visit www.shb.umn.edu for more information about the University-sponsored SHBP. Or to review what you will need to bring to Orientation to waive the SHBP, please visit www.shb.umn.edu/waiver.htm.

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.

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Welcome Week

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 family vacations, 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.
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