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 and excitement! We want to help your transition to the U be smooth and 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 2017? The Transfer Student Experience Program is hosting a series of 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, 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.
**WHERE:** 103 Appleby Hall

*(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.

**Major Exploration Lab for Transfer Students**

**Feel like you’re the only undecided transfer student on campus?** You’re not the only new transfer student exploring majors, and you shouldn’t have to explore alone. Join the Center for Academic Planning & Exploration (CAPE) for the Major Exploration Lab!

This 3-session workshop offered over the course of three weeks is designed specifically for first semester transfer students. During these hands-on sessions, students will receive guidance, resources, action steps, and most importantly, food! The application is due by October 12th, and can be found here.

**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 6-7pm in Vincent Hall, room 213, to learn more about the group and their upcoming events or email
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: New to the U

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 October 14-21, Homecoming 2017 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? 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), Student Academic Success Services (SASS), and Effective U.

Workshop: Study Like a Gopher

Got an Hour Between Classes? Try the Study Space Finder
Find quiet study spaces, coffee shops, computer labs, late night or early morning, and reservable group study rooms too! Try to Study Space Finder and use the map to find a convenient spot near you.

Never Pay for Articles!
Your tuition dollars pay for millions of high-quality sources from journals, magazines, newspapers for your research assignments and papers. We also have over 8 million books and ebooks. Here is a quick overview of the U Libraries to get you started.

Use to Assignment Calculator to Stay on Track

The Assignment Calculator breaks down research and writing projects into manageable steps based on your due dates. Each step includes hints and "how-to" links. Try it for your research papers, speeches, and lab reports. You can also sign up to get text reminders for each step.

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.

Goldy's Reminders

Important Dates

The first fall tuition payment is due Saturday, September 16. 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: Freaky Fast Finances

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.

Parent & Family Weekend

Miss your family yet? They definitely miss you! Invite them to join you on campus for Parent & Family Weekend, October 13-15. They can participate in workshops,
breakfast and the Gopher Get Together! Register before October 1 for the best rates!

**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](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html) and stop by your [Career Center](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html) to polish up that résumé or interview skills to show your best self to employers.

Be sure to also register with [GoldPass](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html), the U's resource to connect students and alumni with organizations that provide employment, volunteer opportunities, and internships throughout the world.

**Workshop:** Preparing For Your Future Career: Getting Started and Next Steps

**Consider a Study Abroad Experience!**

Visit the [Learning Abroad Fair](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html) Wednesday, September 20 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.

**Campus Events**

Be sure to check your MyU portal and read the [Undergrad Update](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html) for important news and updates and visit the [Student Unions & Activities](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html) website and [U of M calendar](http://transfer.umn.edu/programs/tsemonthly/2017-2018/09-12.html) for information on upcoming campus events.

**Workshop:** Pause and Plan: Putting it All Together

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