

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



GREAT LOCATION—

Founded in 1851, the University of Minnesota is located in the heart of the Minneapolis–St. Paul metropolitan area, known as the “Twin Cities.” The State of Minnesota is home to the headquarters of 21 Fortune 500 companies, which provide valuable internship and career opportunities for students.

GREAT ACADEMICS—

The University of Minnesota is one of the most comprehensive universities in the U.S., with more than 300 areas of study and 3,300 faculty members. More than 20 distinguished alumni and faculty have been awarded the Nobel Prize.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES—

Students at the University of Minnesota come from all 50 states and 127 countries, offering a diverse student body and many cross-cultural opportunities, including more than 600 student organizations.

GREAT VALUE—

With affordable tuition and scholarships for undergraduates, and assistantships for graduate students, the University of Minnesota is a great value. Students have access to the vast resources of a major research university and a large metropolitan area.



***Your Guide
to the University
of Minnesota:***

www.passport.umn.edu



TUITION, FEES, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The University of Minnesota is a great value. Students have access to all the resources of a major research institution—like world-renowned faculty and high-quality facilities—plus, our tuition is one of the lowest of all public research universities in the United States. And freshmen and transfer students can earn a Global Excellence Scholarship, which makes tuition even lower!

2010-11	Non-Resident Undergraduate
Tuition & Fees	\$17,580
Living Expenses	\$14,030
Total	\$31,610

Living Expenses and Visa Requirements—Living expenses for 2010 are estimated at \$14,030 per year. International students must verify they have all educational and living expenses available for the first 12 months in the U.S. to obtain a visa. Tuition information is available at: http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Tuition_Billing/Tuition_Rates.html



Global Excellence Scholarships—All international freshmen and transfer students who are admitted are also considered for a Global Excellence Scholarship. These competitive, merit-based scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$4,000 or \$2,000, for up to four years. No separate scholarship application is required. Students are considered for these awards based on an overall assessment of the admission application.

HOUSING OPTIONS

Approximately 80 percent of freshmen live on campus in residence halls (dormitories), which are operated by the University. First-year undergraduates must apply for housing by May 1 to guarantee a room on campus. There are also many off-campus housing options.

Living and Learning Communities—Some residence halls offer special opportunities for students with shared interests to live together. The new Students Crossing Borders Community provides an opportunity for international and domestic students to engage with other students from around the world to enhance their intercultural communication and knowledge of other peoples of the world. Applications for the Living and Learning Communities are due March 1.

<http://www.housing.umn.edu>



SPECIAL ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Honors Program—Challenging, exciting, and interdisciplinary experiences to help highly motivated students achieve their personal, academic, and professional goals. <http://www.honors.umn.edu/>

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program—A chance to work with a faculty mentor on a creative activity or research project with financial support from the University. <http://www.research.umn.edu/undergraduate/>

ATHLETICS

The University's athletic programs are part of the Big 10 Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Student athletes at the University compete at the highest level of national and international amateur athletics, and thus the programs are highly selective. For more information, contact the specific sports program at: <http://www.gophersports.com/>

Intramural athletic teams, recreational sports facilities, and other options are available for students at all levels of ability. For more information, go to: <http://www.recsports.umn.edu/>



APPLICATION CHECKLIST—**Undergraduate Students**

To apply for admission, you will need to submit the following items:

- ☐ Application form—
<http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply/>
- ☐ \$55 application fee
- ☐ English language proficiency test score
- ☐ Secondary school transcript(s)
- ☐ College or university transcript(s)—
for transfer students only
- ☐ SAT and/or ACT test results—if taken

If admitted, you will receive an admission letter, confirmation form, and financial certification form. To confirm your attendance, you must complete the confirmation and financial certification forms. After receiving your confirmation, the University will send your I-20 document.

Don't forget to apply for on-campus housing! The online application can be found at: <http://www.housing.umn.edu/>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The freshman priority deadline is December 15 and the transfer student priority deadline for most programs is March 1 for the following fall semester. The deadline for spring semester is October 1. Note that deadlines may change. Confirm deadlines at: <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the application or the admissions process, please contact:

University of Minnesota Office of Admissions
240 Williamson Hall
231 Pillsbury Drive S.E.
Minneapolis MN 55455 USA

Phone: 612-625-2008

FAX: 612-626-1693

E-mail: international@admissions.tc.umn.edu

Web: <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/>

TRANSFER STUDENTS

The University of Minnesota welcomes new undergraduate students as both **freshmen** and **transfer**. Freshmen begin at the University immediately after graduating from high school; transfer students begin after completing one to two years of coursework at another postsecondary institution after graduating from high school. Freshmen may choose to change majors after completing one or two years of coursework at the University, once they have met the admission criteria for the major to which they intend to transfer. For more information on international transfer student admissions, go to:
http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/intl_transreq.html



My favorite thing about Minnesota is the people! They are REALLY friendly. Whenever I need help, there is always someone who is willing to help me.

