



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Profile and Locale

Reputation: Comprehensive research university with more than 250 fields of study, known worldwide for top-ranked programs and innovative research.

Location: Two unique downtowns with excellent theaters, music venues, museums and professional sports, welcoming a diverse and international community.

Opportunities: Valuable real-world experiences include service learning, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, and student leadership groups.

The University of Minnesota enrolls about 52,000 undergraduate and graduate students; about 5,500 are international students. The University has an extensive library system, impressive sports stadiums, and unique performing arts facilities.

The "Twin Cities" of Minneapolis and St. Paul are the main commercial and cultural center of the upper Midwest; the metropolitan area is home to 3.3 million people and several Fortune 500 companies. Both have convenient rail, bus, and bike routes. Nearby lakes, trails, and parks provide outdoor recreation opportunities.

Divisions

College of Biological Sciences

Admission requires successful completion of the following courses: Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Calculus. Only undergraduate courses are available. Prerequisites must be met for 3000-4000 level courses.

Departments Available: Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biology, Ecology Evolution and Behavior, Genetics, Cell Biology and Development, Plant Biology

Carlson School of Management

Admission requires successful completion of the following courses: Accounting, Macroeconomics, Math, Microeconomics, Statistics.

Only undergraduate courses are available.

Departments Available: Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Human Resources and Industrial Relations, Management, Marketing, Insurance and Risk Management, Supply Chain & Operations

College of Design

Departments Available: Architecture (non-studio), Housing Studies, Landscape Design/Planning, Retail Merchandising

College of Education & Human Development

Departments Available: Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education, Family Social Science, Human Resource Development, Kinesiology, Recreation, Park and Leisure Studies, Sport Management, Youth Studies

College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences

Departments Available: Applied Economics, Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, Entomology, Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology, Forest Resources, Soil, Water, and Climate, Animal Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Plant Genetics, Horticultural Science, Plant Biology, Plant Pathology

College of Liberal Arts

Departments Available: African and African-American Studies, American Indian Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Asian American Studies, Chicano & Latino Studies, Chinese, Classical and Near Eastern Studies, Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature, Communication, Dance, Dutch, English, Film Studies, French, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, Geography, German, Global Studies, Greek, History, Italian, Japanese, Jewish Studies, Latin, Linguistics, Music, Ojibwe, Philosophy, Political Science, Portuguese, Psychology, Religious Studies, Russian, Scandinavian, Slavic Languages, Sociology, Spanish, Speech-Language-Hearing Science, Statistics, Theater Arts, Urban Studies, Writing Studies

College of Science and Engineering

Departments Available: Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, Astrophysics, Biomedical Engineering, Bioproducts and Biosystems, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil, Environmental, and Geoengineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Earth Science (Geology and Geophysics), Industrial and Systems Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Physics



Generally NOT Available to Exchange Students

Specific fields which are not open for non-degree students include: Economics, Microbiology, Clothing, Graphic, and Interior Design, Management of Technology courses, Journalism process courses (e.g. photography, editing), and graduate classes in the Carlson School of Management, including MBA courses (6000-level management courses).

The professional schools' graduate-level courses are also not available to exchange students: Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Law, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Generally, courses designated as 8,000-level are not accessible to exchange students admitted as non-degree seeking undergraduates regardless of previous experience.

Academic Notes

- All exchange students are admitted as non-degree-seeking undergraduate students, unless they have independently been admitted to a degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate program (see below)
- All students must be prepared to take a full load of courses and be flexible regarding course work, as some courses are not available to non-degree-seeking students
- The University will admit qualified exchange participants only in the divisions as mentioned above
- Students are able to choose from courses outside their major field of study
- Courses restricted to PhD students only (i.e. 8000-level) are not available to exchange students.
- Research opportunities are not arranged
- A full course load for undergraduate level coursework is 12 - 16 credits per semester. Students should not expect to earn more than 16 credits in a single term.

Students can find online listings of specific semester class schedules at www.onestop.umn.edu.

Students are asked not to contact academic department in advance, as they are not prepared to advise exchange students, and they are not aware of the special restrictions that may apply.

Degree Program Application Notes

Students pursuing a UMN degree must apply directly to the Graduate or Undergraduate Admissions office on their own. Application deadlines can be as early as December for entrance the following year. Please note that the list above does not identify graduate degree programs. Graduate entrance exam and English proficiency requirements vary by program. Students wishing to enter a graduate degree program should be accepted to the graduate degree program prior to starting the exchange in order to have credits apply towards their graduate program. Visit www.umn.edu for more information.

Language Notes

Minimum scores:

79 TOEFL iBT with writing sub-score of 21 or

6.5 on the IELTS with writing sub-score of 6.5 or

Students with TOEFL scores 71-78 or sub-scores below the minimum may be conditionally admitted only to the College of Liberal Arts, and must take ESL in conjunction with regular courses. Exchange students should not take ESL courses exclusively. There is no additional cost for ESL courses.

Also accepted: TOEFL 213 CBT; 550 PBT.

Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted.

Exchange Dates

Academic year: early September to mid-May.

Fall semester: early September to late December.

Spring semester: mid-January to mid-May.

Calendar year: mid-January to late December.

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