Dear Student,

The staff of Orientation & First-Year Programs (OFYP) looks forward to seeing you this summer at New Student Orientation and Welcome Week!

We are excited that you have decided to become a member of the Class of 2018 at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. We hope this newsletter will help you navigate your transition into the University.

You are expected to complete action items and stay on top of requirements and deadlines. If you have questions, call Orientation & First-Year Programs and ask for help.

Welcome to the University of Minnesota!

Orientation & First-Year Programs
612-624-1979 or 800-234-1979
ofyp@umn.edu
www.ofyp.umn.edu

WHAT HAPPENS AT ORIENTATION

Orientation is a required, two-day overnight program where you will meet other new students, learn about University resources, experience a night in a residence hall, meet with an adviser, and register for fall semester classes. Most Orientation programs will take place in June or July, based on your college of enrollment.

Day One

Orientation begins with check-in on the ground floor of Coffman Memorial Union between 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. After checking in, you are encouraged to participate in any of the morning activities with your parents/family. You can go on a tour, meet with a financial aid counselor, or ask questions and gather information at the resource fair, where more than 20 University departments will be represented.

The program officially begins at 10:15 a.m. with the University Welcome for you and your parents/family. You will then meet your Orientation Leader and a small group made up of students from your college. You can expect to learn about University resources, academic requirements, and in the afternoon you will meet with your college to prepare for class registration on Day Two.

During the required overnight stay in Comstock Hall you are invited to participate in evening activities with other students, prepare for class registration, or relax with new friends after a busy day.

Day Two

Your second day of Orientation starts with an early breakfast, followed by advising sessions with your college, class registration, and an opportunity to get your student ID, the U Card. Students conclude Orientation at various times. Most students are finished in the late afternoon.

www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyschedule

University Honors Program Presentation
9:35–10:05 a.m.
This is a mandatory session for University Honors Program (UHP) students. Learn about the program and meet fellow honors students, peer mentors, and the UHP staff—including Dr. Serge Rudaz, founding director. Arrive to campus by 8:30 a.m. for a tour of Middlebrook Hall, the Honors Residential Community. To learn more, please visit honors.umn.edu.

Parents & Families:
See page 4 for information about Parent & Family Orientation and program registration.
New Student Checklist

Before you can attend Orientation (where you will register for classes), you must complete your New Student Checklist. Below is the list, but each college of enrollment (i.e. College of Liberal Arts) has additional checklist items. To access your personalized New Student Checklist, go to myu.umn.edu and select the “My College” tab.

- **Initiate Your U of M Email**
  The Getting Started Guide will help you activate your University email account; learn about technology help on campus, and more. [www.oit.umn.edu/students](http://www.oit.umn.edu/students)
  Email is the official method of communication at the U of M. Start checking your U of M email now for important updates about New Student Orientation and Welcome Week. [mail.umn.edu](http://mail.umn.edu)

- **Complete Your Pre-Orientation 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 Two 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 10 and July 18. Additional dates are available for International Students (see page 3). Again, you can select your Orientation date after you complete the Pre-Orientation Survey.

  Note International Students: Once you select an Orientation date, you can make a Document Check Reservation [www.isss.umn.edu/new/docCheck.html](http://www.isss.umn.edu/new/docCheck.html). You must complete your Document Check no later than ONE DAY PRIOR to attending Orientation.

- **Complete Placement Testing**
  Before Orientation you must complete your assigned placement tests 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.

- **Invite Your Parents to Parent Orientation**
  Research shows parent involvement has a positive effect on a student’s transition to the University. Select an Orientation date together, if possible. Encourage your parents or family members to sign up. There is a separate registration process for parents (see page 4).

- **Review the Class Selection Tutorial**
  To prepare for course registration with an academic adviser, review the Class Selection tutorial prior to your Orientation date. [onestop.umn.edu/registration/prepare/selection_tools/](http://onestop.umn.edu/registration/prepare/selection_tools/)

- **Complete Photo Upload to have your U Card ready at Orientation**

- **Apply for Financial Aid**

- **Apply for On-Campus Housing**

- **Mark your calendar—Welcome Week**

- **Submit Your Final High School Transcript due to the Office of Admissions Aug. 1, 2014**
  [admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply/hs_policy.html](http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply/hs_policy.html)

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**College Contact Information**

- **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)**
  612-624-3690
  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
COMING SOON

Downloadable U of M Guide for your mobile device

The University of Minnesota has created an app for mobile devices that will give attendees electronic access to all the information needed to prepare for Orientation and Welcome Programs. Watch your U of M email for downloading instructions in May.

International Students

Orientation & First-Year Programs works closely with International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) to create an orientation program specifically for you. Most international students attend New Student Orientation on either August 20-21, 21-22, or 25-26. You will receive more details about this orientation program via your U of M email so make sure you are checking it regularly. After arriving on campus, international students must visit ISSS to complete Document Check. ISSS will review visa documents and verify immigration status to make sure that you are eligible to take classes. You will not be allowed to register for fall courses until you complete Document Check. Please plan to complete Document Check at least ONE DAY PRIOR to your first day of New Student Orientation. You can schedule your Document Check now at www.isss.umn.edu/new/docCheck.html.

If you need temporary housing upon your arrival, visit the International Reception Center (IRC) website to learn more and make a reservation at www.housing.umn.edu/irc/.