— Theerachai Chanyaswad,
Thailand

TEST SCORES

TOEFL, IELTS, or MELAB—Most degree programs require a score of 79 on the internet-based TOEFL, 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 6.5 on IELTS, or 80 on MELAB.

SAT/ACT—The Office of Admissions highly recommends that undergraduate applicants take either the SAT or ACT. The University does not have a minimum score that is required. See the chart for average scores of admitted students.

AP/IB—Students who earn qualifying scores in International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement exams may be able to receive University of Minnesota credits. <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/Academics/>

Academic profile of admitted freshmen (Fall 2010)

	Biological Sciences	Design	Education & Human Development	Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Liberal Arts	Management (Carlson School of)	Science and Engineering
SAT 1 Math + Critical Reading (out of 1600)							
Average	1342	1250	1152	1205	1264	1302	1354
1300-1600	65%	35%	12%	20%	39%	49%	66%
1100-1299	35%	57%	59%	65%	53%	51%	33%
Below 1100	0%	8%	29%	15%	8%	0%	1%
High School Rank Percentile							
Average	93.7%	85.8%	82.0%	83.6%	85.4%	88.3%	91.8%
90% and higher	80%	42%	34%	37%	41%	52%	69%
75-89	20%	45%	41%	40%	43%	37%	28%
Below 75	0%	13%	25%	23%	16%	11%	3%

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The University of Minnesota offers more than 140 undergraduate majors. Detailed information as well as course descriptions are available online at:

www.catalogs.umn.edu/ug

Acting (CLA)
 African American & African Studies (CLA)
 American Indian Studies (CLA)
 American Studies (CLA)
 Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CLA)
 Animal Science (CFANS)
 Anthropology (CLA)
 Apparel Design (CDes)
 Applied Plant Science (CFANS)
 Architecture (CDes)
 Art (CLA)
 Art History (CLA)
 Asian Languages and Literatures (CLA)
 Astrophysics (CSE, CLA)
 Biochemistry (CBS)
 Biology (CBS)
 Biology, Society & Environment (CLA)
 Business:
 – Accounting (CSOM)
 – Agricultural & Food Business Management (CFANS, CSOM)
 – Ag. Industries & Marketing (CFANS)
 – Applied Economics (CFANS)
 – Bioproducts Marketing & Management (CFANS)
 – Business and Marketing Ed. (CEHD)
 – Entrepreneurial Management (CSOM)
 – Finance (CSOM)
 – Finance, Risk Mgmt Insurance (CSOM)
 – Human Resource Development (CEHD)
 – Human Resources & Industrial Relations (CSOM)
 – International Business (CSOM)
 – Management Info. Systems (CSOM)
 – Marketing (CSOM)
 – Public/Nonprofit Mgmt (CSOM)
 – Retail Merchandising (CDes)
 – Supply Chain and Operations Management (CSOM)
 Chemistry (CSE, CLA)
 Chicano Studies (CLA)
 Child Psychology (CLA, CEHD)
 Cinema & Media Culture, Studies in (CLA)
 Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology (CLA)

Classical Civilization (CLA)
 Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CAHP)
 Communication Studies (CLA)
 Computer Science (CSE, CLA)
 Construction Management (CCE)
 Cultural Studies & Comparative Lit. (CLA)
 Dance (CLA)
 Dental Hygiene (DENT)
 Dental Therapy (DENT)
 Earth Sciences (CSE)
 Ecology, Evolution & Behavior (CBS)
 Economics (CLA)
 Education:
 – Agricultural Education (CFANS)
 – Business and Marketing Ed. (CEHD)
 – Early Childhood Education Foundations (CEHD)
 – Elementary Ed. Foundations (CEHD)
 Engineering:
 – Aerospace Engineering (CSE)
 – Biomedical Engineering (CSE)
 – Bioproducts/Biosystems Engineering (CSE, CFANS)
 – Chemical Engineering (CSE)
 – Civil Engineering (CSE)
 – Computer Engineering (CSE)
 – Electrical Engineering (CSE)
 – Geological Engineering (CSE)
 – Materials Science & Engineering (CSE)
 – Mechanical Engineering (CSE)
 English (CLA)
 Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (CFANS)
 Family Social Science (CEHD)
 Fisheries & Wildlife (CFANS)
 Food Science (CFANS)
 Forest Resources (CFANS)
 French and Italian Studies (CLA)
 French Studies (CLA)
 Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies (CLA)
 Genetics, Cell Biology & Development (CBS)
 Geography (CLA)
 Geology (CLA)
 German Studies (CLA)

