

# Exchange Partner Fact Sheet

2024-25

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## About the University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota is a R1 Doctoral University in the U.S. — indicating the highest level of research activity. Ranked #9 among U.S. public research institutions according to the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities, we are #10 in research among all U.S. public universities, with more than \$1 billion in spending. The UMN has also been honored as one of the top institutions in the world for technology transfer. Distinguished alumni and faculty include 26 Nobel Laureates (including Peace Prize), two U.S. vice presidents, Pulitzer Prize awardees, Rhodes Scholars, and former Prime Ministers of Iceland, Tunisia, and the U.K.

### *Facts and Figures*

Undergraduates: 30,734  
Graduate and Professional Students: 15,947  
International students: 5,102 from 130+ countries  
Student groups: 750+  
Libraries: 14 containing 6.9 million volumes

## About the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul

The University of Minnesota is located in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota (pop. 3.3 million residents). The Twin Cities are home to 16 Fortune 500 companies. There is world-class shopping at the Mall of America and a vibrant arts community, with top-ranked museums, theaters, and the nation's first-ever sculpture garden. Our central location also provides for easy access to other great U.S. cities, such as Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles. Getting to and from campus and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International airport is an easy 30-minute ride on the light rail train.

## Program Details

### 2024-25 Dates & Deadlines

#### Fall and Academic Year

Nominations due: March 1st

Application deadline: April 1st

Arrival date: August 24

Semester begins: September 3

#### Spring 2025

Nominations due: September 1

Application deadline: October 1

Arrival date: January 11

Semester begins: January 21, 2025

### Application

Students should complete our [online application](#).

### ESL Requirements

	TOEFL	IELTS
Undergraduate Semester*	68	6.0

\*Students with scores below 79 or 6.5 are required to take English courses. They are not eligible to enroll in Carlson School of Management courses.

German students may provide a DAAD score of B2 or C1. Students will also be required to test upon arrival and may be required to take additional ESL classes.

### Credits & Grading

A typical class is equal to 3 or 4 credits, and most students register for 3 to 5 classes. Undergraduate students must enroll in at least 12 credits to be considered full-time, a requirement for their student visa. We strongly recommend students do not register for more than 16 credits. The University has two distinct grading scales: A-F and S-N (pass/fail). More information can be found at the [UMN Policy Library](#).

## Housing

Students are guaranteed University-owned housing if they request housing on their application and apply for their specific choices by the deadline. Students can choose from the University housing options listed below or find their own housing off campus.

- **[Radius](#)**: New, fully furnished apartment-style accommodation with many amenities. Located within a 10-minute walk from campus in the Dinkytown neighborhood. No meal plan is required.
- **[Yudof](#)**: Fully furnished apartment-style accommodation located on campus. All units have a kitchen or kitchenette. No meal plan is required.
- **[Centennial](#)**: Traditional dormitory-style accommodation located on campus. Students can live in a single or shared room, and share a common bathroom with other units. A [meal plan](#) is required, as there are no kitchens.

## Informational Guide

Admitted students will be emailed a link to the Admitted Student Guide, where they can find information about applying for a student visa, a helpful checklist of important things to do before and after arrival, and useful information for making the most of their University of Minnesota experience.

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# Academic Offerings

## Carlson School of Management

*Departments Available:* Accounting; Business Law; Finance; Human Resources and Industrial Relations; Information and Decision Sciences; Insurance and Risk Management; International Business; Management; Marketing; Public and Nonprofit Management; Supply Chain and Operations Management

*Please note:* Courses may be limited because of high demand from both degree and non-degree students. The following courses are not available: MGMT 1001, BA 3000, IBUS courses, or BA 4501-4505 Enterprise courses.

