

*You received your immigration document,
so now what?*

Welcome!

On behalf of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), congratulations on your admission to the University of Minnesota (UMN)!

We created this document so you can prepare for your arrival at the University of Minnesota. You should be aware that this document only includes information about the requirements and actions you need to take related to being an international student. You will need to do other actions before arriving at the University of Minnesota, but your college and other offices will send that information to you. ISSS is here to answer your questions, so please email issnew@umn.edu if you need help!



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What You Need To Do Right Now

There are many steps to take before your arrival to campus. Here are the things you should be focusing on now that you have your I-20 or DS-2019:

Review Your I-20 or DS-2019

This is an important document so it is essential that the information is correct and current. You need to carefully check the accuracy of the information on your I-20 or DS-2019. If you find errors or have questions about your immigration document, [contact the office that issued the document.](#)

Apply for Visa, If Necessary

If you do not currently have a valid visa and will travel to UMN from outside the U.S., you must apply for one. Visit our [website](#) to find out the necessary steps to apply for a visa.

Choose an Arrival Date

Choosing the date you will arrive in Minnesota is an important part of your journey to get to UMN. We have compiled information on the ISSS [website](#) for you to consider when selecting this date, including the earliest and latest you can arrive.



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Before You Arrive

You will also need to complete the following items before your arrival at UMN. We recommend completing the required International Student Preparation Course first, as the course will have more details about the topics you will need to know as you prepare for your arrival.

REQUIRED: *Complete the International Student Preparation Course*

International Student and Scholar Services developed this course specifically for new international students. Former international students have shared how difficult it is to remember all of the new information they received at the start of the semester. This course is an overview of all of the information you will need as you start your journey to UMN. You are required to complete this course and the ISSS Check-in for permanent removal of your AI “Determine Current Visa Status” registration hold. Learn more by visiting our [website](#).

Research Your Housing Options

It is recommended that you start exploring your housing options prior to your arrival at UMN. There are many considerations when planning housing. If you plan to live on campus, you will need to know the deadline to sign up, as it may be difficult or impossible to make a reservation later. If you plan to live off campus, you need to understand your legal responsibilities and what housing is available. This is not an extensive list; review our [website](#) and the required International Student Preparation Course for more information.

Learn About Health Insurance & Health Services

The healthcare system and insurance in the U.S. is likely different from the healthcare in your country. We work closely with Boynton Health Services (the University of Minnesota’s on-campus healthcare provider) to support international students with their health concerns. You can find more information on our [website](#), [Boynton Health’s website](#), and in the required International Student Preparation Course.

Once You Arrive at UMN

You will not be able to complete the following items until after your arrival at UMN, but we want you to be aware of your ISSS New Student Requirements (the items labeled “Required” in this document) and the welcome events hosted by ISSS. You will receive email communications about these items as we get closer to the beginning of the semester.

REQUIRED: Complete Your ISSS Check-In

Complete your ISSS Check-in as soon as possible after you arrive. Along with the International Student Preparation Course, completing the ISSS Check-in is required for permanent removal of your AI “Determine Current Visa Status” registration hold. You can find out more information by visiting our [New Student website](#).

Attend Global Gopher Experiences

Global Gopher Experiences is an optional program designed to welcome new international students to campus. While it is not required, we strongly encourage you to attend as you will have the opportunity to learn about on-campus resources, connect with student organizations, and meet other students and ISSS staff. Find out more about the events and how to register on our [website](#). More details will also be sent to your UMN email account.

Want to find out more information about additional resources?

Visit our [website](#) and complete the required International Student Preparation Course!

Questions? Concerns?

ISSS is here to help support you as you begin your journey to the University of Minnesota. Connect with an ISSS staff member by emailing issnew@umn.edu with any of your questions or concerns.