Global Studies (CLA)
 Graphic Design (CDes)
 Greek (CLA)
 Hebrew (CLA)
 History (CLA)
 Horticulture (CFANS)
 Housing Studies (NOT Architecture) (CDes)
 Individualized Studies, Bachelor of (CLA)
 Individually Designed Interdepartmental Major (CLA)
 Info. Technology Infrastructure (CCE)
 Inter-College Program (CCE)
 Interior Design (CDes)
 Italian Studies (CLA)
 Jewish Studies (CLA)
 Journalism & Mass Communication (CLA)
 Kinesiology (CEHD)
 Landscape Design & Planning (CDes)
 Latin (CLA)
 Linguistics (CLA)
 Manufacturing Technology (CCE)
 Mathematics (CSE, CLA)
 Microbiology (CBS)
 Mortuary Science (MED)
 Music (CLA)
 Music Education (CLA)
 Music Performance (CLA)
 Music Therapy (CLA)
 Neuroscience (CBS)
 Nursing (NURS)
 Nutrition (CFANS)
 Philosophy (CLA)
 Physics (CSE, CLA)
 Physiology (CLA)
 Plant Biology (CBS)
 Political Science (CLA)
 Psychology (CLA)
 Recreation, Park & Leisure Studies (CEHD)
 Recreation Resource Management (CFANS)
 Religious Studies (CLA)
 Retail Merchandising (CDes)
 Russian (CLA)
 Scandinavian Languages & Finnish (CLA)
 Scientific & Technical Communication (CLA)
 Sociology (CLA)
 Sociology of Law, Criminology & Deviance (CLA)
 Spanish and Portuguese Studies (CLA)
 Spanish Studies (CLA)
 Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences (CLA)
 Sport Management (CEHD)
 Statistics (CSE, CLA)
 Theatre Arts (CLA)
 Urban Studies (CLA)
 Youth Studies (CEHD)

New freshmen must enter the University in one of the freshman-admitting colleges. If you are interested in a major that is not offered in a freshman-admitting college, please contact the Office of Admissions for advice regarding which freshman-admitting college(s) will help you prepare for admission to the major after your freshman or sophomore year at the University.

Freshman-Admitting Colleges

CBS	College of Biological Sciences
CDes	College of Design
CEHD	College of Education & Human Development
CFANS	College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
CLA	College of Liberal Arts
CSE	College of Science & Engineering
CSOM	Carlson School of Management

Upper-Division Colleges

(1-2 years completed college coursework required for admission)

CAHP	Center for Allied Health Programs
DENT*	School of Dentistry
MED*	Medical School
NURS	School of Nursing

* The Medical School offers one undergraduate program and the School of Dentistry offers two.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The University of Minnesota offers graduate degrees in more than 160 fields, including sciences, arts, engineering, agriculture, medical, and humanities fields.

www.grad.umn.edu/programs/

If the degree is not specified, both Ph.D. and master's degrees are offered.

Accountancy MAcc
Aerospace Engineering & Mechanics
Agricultural Engineering—see *Bioproducts*
Agronomy—see *Applied Plant Sciences*
American Studies Ph.D.
Ancient & Medieval Art & Architecture—see *Classical & Near Eastern Studies*
Animal Sciences
Anthropology
Applied Economics
Applied Plant Sciences:
– Agronomy/Agroecology
– Horticulture
– Plant Breeding/Molecular Genetics
Architecture:
– M.Arch. & M.S.
– Sustainable Design M.S.
Art M.F.A.
Art Education—see *Education-Curric*
Art History
Asian Literatures, Cultures, & Media
Astrophysics
Audiology Au.D.
Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, & Biophysics
Bioethics M.A.
Biological Science M.Bio.Sci.
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Informatics & Computational Biology
Biophysical Sciences & Medical Physics
Bioproducts & Biosystems Science, Engineering, & Management
Biostatistics¹
Business Administration M.B.A.* , Ph.D.
Business Taxation M.B.T.
Chemical Engineering
Chemical Physics
Chemistry
Child Psychology Ph.D.
Civil Engineering
Classical & Near Eastern Studies:
– Ancient & Medieval Art/Arch
– Classics
– Greek
– Latin
– Religions in Antiquity M.A.
Clinical Physiology & Movement Science
– Clinical Movement Science Certificate
– Clinical Physiology Certificate
Clinical Research M.S.¹
Cognitive Science Ph.D.
Communication Studies
Comparative & Molecular Biosciences