## College of Continuing and Professional Studies

*Departments Available:* Construction Management; English as a Second Language; Health Services Management; Manufacturing Operations Management

## College of Design

*Departments Available:* Architecture; Fashion Studies; Interdisciplinary Design; Interior Environments; Landscape Design and Planning; Retail Merchandising

## College of Education and Human Development

*Departments Available:* Business and Marketing Education; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Family Social Science; Human Resource Development; Kinesiology; Physical Education; Recreation Administration; Special Education; Youth Studies

## College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

*Departments Available:* Agricultural Education; Agricultural Communication and Marketing; Agricultural and Food Business Management; Agronomy and Plant Genetics; Animal Science; Applied Economics; Entomology; Environmental Sciences, Policy, and Management; Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology; Food Science and Nutrition; Food Systems; Forest and Natural Resource Management; Horticulture; Plant Pathology; Sustainable Systems Management

## College of Liberal Arts

*Departments Available:* African American and African Studies; American Indian Studies; American Studies; Anthropology; Art; Art History; Asian American Studies; Asian Languages and Literatures; Biology, Society, and Environment; Chicano Studies; Cinema Media Culture, Studies in; Classical and Near Eastern Studies; Communication Studies; Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature; English Literature; Foreign Languages; Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies; Geography; Global Studies; History; Jewish Studies; Journalism; Law; Linguistics; Music; Philosophy; Physiology; Political Science; Psychology; Public Health; Religious Studies; Scandinavian Studies; Sociology; Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences; Statistics; Technical Writing and Communication; Theatre Arts; Urban Studies

*Please note:* Economics (ECON) courses are very popular with degree students and are often full. Classes with the course designator "ECON" focus on theoretical and empirical reasoning. Many students who are studying economics at their home university are able to enroll in business courses, such as management (MGMT), finance (FIN), marketing (MKTG), or supply chain management (SCO). Students can also explore Applied Economics (APEC) courses, which focus on how economics is applied in the real world to improve people's lives.

## College of Science and Engineering

*Departments Available:* Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics; Astronomy; Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering; Chemistry; Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering; Computer Science; Earth Sciences; Electrical and Computer Engineering; History of Science and Technology; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Materials Science; Mathematics; Mechanical Engineering; Physics



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STARTS**

*Today!*





# EXCHANGE STUDENT WELCOME WEEK AGENDA

## SUNDAY, August 27th

### **5pm-7pm: ISSS AND WELCOME WEEK KICK-OFF**

**Where:** Goldy's Game Room, Coffman Memorial Union

Join us in person at Goldy's Game Room for some games and food, meeting ISSS and Welcome Week Staff, and perhaps, a special guest from the University of Minnesota!

## MONDAY, August 28th

**Free Day**

## TUESDAY, August 29th

### **All day: Welcome and Academic Success day**

**Where:** Walter Library. Registration Required.

Details [here](#).

### **11 am: Gopher Gear Up 2023**

**Where:** University of Minnesota Bookstores

Details [here](#).

## WEDNESDAY, August 30th

### **9am-11am: Welcome Session for UMN Exchange Students**

**Where:** [Blegen Hall Room 5](#) \*Mandatory Event

**All day:** [Wear it Wednesday](#).



# EXCHANGE STUDENT WELCOME WEEK AGENDA

## THURSDAY, Aug 31st - FRIDAY, Sept 1st

### **10am-2pm: Exchange student Mandatory Orientation**

Detailed agenda on page 5

## SATURDAY, September 2nd

### **1 pm- 4:30 pm: Explore U**

**Where:** Huntington Bank Stadium

Explore U provides the opportunity for students to explore, interact, and connect with over 200 student groups, major vendors, retailers, entertainment venues, restaurants, and businesses on and around campus.

### **7:30pm- 10:30 pm: Football 101 and Movie**

**Where:** Huntington Bank Stadium

Learn about Gopher football traditions then watch Top Gun: Maverick on the football field. Register [here](#).

## SUNDAY, September 3rd

### **1pm-4pm: Discover Dinkytown**

Complete a scavenger hunt while exploring Dinkytown.

