Congratulations! Welcome to the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities!

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

At the required two-day summer Orientation program, you begin your transition into the University by meeting other students, learning about University resources and expectations, and registering for fall semester classes. Following Orientation, you will kick off your college experience at Welcome Week, September 1-6. In order for these programs to be most beneficial to you, follow the “Student Expectations” listed below to get the most out of your Orientation experience.

This publication and the enclosed letter sent by your college of enrollment provide important details regarding New Student Orientation. In this piece, you will find all the information you need to plan for your Orientation experience. Attending Orientation is your first step to a successful academic and personal transition into University life!

**Student Expectations**

- Activate your University of Minnesota e-mail account. E-mail is the University’s official form of communication and you are expected to check this account on a regular basis. [https://www.umn.edu/initiate](https://www.umn.edu/initiate)
- Complete your college New Student Checklist in preparation for Orientation. [myu.umn.edu](http://myu.umn.edu) (select college tab)
- Participate in Orientation Date Selection beginning on April 7 to set your Orientation dates.
- Attend all portions of the two-day Orientation program, including the overnight experience (June, July, and August 19 only). Students missing any part of Orientation will not be allowed to register for fall courses and will be required to repeat the program.
- Come to Orientation & Welcome Week prepared and with a learning attitude. Students are expected to act responsibly.
What Happens at Orientation?

DAY ONE
Orientation begins with check-in on the ground floor of Coffman Memorial Union between 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. After checking in, we encourage you to participate in any of the optional morning activities with your parents/guests. While optional, these activities are your opportunity to take care of any last minute questions or concerns.

More details about the optional morning activities can be found at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyschedule.

The program officially begins at 10:30 a.m. with the University Welcome for you and your parents/guests. You are then excused to meet your Orientation Leader and small group made up of students from the same college. Your can expect to learn about University resources, academic requirements, and begin preparation for class registration on Day Two.

During your overnight stay you are invited to participate in evening activities with other students, prepare for class registration, or relax 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 U Card. Students conclude Orientation at various times. Most students are finished in the late afternoon.

Parent Orientation Registration

To register, use the attached form or go online to www.ofyp.umn.edu/typarentregistration. The Day Program advanced registration fee of $25 per person covers the cost of lunch, refreshments, materials, and overhead expenses. The Evening Program fee of $30 per person covers the cost of dinner and trolley ride.

• You must know your student’s Orientation dates in order to complete the registration process. Registration for Parent Orientation is separate from New Student Orientation. If you are unable to attend on your student’s Orientation day, we encourage you to sign up for the Saturday, July 10, program or call OFYP for other options.

• Parents demonstrating financial need can apply for a registration fee waiver. Contact OFYP for additional information.

• Due to space limitations and catering reservations, we cannot guarantee on-site registration, so plan on registering in advance. When available, on-site registration is $35 per person.

• Parent Orientation is designed for an adult audience. We encourage you to make other arrangements for young children.

Parent Evening Program
Following a busy and exciting day at Parent Orientation, enjoy a casual dinner overlooking downtown Minneapolis, then head out with other parents on a two-hour trolley ride showcasing our beautiful city.

• Highlights of the tour include the century-old milling district, Walker Sculpture Garden, and Chain of Lakes.

• The cost to attend the evening program is $30 per person. Advanced registration of at least two business days is required. Space is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Use the attached registration form or register online at www.ofyp.umn.edu/typarentregistration.

Please note, there is no evening program on Saturday, July 10.
Parent Information

As the parent or family member of a new student, you are highly encouraged to attend the University of Minnesota’s Parent Orientation. Over the next four years, you will continue to serve as an important source of information and guidance for your student. Parent Orientation will provide you with resources and knowledge about the University to assist you in this role.

While you may have already visited campus as part of a campus visit, recruitment, or commitment event, Parent Orientation will provide you with different, relevant, and timely information regarding financial assistance, tuition & billing, health & safety, advising & registration, and valuable University support services.

Parent Orientation is designed to address your concerns during this time of transition and provide you with the information you need to support your student.

