Welcome to the U, Gopher!

As a new transfer student, your first weeks at the U of M will be a period of adjustment, albeit an exciting one! We want to help your transition to the U be a smooth one. This monthly newsletter is just one of the many resources on campus for transfer students.

The Shift

At this point of the transition many transfer students are often looking to get connected in various ways. Here's some info on great ways to connect with faculty, students and staff.

Connect With Other Transfer Students

**University Transfer Student Board**

Be a member of the [University Transfer Student Board (UTSB)](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2015-2016/01-25.html). Go to one of their monthly meetings and check it out!

**Apply to be a Transfer Student Ambassador**

Want to make an impact and help new transfer students? Consider applying for
the 2016 Transfer Student Ambassador (TSA) team.

**Transfer Student Network**

The Transfer Student Network connects you to a Transfer Insider *(a current transfer student who will share their story, answer your questions, and give their tips and advice)* and gives you the resources and connections you need to transition successfully to the U. Be on the lookout for your first email from your Transfer Insider!

**Connect With Faculty**

**Take Your Professor to Lunch**

Take Your Professor to Lunch to get to know your professor and the U will pay for the meal!

**Connect With Campus Community**

**Goldbook Tip**

See page 54 of the Goldbook you received at orientation to get helpful info on getting connected. Tip: find opportunities on and off campus with the Engagement Search.

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**New Place, New Expectations**

Feeling a difference in classroom expectations or rigour of coursework? Find tutors and other support at SMART Learning Commons. Visit with an Academic Coach 1-1 and use self-help materials from the University’s Student Counseling Services (SCS) and Student Academic Success Services (SASS).

**Moodle What?**

From turning in assignments to downloading the professor's slides, you'll find that learning to navigate Moodle in your first few weeks helps a lot. Find your Moodle courses through your MyU portal or moodle.umn.edu.

**Major Questions?**

Are you not sure what to major in and have no idea where to start? Are you to choose between majors in different colleges? The Center for Academic Planning and Exploration (CAPE) is here to help you explore options and navigate the process of declaring your major.
Looking for a Job?
Check out the many part-time job opportunities on campus.

Are You a Student Parent?
The Student Parent HELP Center is an academic and family assistance program for pregnant and parenting students attending the U of M.

Services include: Child care assistance grant, a centrally located lounge/study space and computer lab, trained social workers to assist with anything from major selection, to welfare advocacy to career prep; family friendly events and a weekly Parents As Students Support Group with free lunch included.

Goldy's Reminders

Tuition Payment Due Dates
The first spring tuition payment is due Friday, January 29. The full payment schedule can be found here. Contact OneStop Student Services if you have questions.

Adding/Dropping a Class?
The U may have different add/drop deadlines from your previous institution. Subscribe to the academic dates and deadlines calendar so you never miss important deadlines.

Transfer Student Events

University Transfer Student Board (UTSB) Meetings
Upcoming UTSB Meeting Date:
Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.
(meet every other Thursday)
See more information about UT SB and UT SB events, click here.

**Campus Events**

**Study Abroad Expo**

Studying abroad or away is a great way to explore your interests in new ways. If you plan to study, work, or volunteer abroad next year, you won’t want to miss the **Study Abroad Expo** January 27.

**Find a Student Group**

Looking for a way to get involved on campus? Come to **Activities Fair** February 3 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. in Coffman Memorial Union’s Great Hall. More than 100 student groups will be participating, ranging from service organizations to cultural groups and many more.

**Don’t Miss the Major/Minor Expo**

Deciding from the U of M’s 140+ majors can be overwhelming. Representatives from all departments will be in one room to answer questions, give advice, and offer guidance at the **Major/Minor Expo** February 24 in Coffman Memorial Union’s Great Hall.

**UMN Job & Internship Fair**

One of the biggest events of the year and best places to get an internship and explore career options is the UMN **Job and Internship Fair**, February 19 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Put it on your calendar and start getting ready now!

Be sure to also register with **GoldPass** – the U’s resource to connect students and alumni with organizations that provide employment, volunteer, and internships throughout the world.

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Transfer Student Experience in an effort to educate and support transfer students during their transition at the U. To view previous mailings, click here. More resources and information is available at transfer.umn.edu.

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