Winners will receive prizes!

Details [here](#)



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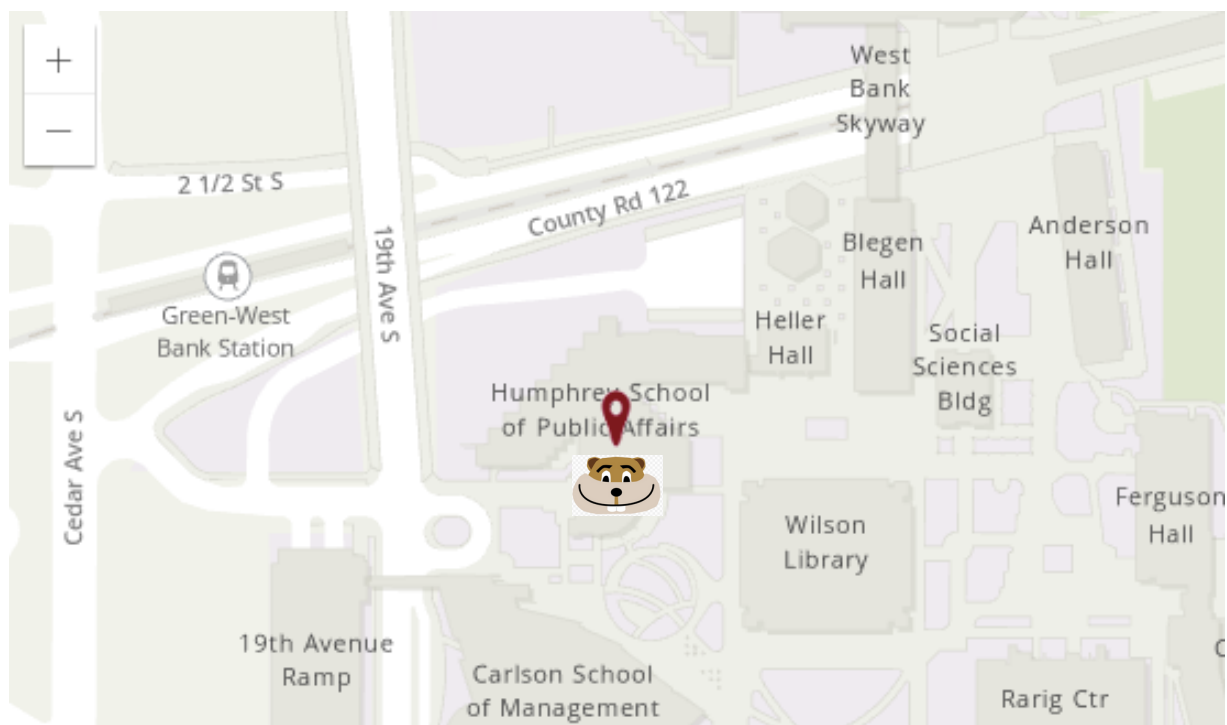


# GPS EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION DETAILS AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

REPORT TO:

**HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS (WEST BANK)**  
ROOM 50 B LOWER LEVEL

301 19TH AVENUE SOUTH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55455  
UNITED STATES



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# EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION FALL 2023

## DETAILED SCHEDULE

	AUG 31 MANDATORY	SEPT. 1 MANDATORY
10AM	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
10:30 AM	WELCOME FROM ISSS & UMN	CAMPUS RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES
11 AM	LIVING IN MINNESOTA	
11:30 AM	WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOPHER	
12 PM	BREAK	GET TO KNOW THE UMN CAMPUS (SCAVENGER HUNT)
12:30 PM	IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS + Q & A	
1 PM		
1:30 PM	LUNCH	PRIZES AND UMN FIRST IMPRESSIONS
		Q & A AND PICTURE TIME



# EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION FALL 2023

## DAY 1

**Location:** [Humphrey School of Public Affairs 50B \(Lower Level\)](#)


**10 am-11 am:** Breakfast and Welcome from ISSS staff.

**11 am- 12pm:** UMN Conduct code, important deadlines and what you can do to make the most out of your experience in MN and the UMN as an exchange student.