Parent Orientation runs concurrent with New Student Orientation. While the New Student Orientation program is two days, Parent Orientation is a one-day program, with a few optional sessions on Day Two.

Weekend Program Available!

If you are unable to attend a weekday program with your student, we encourage you to attend our Saturday, July 10 program. For the Saturday program schedule, visit www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparentschedule.

Do you have questions about tuition, financial aid, or billing?

Parents and students attending Orientation have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with financial aid counselors during the Optional Morning Activities and attend sessions to answer specific questions regarding your award package and payment options.

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 experiences at the U of M.

PARENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please provide your student’s information on the top part of this form and the parent information below. Orientation & First-Year Programs (OFYP) database records are linked by student information. Thank you.

STUDENT

ADDRESS

PHONE

ID#

DATES

- Saturday, July 10 (no evening parent program on this date)
  - If you are unable to attend Orientation with your student, you can attend the Saturday option above, or contact OFYP for other options.

STUDENT’S COLLEGE OF ENROLLMENT

- Biological Sciences
- Design
- Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
- Liberal Arts
- Carlson School of Management
- Education and Human Development
- Science and Engineering

PARENT ORIENTATION PARTICIPANTS (contacted at above address) Add additional participant names on a separate sheet of paper.

NAME

NAME

PARENT E-MAIL

Confirmation receipt will be sent via e-mail, if address provided.

DISABILITY NEEDS (see back cover)

- Please contact me to make arrangements
- I have contacted Disability Services and have made arrangements

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NAME ON CARD

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Discover
- American Express

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

Send this form with your check or money order to Orientation & First-Year Programs, University of Minnesota, 315 Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. If charging, mail this form or fax it to 612-624-6997.

* Payments are non-refundable.

If you have special dietary needs, call OFYP at 612-624-1979 or 1-800-234-1979.
**Student Orientation Schedule-at-a-Glance**

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<td>Meet with Your College of Enrollment</td>
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<td>Dinner and Frontier Hall Check-in</td>
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<td>Pieces of the Puzzle: College Life Issues</td>
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<td>8:45 a.m.</td>
<td>College Advising and Class Registration</td>
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### Student Overnight Accommodations

- **June 9-July 15**
  - If you need to stay an extra night, or if you are attending August 26, visit [housing.umn.edu/summerhousing/2010/student](http://housing.umn.edu/summerhousing/2010/student) to see if space is available in Frontier Hall. Cost is $21 per night, including tax, payable that evening with cash or check. Check-in anytime after 3 p.m.
  - August 26-27: Not included (optional)

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<td>Coaching Your Student</td>
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For a complete schedule of the Parent Orientation program, please visit [www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparentschedule](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparentschedule).

### EXTRA NIGHTS OR AUGUST 26

- **June 9-July 15**
  - Automatically reserved in Frontier Hall when you set your orientation date (required)
  - August 19-20
  - August 26-27: Not included (optional)

- **August 30-31**
  - Not included (no option without a housing contract)

### Parent Overnight Accommodations

- **June 9-July 15**
  - On-campus lodging is available at Frontier Hall, about five blocks east of Coffman Union. The rate for a single room is $36, or $54 for a double room per room, per night including tax, payable by cash or check when you arrive. 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.
  - August 19: No on-campus option - see hotel listing below

- **August 26**
  - To make your reservation: [housing.umn.edu/summerhousing/2010/parent](http://housing.umn.edu/summerhousing/2010/parent)

### Hotels

The following hotels are close to Orientation activities. When making your reservation, let them know that you are visiting the University of Minnesota. A discount may apply.

