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 2018? 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:** 100 Rapson 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.

Your First Six Weeks

GET INVOLVED. MEET PEOPLE. FIND SUPPORT.

There is a lot to explore and learn as you transition to a new campus! In order to help you get off to a strong start and take advantage of all the U has to offer we've created a calendar of events and resources just for you.

Some of these events are just for transfer students, some are college or major specific, and some are open to all U of M students. We are sure you will find something that interests you!

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 the weekly meetings, Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Vincent Hall, room 206, to learn more about the group and upcoming events or email utsb@umn.edu.

Transfer Student Network
The Transfer Student Network (TSN) is a peer mentorship program designed to help first-semester transfer students feel comfortable at the U. Through one-on-one Coffee Chats and TSN Hangouts events, new transfer students are able to connect with other new transfers and Transfer Insiders (returning transfer students). All first-semester transfer students are automatically enrolled in Transfer Student Network communications. For more information or to request a Coffee Chat email transfer@umn.edu.

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 September 29-October 6, Homecoming 2018 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

Visit Study Space Finder to find a spot for you or your group on campus. View photos and a map of study spaces, including coffee shops and computer labs. Building features are also listed such as noise level and number of seats.

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.

**Need help finding campus resources?**

Stop by the Helping U desk in Bruininks Hall for help finding resources around campus. Fellow students can point you in the right direction for academic support, mental health services, career help, and more. The Helping U desk is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can also email helpingu@umn.edu.

**Goldy's Reminders**

**Important Dates**

The first fall tuition payment is due Saturday, September 12. 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 26-28. They can participate in workshops, have breakfast and mingle with U of M staff and other families at the Gopher Get Together!
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: Preparing For Your Future Career: Getting Started and Next Steps

Consider a Study Abroad Experience!

Visit the Learning Abroad Fair Wednesday, September 19 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 for important news and updates and visit the Student Unions & Activities website and U of M calendar for information on upcoming campus events.

Workshop: Pause and Plan: Putting it All Together

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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