Comparative Literature Ph.D.
Comparative Studies in Discourse & Society Ph.D.
Computer Science
Conservation Biology:
– Fisheries & Aquatic Biology
Creative Writing M.F.A.
Dentistry D.D.S.* , M.S.
Design:
– Apparel Studies
– Graphic Design
– Housing Studies
– Interior Design
Development Practice M.D.P.
Early Childhood Policy Certificate
Ecology, Evolution, & Behavior
Economics Ph.D.
Education—Curriculum & Instruction (Art Education; Culture & Teaching; Family, Youth, & Community; Learning Technologies; Literacy Education; Math Education; Science Education; Second Language & Cultures Education; Social Studies Education)
Education M.Ed.*
Educational Policy & Admin:
– Comparative & International Development Education
– Educational Administration
– Educational Admin Ed.D.
– Evaluation Studies
– Higher Education
– Ed.D.
– Higher Education Ed.D.

Educational Psychology:
– Counseling & Personnel
– Psych Foundations
– Quantitative Methods in Educ
– School Psychology Ph.D.
– Special Education
Electrical Engineering
English
English as a Second Language M.A.
Entomology
Environmental Health¹
Environmental Health-Indust Hygiene¹
Epidemiology¹
Experimental & Clinical Pharmacology
Family Social Science
Feminist Studies
Financial Mathematics MFM
Fisheries—see *Conservation Biology*
Food Science
French
French Studies Certificate
Fundamentals of Quantitative Finance Certificate
Genetics—see *Molecular, Cellular*
Geographic Information Science M.G.I.S.
Geography
Geological Engineering MGeoE, M.S.
Geology
Geophysics
Germanic Studies:
– German
– German & Scandinavian Studies Ph.D.
– Germanic & Medieval Studies
– Scandinavian Studies M.A.
– Teaching M.A.
Greek—see *Classical & Near Eastern Studies*
Health Informatics
Health Services Research—Policy & Administration¹
Hispanic & Lusophone Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics:
– Ph.D.
– Hispanic Linguistics M.A.
– Hispanic Literatures & Cultures M.A.
– Lusophone Lit & Cultures M.A.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS, continued