**Radisson University Hotel (East Bank)**
- [www.radisson.com/minneapolismn_metrodome](http://www.radisson.com/minneapolismn_metrodome)
- 800-822-6757 or 612-379-8888

**Days Hotel Minneapolis (East Bank)**
- [www.daysinn.com/hotel/08225](http://www.daysinn.com/hotel/08225)
- 800-375-3990 or 612-623-3999

**Holiday Inn Minneapolis Metrodome (West Bank)**
- [www.metrodome.com](http://www.metrodome.com)
- 800-448-3663 or 612-333-4646

### University Honors Program

8:40-9:10 a.m.
*This is a mandatory session for students participating in the University Honors Program (UHP).*

Meet people with whom you will share your Honors experience for the next four years: Honors students from across all colleges, Honors peer mentors, Dr. Serge Rudaz, director of UHP, and other UHP staff members. Learn about the UHP participatory educational experience, which emphasizes the interconnectedness of the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Please plan to arrive and check in at 8:30 a.m.

To learn more, please visit [honors.umn.edu](http://honors.umn.edu)
Packing Checklist
- University Internet ID and memorized password
- Name of your health insurance company and policy number (you may purchase University insurance instead)
- $6.00 per day for parking
- Photo ID for U Card
- Alarm clock
- Backpack for your materials
- Notebook and pen or pencil
- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Umbrella in case of rain
- Toiletries, including soap and towel, for your overnight stay (linens and pillow provided)
- Money to buy lunch on Day 2

Disability Services/Mobility Needs
The Disability Services office is committed to making the University accessible and inviting for students, faculty, staff, and guests with disabilities. If you have a disability and would like to request accommodations (these include sign language interpreters and alternate formats), please 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 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.

Non-U.S. Citizens
After arriving on campus, international students must visit International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) for Document Check. ISSS will review your visa documents and verify your immigration status to make sure that you are eligible to take classes. ISSS is located in 190 Humphrey Center on the west bank of campus. Visit www.issss.umn.edu/new/docCheck.htm to find out the hours for Document Check.

International students are also required to attend New Student Orientation and Welcome Week before the start of class. Please refer to www.issss.umn.edu/newugchecklist for additional information about requirements specific to international students. If you are a permanent resident, information about tuberculosis testing will be sent to you soon.

Arriving at Orientation
Parking
There will be significant road construction near Coffman Memorial Union during the summer of 2010. For the most current driving directions to Orientation, visit www.ofyp.umn.edu/directions.

When you arrive on campus, follow signs to the public parking entrance (not the contract entrance) of the East River Road Garage on the east bank of the Minneapolis campus. Gold and maroon directional signs on local streets will guide you to the underground parking garage. If you arrive by 10:15 a.m., you will receive a voucher from Orientation staff allowing you to park in the East River Road Garage at a reduced rate of $6.00 per day. The maps provide an overview of where the Orientation program is located.

Luggage Drop-off - Students only
(June, July and August 19 dates only)
After parking in the East River Road Garage, take the elevator in the center of the ramp to Level 1/Plaza Level. Then follow the signs to Yudof Hall, where you will drop off your luggage. Your luggage will be transported by Orientation staff to Frontier Hall, where it will be stored until you are scheduled to pick it up in the early evening. Once you have checked your luggage, head to Coffman Union’s ground floor for Orientation check-in. Staff will be available to direct you. Please note, on Day 2 you will carry your luggage back to Yudof Hall. This is approximately a five-block walk, so pack accordingly. Storage space for luggage in Yudof is very limited, so if possible, please store your luggage in your car or with a parent/guest until you complete registration.

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TRAVELING from MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (MSP) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT to the U of M
Students can find public transportation at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport’s Ground Transportation Center. Use taxis and shuttle services that have the name of the company clearly marked, and whose drivers are willing to give you an estimate of the cost to take you to your destination.

Super Shuttle service is available from the airport for approximately $15. Taxi service is also available for approximately $30 to the University of Minnesota. After claiming your luggage, you can find both the shuttle and taxi service by following the signs to the Ground Transportation Center. The signs will take you through the tram tunnel one floor below the baggage claim. When you reach the transportation center, an airport agent will be there to assist you. The shuttle operates 24 hours a day, every day of the week. If you have more than three pieces of luggage you will be charged an extra fee.

Light rail service and city buses are also available from the airport to downtown Minneapolis at the Metro Transit Web site www.metrotransit.org.