WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA!

All non-degree international students must complete a number of requirements prior to registering for classes. You are not a “sponsored student.”

You will not be allowed to register for classes until you have completed the Global Gopher Online Orientation and the Immigration Check-In (described below).

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS:
Initiate your email account at www.umn.edu/initiate. You can skip the field asking for a Social Security Number. After November 4, go to www.isss.umn.edu/new and access the Global Gopher Online Orientation using your U of M Internet ID and password.

What is the Global Gopher Online Orientation?
The Global Gopher Online Orientation is an interactive tool for you to learn about your immigration status and prepare for success at the University of Minnesota. It is mandatory for all new international students, and you will reserve a time for your mandatory Immigration Check-in (described below) as part of the online orientation.

AFTER YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS:
Attend your mandatory Immigration Check-in at the time you selected. University staff will check your documents to verify you are eligible to enroll in classes.

You must bring the original and a copy of these documents to the mandatory Immigration Check-in:
- Your passport identification/picture page
- F-1/J-1 visa page from your passport (except Canadian citizens)
- Entry stamp from your passport (Make copies after arriving in the U.S.)
- I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1)

You will also need to meet with your exchange coordinator for a mandatory meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:
- You must complete the Global Gopher Online Orientation at least one week before attending your mandatory Immigration Check-in.
- ISSS staff will not be able to make copies of your documents during the Immigration Check-In. You can make copies at University Libraries or Printing Services on campus.
  - University Libraries: www.lib.umn.edu/about/collections
  - Printing Services: www.printing.umn.edu/copycenters

For more information, visit www.isss.umn.edu/new or email isssnew@umn.edu.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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