History	Physical Therapy DPT
History of Science, Technology, & Medicine	Physics
Horticulture—see <i>Applied Plant Sciences</i>	Physiology—see <i>Cellular & Integrative Phys.</i>
Housing Studies Certificate	Planning—see <i>Urban/Regional Planning</i>
Human Resources/Industrial Relations	Plant Biological Sciences
Industrial & Systems Engineering	Plant Breeding—see <i>Applied Plant Sciences</i>
Infrastructure Systems Engineering M.S.ISE	Plant Pathology
Integrated Biosciences	Plant Physiology—see <i>Plant Biological Sciences</i>
Integrative Biology & Physiology	Policy Issues on Work & Pay Certificate
Integrative Therapies & Healing Practices Certificate	Political Science Ph.D.
— Health Coaching Certificate	Portuguese—see <i>Hispanic & Lusophone Lit.</i>
Kinesiology	Psychology
Land & Atmospheric Science	Public Affairs M.P.A.
Landscape Architecture M.L.A. & M.S.	Public Health M.P.H. ⁺
Latin—see <i>Classical & Near Eastern Studies</i>	Public Policy M.P.P.
Law J.D., LL.M. ⁺	Rehabilitation Science
Liberal Studies M.L.S.	Rhetoric & Scientific & Technical Comm.
Linguistics	Scandinavian Studies—see <i>Germanic Studies</i>
Literacy Education—see <i>Education-Curric</i>	Science Education—see <i>Education-Curric</i>
Management of Technology M.S.MOT	Science, Technology, & Environmental Policy M.S.
Mass Communication	Scientific Computation
Materials Science & Engineering	Scientific & Technical Comm M.S.
Mathematics	Second Languages & Cultures Education—see <i>Education-Curric</i>
Mathematics Education—see <i>Education-Curric</i>	Securities Technology MSST
M.B.A. ⁺	Social & Administrative Pharmacy
Mechanical Engineering	Social Studies Educ—see <i>Education-Curric</i>
Medicinal Chemistry Ph.D.	Social Work
Medicine M.D. ⁺	Sociology
Microbiology, Immunology, & Cancer Biology	Software Engineering M.S.SE
Microbial Engineering M.S.	Spanish—see <i>Hispanic & Lusophone Lit</i>
Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology, & Genetics	Speech Communication—see <i>Comm Studies</i>
Multicultural College Teaching & Learning M.A.	Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences:
Music:	— Audiology M.A.
— Music Education	— Language Hearing Sciences Ph.D.
Natural Resources Science/Management:	— Language Pathology M.A.
— Assessment, Monitoring, & Geospatial Analysis	Sport Management M.A.
— Economics, Policy, Management, & Society	Stem Cell Biology M.S.
— Forest Hydrology & Watershed Management	Statistics
— Forest Products	Strategic Communication
— Forests: Biology, Ecology, Conservation, & Management	Stream Restoration Science & Eng Certificate
— Paper Science & Engineering	Technical Communication Certificate
— Recreation Resources, Tourism, & Environmental Educ	Theatre Arts
— Wildlife Ecology & Management	Theriogenology—see <i>Veterinary Medicine</i>
Neuroscience	Toxicology
Nonprofit Management Certificate	Transportation Studies Certificate
Nursing M.N. ² , DNP ² , Ph.D.	Urban & Regional Planning MURP
Nutrition	Veterinary Medicine:
Oral Biology	— Comparative Medicine & Pathology
Otolaryngology	— D.V.M. ⁺
Pathobiology—see <i>Microbiology</i>	— Infectious Diseases
Pharmaceutics	— Population Medicine
Pharmacology	— Theriogenology
Pharmacy Pharm.D. ⁺	— Veterinary Surgery, Radiology, & Anesthesia
Philosophy	Water Resources Science:
	— Limnology and Oceanography
	Work & Human Resources Education M.A., Ed.D., Ph.D.
	Zoology—see <i>Ecology</i>

APPLICATION CHECKLIST—
Graduate Students*

- ☐ Apply for admission using the online application form. (http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/apply_online.html)
- ☐ Pay the \$95 application fee.
- ☐ Submit transcripts from your previous university work.

Most programs also require:

- ☐ English language proficiency test score
- ☐ Letters of recommendation
- ☐ Academic statement
- ☐ Academic credentials (transcripts)
- ☐ Test scores (such as GRE)

If you are admitted, you will need to submit a financial certification form. After submitting this form, you will receive your I-20 or DS-2019 via postal mail.

*** Professional Degree Program**—If you are applying to a program that is considered a “professional degree,” you should consult your program for the application process or visit: <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/professional.php>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines vary by program, so you should check with your program to confirm deadlines. The most popular deadlines are in December and January. It is best to apply as early as possible.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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101 Pleasant Street S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0421 USA

Phone: 612-625-3014
FAX: 612-625-6002
E-mail: gsquest@umn.edu
Web: www.grad.umn.edu

¹ For information on applying to these programs, see: <http://www.sph.umn.edu/>

⁺ This program is considered a “professional degree” program. For more information, go to: <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/professional.php>

² For more information, go to: <http://www.nursing.umn.edu>

TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES

Tuition and fees for graduate students vary based on the academic program. Below are the tuition costs for the most common programs. Costs do not include required fees.

2009–10	Non-Resident Tuition
Graduate School	\$19,142*
M.B.A.	\$41,144
Law (LL.M.)	\$38,526

*Some graduate degree programs charge different amounts. For more information, see: http://onestop.umn.edu/finances/costs_and_tuition/

Living Expenses and Visa Requirements—Living expenses for graduate students are estimated at \$14,030 per year. International students must verify they have all educational and living expenses available for the first 12 months in the U.S. to obtain a visa. Tuition information is available at: http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Tuition_Billing/Tuition_Rates.html

TEST SCORES

TOEFL, IELTS, or MELAB—Most degree programs require a minimum score of 79 on the internet-based TOEFL (plus section scores of at least 21 on the writing section and 19 on the reading section), 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 6.5 on IELTS, or 80 on MELAB. Many programs have higher minimum requirements. For students who wish to improve their English skills while at the University, English language classes are offered through the Minnesota English Language Program (see information on back page).

