

# September 2 - 7, 2015

Orientation & First-Year Programs, the Off-Campus Living office and the Commuter Connection have created a flexible and individualized Welcome Week (WW) program to address concerns related to commuting to campus, getting connected academically and meeting new people.



**Meals are provided!** You won't have to worry about meals (with the exception of breakfast) beginning with Wednesday, September 2 dinner through Monday, September 7 dinner. Locations for meals vary depending on programming for each day and you will be able to eat with other new students.



**The Class of 2019 guide** on the U Minnesota app has specific tips and resources to assist you in navigating WW. Visit [www.ofyp.umn.edu/uminnnesota](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/uminnnesota) for details.



**Get connected!** A number of programs have been designed with off-campus student needs in mind. See inside for details.



**Driving to campus?** Park for free in the East River Road Garage. You can pick up a parking coupon each day of the program at WW Headquarters. The coupon is valid at this location only.



**You are encouraged to stay for the late-night activities** (those starting past 10:00 p.m.) if you are available, however, they are not required.



**Hang out on campus!** The Commuter Connection student group strives to make off-campus students' college experience as successful and enjoyable as possible by giving you the opportunity to experience college life without living on campus. All commuter students are welcome and encouraged to visit the Commuter Connection in Coffman 204! You can utilize the microwave, refrigerator, lockers, computers, and lounge space throughout the year.



Check out the complete Welcome Week schedule online at [welcomeweek.umn.edu](http://welcomeweek.umn.edu).

Events listed below are specifically designed for off-campus students

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

### CHECK-IN

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Coffman Memorial Union (CMU), Great Hall

Pick up your personalized Welcome Week schedule and other freebies like your free Class of 2019 T-shirt. You will need your U Card to check in.

### WELCOME

3:30 p.m.

Northrop Auditorium

Learn how to navigate the WW program using the U Minnesota app and hear about resources that will help you make the most of your time on campus.

### KICKOFF MEETING, ACTIVITIES & DINNER

4:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Classrooms, Coffman Memorial Union & McNamara Alumni Center

Meet your Welcome Week Leaders and fellow classmates in your small group, tour Coffman Memorial Union to find study and storage spaces and visit the Commuter Connection. Dinner allows you to socialize with other students living off-campus and sign up to win awesome prizes before attending Pride & Spirit.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

### DINNER WITH SMALL GROUP

5:00 p.m.

After a full day of navigating campus, relax and decompress with your small group at a local restaurant. Get to know some of the local businesses in the area where you can dine for free and hang out during the academic year.

### FREE BOWLING & BILLIARDS

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Coffman Memorial Union - Goldy's Gameroom

Check out this event to win prizes, including parking contracts, U-Passes, and more!

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### JERMAINE DAVIS KEYNOTE

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Do you need to catch the bus before the Jermaine Davis keynote? No worries! You can stream his keynote online on our website at [welcomeweek.umn.edu](http://welcomeweek.umn.edu) between 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. You can still be there even if you can't be there in person!

 You are here!

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

### TARGET SHOPPING EVENT

10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

SuperTarget in Roseville

The Target Run Shopping Event is a perfect opportunity for you to pick up last-minute items, meet new students, and have a good time! Buses will depart from campus residence halls or you can drive yourself.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES & DINNER

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Coffman Memorial Union

Decompress with your small group and participate in activities such as study space tours, hear from current students who commute to campus and hang out before attending the football game.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

### CLASSES START, STAY CONNECTED

The Office for Off-Campus Living, located in Appleby Hall 233, provides resources, educational programming and support for you throughout the year. After Welcome Week, you are encouraged to connect to Off-Campus Living through participation in Gopher Hall and Commuter Connection.

### GOPHER HALL

Gopher Hall is a virtual community that provides social and academic support by providing a forum for you to connect with other commuter students! Student leaders, known as First-Year Liaisons, will help break the ice, facilitate conversations and also host some awesome events for Gopher Hall members throughout the year. To request to join Gopher Hall just email [Go4Hall@umn.edu](mailto:Go4Hall@umn.edu) with Gopher Hall in the subject.

Check out some tips and suggestions for maximizing your time on campus this year.

### GET INVOLVED

- Stop by the Commuter Connection and meet people!
- Join or start a student group at [sua.umn.edu](http://sua.umn.edu).

### RESOURCES

- Read the Undergrad Update & Class of 2019 eNewsletters. These electronic newsletters are just for you to keep up with campus activities.
- Make an appointment with your academic advisor who can help you create a commuter friendly schedule.

### MAXIMIZE YOUR TIME

- Use the gaps between classes! You'll be amazed at how much you can get done, whether it's used for cramming in a few more facts or completing some homework you received that day.
- Find great places to study using Classroom Management's Find a Study Space feature at [www.classroom.umn.edu](http://www.classroom.umn.edu).
- Check out [umn.edu/pts](http://umn.edu/pts) for news and alerts to be aware of potential delays and detours on campus.

### DINING ON CAMPUS

- Bring a lunch: You will save money, and there are microwaves in Coffman Memorial Union if you need to heat it up.
- Purchase a meal plan or Flexdine: Having a meal plan/Flexdine saves time and money! Get easy access to great food on campus available in Residential Restaurants, campus food courts and coffee shops. [dining.umn.edu](http://dining.umn.edu)
- Grab a snack at one of the campus convenience stores: Gopher Express, Gopher Express West or Gopher Spot!

# Orientation & First-Year Programs

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

## ORIENTATION & FIRST-YEAR PROGRAMS

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### Off-Campus Living

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### Commuter Connection

204 Coffman Memorial Union



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This mailing is sent to students who do not have an on-campus housing assignment as of August 15. If you have recently changed your housing accommodations and will be living on campus, please follow the information you receive from Housing & Residential Life instead of this mailer. The U of M defines a student living off campus as any student not living in University-owned residence halls or apartments.

# STUDENTS for OFF-CAMPUS

WELCOME WEEK 2015

