

## Student Groups for New International Students

University of Minnesota, Fall 2017

Do you want to make new friends or develop your leadership skills? Join a student group! There are almost 1,000 student groups at the University of Minnesota, including groups that focus on academics, culture, volunteering, sports, and more.

Below is a short list of groups that support new international students. You can find the entire list of student groups at the University on GopherLink ([gopherlink.umn.edu](http://gopherlink.umn.edu)). We hope you will join one this fall!

If you have any questions about student groups, please come to the Student Activities Office in [Coffman](#) 126, contact [sao@umn.edu](mailto:sao@umn.edu) or (612) 626-6919.

### 2017 GROUPS

#### **International Student Ambassadors (2589)**

We help international students discover, prepare, transition, engage and achieve at the University of Minnesota through the experiences and insight of current international students.

Email: [passport@umn.edu](mailto:passport@umn.edu)

#### **The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education Group (#720)**

The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education is the University of Minnesota's crisis center for UMN and Augsburg students, staff and faculty. We serve victim/survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking year round. We specialize in advocacy, support services, and education services. You can find us tabling at all new student orientations and during Welcome Week this summer and fall. We are located in Appleby Hall 117 and you can contact us at the email [aurora@umn.edu](mailto:aurora@umn.edu). Our website with all our other information is [aurora.umn.edu](http://aurora.umn.edu).

E-mail: [aurora@umn.edu](mailto:aurora@umn.edu)

#### **Council of International Graduate Students - CIGS**

CIGS is a student organization at the University of Minnesota consisting of international graduate and professional students. We provide resources, and organize events, for international students to improve their social, academic, professional, and personal wellbeing, and offer a place for international students to come together and voice their opinions at the U of M. Furthermore, we advocate on behalf of international students, and do so by working closely with university administration and services, student governments, and various student groups on campus.

e-mail: [cigs@umn.edu](mailto:cigs@umn.edu)

#### **Culture Corps Ambassadors (3799)**

The Culture Corps Ambassadors is a student group for the International Student and Scholar Services, Culture Corps program. The officers in the student group will serve as the board members for the program. The responsibilities for the board members include these areas: mentoring Culture Corps participants and their projects; hosting events, for example, the annual celebration; and advertising and recruiting for the Culture Corps program to more international students on an F1 or J1 student visa here at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

E-mail: [culturec@umn.edu](mailto:culturec@umn.edu)

### **International Buddy Program - IBP (2180)**

International Buddy Program aims to ease new incoming students' transition to the U, with current U.S. and international undergraduate students helping new undergraduate students. We are going to hold our Welcome Party in early September. Please stay tuned with us for more information!

E-mail: [ibp@umn.edu](mailto:ibp@umn.edu)

### **The Korea Student Association (KSA) (134)**

The Korean Student Association (KSA) is an organization of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for students who are of and interested in Korean heritage and culture. Our mission is to spread Korean culture throughout the Twin Cities campus and surrounding areas and build a community for students of the University of Minnesota. We are also devoted to supporting the Asian and Korean community through volunteer work and by hosting social and educational events. The University of Minnesota has a large number of Korean students and students interested in Korea, and as a group of dedicated leaders, we strive to connect everyone together to celebrate Korean heritage.

E-mail: [ksa@umn.edu](mailto:ksa@umn.edu)

### **Latin Dance Club of UMN (3713)**

Hey guys, we are called Latin Dance Club of UMN (LDC UMN)! We are a student group that focuses on international Latin dance. We provide a great opportunity for all dance lovers to learn, perform and compete together. All levels are welcome and we teach from the beginning! We also provide high quality technique lessons taught by a professional latin dance instructor. Please feel free to email us at [latindc@umn.edu](mailto:latindc@umn.edu) if you have any questions.

Email: [latindc@umn.edu](mailto:latindc@umn.edu)

### **Latino International Student Association (LISA) (3078)**

¡Mucho gusto! The Latino International Student association is a student group created to foster a community on campus for Latino students and anyone else interested in learning more about the Latino culture. We have great opportunities and fun events to get involved in.

Contact Sofia at: [cerkv007@umn.edu](mailto:cerkv007@umn.edu)

### **Leadership Minor Student Group (2539)**

This student group represents the Leadership Minor at the University of Minnesota. It is a 17 credit minor composed of 4 core classes and 5 elective credits. Leadership is viewed as a personal power rather than a positional power in our courses. In the minor, you analyze and reflect on your strengths, personal journey, contribution to society, and how you can make sustainable change. Students learn how to work effectively in groups and teams, think systematically, find purpose, and much more.

E-mail: [lead@umn.edu](mailto:lead@umn.edu)

### **Minnesota International Student Association (MISA) (184)**

Minnesota International Student Association is a cultural group that has been a part of the University for many decades. The organization works to bridge the gap between international and domestic students, act as a community resource for students of varying backgrounds, and promote multiculturalism on campus.

Email: [misa@umn.edu](mailto:misa@umn.edu)

### **Minnesota Student Association (#509)**

The Minnesota Student Association (MSA) is the student government for all undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. We are dedicated to advocating for students and coordinating efforts with stakeholders of the University on behalf of all students.

@msaUMN (twitter)

### **Psychology International Student Association (PISA) (3151)**

PISA is a student organization that helps support International and local Psychology students by providing resources and information regarding advising, careers, internship, research and involvement in psychology. Follow us on Facebook @pisastudentgroup

Email: [pisa@umn.edu](mailto:pisa@umn.edu)

### **Small World Coffee Hour - SWCH**

SWCH provides regularly scheduled events where undergraduate and graduate students from all around campus can have authentic intercultural experiences that prepare them for a globalized world. Be prepared for our first event of Fall 2017, keep tuned with SWCH by liking us on Facebook as Small World Coffee Hour or email us at: [abdel109@umn.edu](mailto:abdel109@umn.edu)

E-mail: [swch@umn.edu](mailto:swch@umn.edu)

### **The University Student Legal Service (USLS) (1978)**

The University Student Legal Service (USLS) offers legal services and education to University of Minnesota students. We were founded by students in 1976, are funded by students, and are run by an administrative board of students. All legal services are provided by experienced legal professionals, some with 30+ years of experience representing students. Our areas of service are: landlord-tenant, criminal, immigration and personal-family law, as well as notary and name change services.

E-mail: [uslsbod@umn.edu](mailto:uslsbod@umn.edu)

### **Vietnamese International Student Association (3030)**

VISA is a cultural student group with the mission to promote Vietnamese culture to the student community at the University of Minnesota. We invite everyone to our events and activities, which are great environments for students to learn about each other. In addition, we act as a reliable source of information for new students so that they can have a great transition to their new life at the U of M.

E-mail: [visa@umn.edu](mailto:visa@umn.edu)

### **Religious Groups:**

#### **CRU (1035)**

Cru is a caring community passionate about connecting students to Jesus Christ. We do this through our weekly meeting (SHIFT), Bible studies, retreats and conferences, and other regular social events. We desire to serve any and all students looking for Christian community and/or looking to learn more about the Christian faith. Questions?

Please contact Gabe Kaufmann at [kaufm272@umn.edu](mailto:kaufm272@umn.edu)