GRE—Most, but not all, graduate programs at the University require the GRE test. You should check to see if your program requires the test. The University of Minnesota's graduate programs typically do not have cut-offs for GRE scores. To see the average scores of admitted students in a specific program, go to <http://www.grad.umn.edu/Programs/> and follow these instructions:

1. Click on "Twin Cities Graduate Programs"
2. Choose a program AND the "Program Statistics" button
3. Click on "View"
4. Click on "Admissions"
5. Click on "gre scores" (in row of links below program name)



ASSISTANTSHIPS

For graduate students, the most common financial assistance is through graduate assistantships (teaching or research under the direction of a faculty member), which are awarded by individual graduate programs. Qualified graduate students who receive an assistantship will have full or partial tuition waived and will receive a salary and health insurance. Yearly salaries for full-time graduate assistants range from approximately \$14,000 to \$25,500.

HOUSING OPTIONS

Apartments and rooming houses located off-campus are the popular choice for graduate students, as on-campus housing is limited. There are excellent family housing options in the Twin Cities as well. More information about off-campus housing is at: <http://www.housing.umn.edu/offcampus/>

PROGRAM RANKINGS

Many of the University of Minnesota's programs are ranked among the best in the world, as measured by the National Research Council, the Center for Measuring University Performance, U.S. News & World Report, and the Institute of Higher Education at Shanghai Jiaotong University—which recently ranked the University as one of the top 30 universities in the world!



I chose the University of Minnesota because it is ranked as a top school in the U.S. However, after my first year, I realized that the reason for choosing the University of Minnesota is for more than the rankings. It is for the many resources available on campus and the beauty of the Twin Cities.

— I Lin Ma, Taiwan

ASK A STUDENT

What is it like to be student at the University of Minnesota?

Our International Student Ambassadors will tell you! They share their own stories of transitioning, studying, living, and achieving as international students at the University of Minnesota. Through their experiences, you can start to imagine your life studying at our prestigious university.

We invite you to learn more about the ambassadors, view their blog, and ask them questions about their experiences. Through sharing their stories, they want to help you with your own transition to the University of Minnesota.

www.passport.umn.edu/askastudent



ENROLLMENT

The University of Minnesota enrolls a diverse range of students from all parts of the United States and 127 countries around the world.

Fall 2009	All Students	International
Undergraduate	29,978	1,411
Graduate/Professional	17,795	2,602
Nondegree	3,943	286
Total	51,716	4,299

Being in Minnesota has made me a global-minded person. I had never come across such a diverse set of cultures and people like this before.

— Ahmad Qais Munhazim,
Afghanistan



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

All new students attend interactive orientations designed to introduce you to other new students, connect you to university resources, and provide tools for academic success and professional development. This positive introduction to our university can create a successful transition for you. <http://www.ofyp.umn.edu>

Freshmen undergraduates also attend "Welcome Week" before classes begin, with on-campus programs designed to complement orientation experiences, provide opportunities to enhance academic and personal success, and give new students an edge when they start their college education. <http://www.welcomeweek.umn.edu>

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students have formed hundreds of organizations in a wide range of areas, such as academic, athletic, and cultural. There are also many groups specific to a country or ethnic group. For a list of all student organizations, go to: <http://www.sao.umn.edu/groups/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The University follows a semester schedule, which includes 15-week fall and spring semesters, plus a shorter summer term. Fall semester begins in early September and ends in mid-December. Spring semester is mid-January through mid-May. Summer term is June through August. Limited courses are offered during a three-week May session.

EMPLOYMENT

Depending on their visa type, international students may be allowed to work on campus for up to 20 hours per week during the school year. Any off-campus work requires authorization. Students must check with the International Student and Scholar Services office to discuss work eligibility.

MINNESOTA ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The University offers English language courses through two tracks:

Academic English Program—Offers courses for academic credit and is designed for students already enrolled at the University to upgrade their English to be more effective in their studies. Courses are offered during the fall and spring semesters. More information: <http://www.cce.umn.edu/esl/>

Intensive English Program—For students who need to improve their English skills in preparation for university study or for those who wish to prepare for the TOEFL. A 7-week program is offered in the summer and two 15-week programs are offered during the school year. Tuition for the 2010-11 school year is \$5,375 for the 15-week program and \$3,925 for the 7-week summer program (not including fees and living expenses). More information: <http://www.cce.umn.edu/esl/>