Welcome to the U, Gopher!

As a new transfer student, your first few 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.

Workshop Series for New Transfers

Get to Know Your University. Get to Know Other Transfers. Get to Know Yourself.

Are you a new transfer student for Fall 2016? The Transfer Student Experience Program is hosting a series of eight workshops just for new transfer students! These workshops will help you explore all that the U of M has to offer so you can make the most of your time as a Gopher.

**WHEN**: Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
**WHERE**: 324 Coffman Memorial Union

September 12, 2016
(Registration appreciated but not required)

To get more information on the workshop series and to register click here or click on the workshop series icons throughout the newsletter.

The Shift

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

Connect with Other Transfer Students

University Transfer Student Board
The University Transfer Student Board (UTSB) is a student organization that represents all transfer students at the University of Minnesota. UTSB is dedicated to improving the transfer student experience on campus through advocacy, service and social initiatives UTSB always welcomes new faces!

Go to one of their weekly meetings, held Thursdays from 7-8pm in Vincent Hall, room 207, to learn more about the group and their upcoming events or email utsb@umn.edu for more information.

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

They’re people, too. Try the Take Your Professor to Lunch program to get to know a professor and the U will pay for the meal!

Workshop: Taking the Awkward Out of Office Hours


**Connect with Campus Community**

See page 55 of the **Gold Book** from your orientation for helpful information on how to get connected. Tip: Find on- and off-campus opportunities by using the **Engagement Search**.

**Workshop:** Find Your Place, Meet Your People, Make Your Mark

**Connect with Campus Traditions**

Since 1914, the University of Minnesota has celebrated Homecoming, a week dedicated to honoring the spirit of the maroon and gold.

From Oct 15-22, **Homecoming 2016** brings the campus community together through long-standing traditions such as Pep Fest, the parade, the concert and the homecoming football game.

**New Place, New Expectations**

Feeling a difference in classroom expectations or rigour of coursework? Want to fine tune those study skills before the first exam? **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).

**Workshop:** Study Like a Gopher

**Moodle What?**

Most classes will utilize Moodle in varying ways. From turning in assignments to downloading a 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 thinking “I’m not sure what to major in and have no idea where to start?” Or maybe you are trying to narrow down major options from 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!

Goldy’s Reminders

Important Dates

The first fall tuition payment is due Saturday, September 17. The full payment schedule can be found here. Do you have questions or concerns about financial aid, or want more information? Contact OneStop Student Services.

Workshop: Managing Your Finances Like a Pro

Adding/Dropping a Class?

The U may have different add/drop deadlines from your previous institution. Possible refunds may apply. Add the academic dates and deadlines calendar to your Google calendar so you never miss a deadline.

Save the Date for Career and Internship Fairs!

As a transfer student it is important for you to connect with Career Resources early. Attend campus-wide career events and stop by your Career Center to polish up that résumé or interview skills to show your best self to employers.

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

Workshop: What's After Graduation? Put Your Degree to Work

Consider a Study Abroad Experience!

Visit the Learning Abroad Fair Wednesday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on the West Bank Plaza to discover your options. Meet learning abroad staff, advisors, and career counselors to see how learning abroad can fit with your long-term goals.

Workshop: Gopher International: You Can Study Abroad Too!
Campus Events

Be sure to check your myU portal and read the Undergrad Update for important news and updates and visit the Student Unions & Activities website and U of M calendar for information on upcoming campus events.

This Transfer Student Monthly is sent by the Office of Undergraduate Education and the Transfer Student Experience in an effort to educate and support transfer students during their transition at the U of M. To view previous mailings, click here. More resources and information is available at transfer.umn.edu.

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