U Card

Your U Card is your official University of Minnesota identification card. It’s important to get your U Card during day two of your Orientation visit because you’re going to need it for almost everything including access to Welcome Week events and entrance to residence hall. You will use it to access your Gopher GOLD™ value account, a secure, personal declining balance account that you can use to conveniently pay for items at campus merchants.

You can get your U Card one of two ways:

1. Bring a valid photo ID (driver’s license, state ID, passport, or high school ID) to the U Card Office during day two of your orientation, and wait to have your picture taken.

Or save time and ...

2. Go online and use Photo Upload to upload your picture and signature. We will preprint your U Card so it’s ready to be picked up on day two of your orientation. You will need to present a valid photo ID to pick up your preprinted U Card.

Please note: International students living outside the United States are not eligible to participate in U Card Photo Upload, but can get their U Card made on their orientation day.

www.umn.edu/ucard
612-626-9900
ucard@umn.edu
Parent Orientation

As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student’s transition to college life. That is why we encourage parents and family members to attend Parent Orientation. You will learn about the University and its many resources.

Even if you’re familiar with the U of M campus, Parent Orientation offers relevant and timely information on financial assistance, tuition and billing, health and safety, advising and registration, and University support services. Parent Orientation runs concurrent with New Student Orientation. Parent Orientation is a one-day program, with optional sessions on Day Two.

How to Register
Once your student registers for New Student Orientation, you can sign up for Parent Orientation at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent. You are not automatically registered for Parent Orientation when your student selects their date. You must preregister separately at the link above.

Cost of Attendance
Parent Orientation costs $25 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments, a full day of workshops, and helpful materials. Preregistration is required. A fee waiver is available for eligible families. Contact Orientation & First-Year Programs for additional information about the fee waiver process or any questions regarding Parent Orientation.

Saturday Program Available!
If you are unable to attend a weekday program with your student, we encourage you to attend our Saturday, June 21 program. For the Saturday schedule, visit www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent.

Additional Evening Program
After a busy and exciting day at Parent Orientation, enjoy a casual dinner overlooking downtown Minneapolis, followed by a two-hour trolley ride showcasing our beautiful city.

Highlights include the century-old milling district, Walker Sculpture Garden, and Chain of Lakes. The cost to participate in the evening program is $32 per person.

Advanced registration is required and space is limited. Register online at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent.

Please note, there is no evening program on Saturday, June 21 or in August.

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 advisers, 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.

“Best orientation I have ever attended. After going through many orientation days as well as other campus visit activities over the years, I can say this was very, very well done. The level of information provided was outstanding. Most of all, the presentations were engaging. The fact that all of the presenters were humorous made the event fun along with informative. You made our son very excited about coming to your University.”

— 2013 University parent
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Parents Weekend
September 26-28
Parents, siblings, and grandparents are invited to campus for a weekend of activities and programs with their students and to attend special parent workshops. Watch the University Parent website for details and updates.

Parents Association
The Minnesota Parents Association and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association have created a dual membership offer that provides parents and their student with valuable programs and rewards. As a parent, you will have access to communications and programming designed especially for you. Parents and students receive a subscription to Minnesota, the award winning Alumni Association magazine that highlights what’s happening at the U.

Membership also includes a 10 percent discount at the University Bookstore; special pricing on travel and hotels, including The Commons Hotel on campus; information on special events; and student prize drawings. Registration information is available at www.umn.edu/parent/association. Stop by our table at the Resource Fair during New Student Orientation.

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Check out the Parent Program website to learn more about what is featured on this page and other Parent Program resources and initiatives including:

- Online workshops, guides, and seminars on topics such as student alcohol use, mental health, and college finances
- Current news stories
- Parent events

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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 six steps are:

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June 10-July 18, August 20 or 21:

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To make your reservation: [housing.umn.edu/summerhousing/parent]

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Courtyard Minneapolis Downtown (West Bank)
[www.courtyard.com/mspdc]
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Get University of Minnesota discount using promotion code “UoN”

The Commons Hotel (East Bank)
[www.commonshotel.com]
800-822-6757 or 612-379-8888

Get University of Minnesota Orientation discount at The Commons by using promotion code “UorientationX”

PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

Before You Arrive

Approximately one week before your scheduled Orientation date, you will receive an email outlining some important information including driving directions and parking, a packing list, and other reminders. Be sure to check your U of M email and attend to this information.

Overnight Accommodations

Student Overnight Accommodations

June 10-July 18:

A space in Comstock Hall is reserved for you between Day 1 and Day 2 of your Orientation program (required).

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 20 or 21, visit [housing.umn.edu/summerhousing/student] 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 25-26: 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.

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Parent Allegiance Meals

If you are arriving on August 20 or 21, you are invited to the Parent Allegiance Dinner. This dinner is hosted by Coffman Union and serves as an opportunity for parents of incoming students to meet with University leaders. Please review your orientation schedule for additional information.

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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 2014-2015 assignment/guarantee. This is separate from your Admissions enrollment confirmation fee.

Welcome Week

Wednesday, August 27–Monday, September 1, 2014

Welcome Week is a required six-day program that marks the beginning of your college experience at the University of Minnesota. The program is intentionally designed to assist you in navigating your transition to college as a member of the University of Minnesota 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 on August 27

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Health Insurance, Immunizations & Health History

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 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.

Send your completed paper form to:
Boynton Health Service
Attn: Patient Assistance
410 Church Street S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455

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