**12:30pm:** Immigration regulations for F-1 students, Q&A session and provided lunch.

## DAY 2

**Location:** [Humphrey School of Public Affairs 50B \(Lower Level\)](#)

\*Please bring a water bottle, since you will walk a lot today and explore campus while completing the GOPHER scavenger hunt. 

**10am:** Get to know our campus Resources and Activities

**11am:** Cultural Adjustment Presentation

**11:30am:** Scavenger Hunt (Time for a Gopher Adventure)

**1:30pm:** Q & A and Group Picture

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# EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION FALL 2023

## UMN UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, September 9th @7pm**



Celebrate the end of summer and returning to campus! Enjoy yard games, a bonfire, s'mores, Uncle Franky's hotdogs\*, and a viewing of Dazed and Confused (1993) featuring Jason London, Matthew McConaughey, and Rory Cochrane. Bring your own blankets for the movie starting at 8:30 PM. S'mores and hotdogs while supplies last.

\*Uncle Franky's is free up to \$15

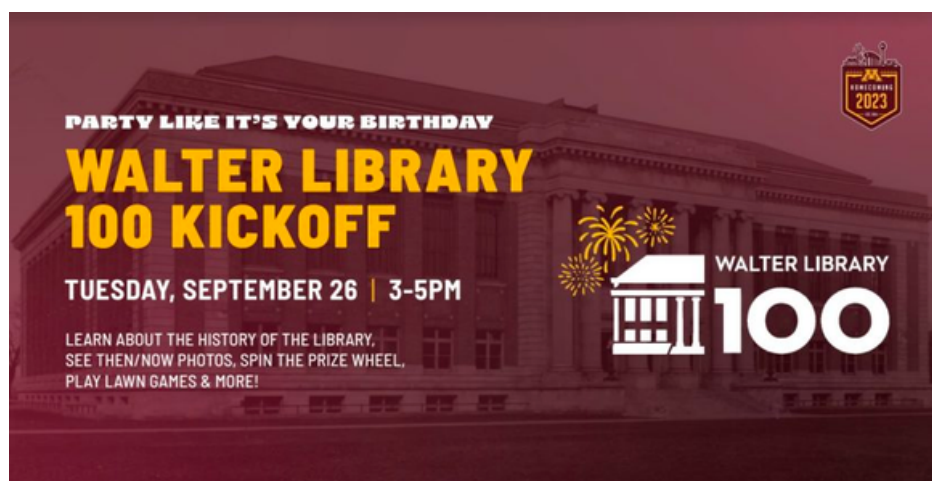
**Movie:** 8:30pm

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# EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION FALL 2023

## WALTER LIBRARY 100TH BIRTHDAY Wednesday, September 26th, 2023



Party Like it's your birthday: Walter Library 100 – Sept. 26  
Did you know Walter Library is turning 100 years old? Let's celebrate! Join us at Walter Library on Tuesday, Sept. 26 anytime from 3 – 5 p.m. Learn about the history and construction of "the library," see then/now photos, spin the prize wheel for a chance to win a Walter 100 t-shirt. Play lawn games and write a birthday message to one of our favorite buildings on campus.

**Who?** All Gophers!

**When?** Wednesday, Sept. 26, 3-5 p.m.

**Where?** Walter Library

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# EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION FALL 2023

## UMN UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, September 29th, 2023 @6:30 pm



The 2023 Homecoming Parade will take place Friday, September 29, at 6:30 pm. This event is one of the University's longest-standing and most attended traditions. It provides a unique opportunity for students, alumni, faculty, staff, future Gophers, and members of our campus community to join together to celebrate and showcase our pride and spirit for the University of Minnesota.