CAMPUS INFORMATION

The University of Minnesota was chartered in 1851, seven years before the Territory of Minnesota became a state. It began as a preparatory school, was beset by financial crises during its early years, and was forced to close during the Civil War. In 1869 the University reopened its doors with 9 faculty members and 18 students. Two students were graduated at the University’s first commencement in 1873. The first PhD was awarded in 1888 and the Graduate School celebrated its 100th anniversary during the 1987-88 academic year. Today the University is one of the largest in the U.S. On the Twin Cities campus alone there are 16 colleges, 275 departments, and 15,049 employees, and 51,659 students (data taken from Institute of Office of Institutional Research and Reporting). The Twin Cities Campus has three campuses – East Bank (Mpls), St. Paul Campus (St Paul), and West Bank (Mpls). The University system also includes branches at Duluth, Morris, Crookston, Lamberton, and Rochester.

Campus Facilities and Services

Employee Benefits
Handles benefit and retirement options for employees. It provides assistance to employees when choosing retirement and benefit options. The Department is housed in 100 Donhowe on the Mpls campus. Their website is: https://humanresources.umn.edu/benefits

University Regents Scholarship
The Regents Scholarship Program covers a portion of tuition costs for eligible employees enrolled in the University of Minnesota credit-bearing courses. The portion covered is: 90% of the tuition cost for eligible employees matriculated from the first time in a baccalaureate degree program, 75% of the tuition cost for all other eligible employees enrolled in courses covered under the Regents Scholarship program. To download application or more information about eligibility, the website is http://onestop.umn.edu/finances/financial_aid/grants_and_waivers/regents.html.

International Services
Counseling and advisory services are provided for personnel from other countries by the International Student and Scholar Services in 190 Humphrey School, 625-7100). It provides assistance to those seeking information about visa regulations; federal, state and local regulations governing foreign nations; English language; and other educational, social and personal problems. http://www.isss.umn.edu/

Police Escort Service
The University of Minnesota Police Department offers an escort service to the University community and is available 24 hours a day during school year. Call 624-WALK.

Boynton Health Service
St. Paul Clinic is a small satellite clinic. The staff includes licensed and certified physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, and certified medical assistants. Located at 109 Coffey Hall, St. Paul, MN 55108. Hours vary and are listed here: http://www.bhs.umn.edu/hours-locations/index.htm

Counseling Services (St. Paul)
Located in the Student Affairs Office provides assistance to those students who wish to learn more about themselves as they develop in an educational setting. Counseling services include the areas of academic or educational decisions, vocational or career planning, personal or family problems, marital relationships, and other concerns. Assistance is offered to develop reading and study skills (190 Coffey Hall, 625-3115). Assistance for career related questions can be directed to the St. Paul Campus Career Center, which is located in 198 McNeal Hall (624-2710) the website is http://www.careerhelp.umn.edu/

Athletic Facilities
The University offers extensive indoor and outdoor athletic facilities and opportunities for use by all students, staff and faculty. Students may purchase reduced price tickets for intercollegiate athletic events. The recreational sports program is designed to provide opportunities for students to participate in a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive, organized and informal sports activities. Gyms are located in Minneapolis and St. Paul, housing basketball, volleyball and racquetball courts, swimming pools, etc. Outdoor facilities include tennis courts and golf courses. The rec center website can be found at http://recwell.umn.edu/.

On-campus and Off-Campus Housing Information
Housing information may be obtained from the Housing Offices: Comstock Hall, 210 Delaware Street SE, Mpls. Campus (6-2994) and 190 Coffey Hall, St. Paul. Go to https://housing.umn.edu/

Bus Service
The Campus Shuttles connect the Minneapolis/St. Paul segments of the Twin Cities campus. Info is available at http://pts.umn.edu/bus/shuttle.html. The Metro Transit bus line also runs between the Minneapolis and St. Paul Campus and throughout the metro along with the rail lines, the website is http://www.metrotransit.org/. Schedules are also available in Minneapolis and St. Paul Campus Student Unions.

Parking
Parking is available on a per day or contract basis. The nearest lots are on Gortner (ramp), Upper Buford Circle and on the Fairgrounds. Parking availability is through Student Commuter Contract Services—lotteries are held each semester. Announcements for scheduled lottery drawings are stated in Daily campus newspaper. Further details are available from Parking Services Office (626-7275) or http://pts.umn.edu/.

Other Options
The Transportation Services Division also provides information on rail lines, bicycling resources, and using walking paths through tunnels during inclement weather at http://pts.umn.edu/.

Places to Eat on Campus
The St. Paul Student Center offers a few options nearby (Terrace Café Food Court, Subway, Greens To Go, Papa John’s, Java City, and the Gopher Spot) and Lori’s Café and Mimi’s Café are right across Cleveland from campus at Buford. Hours vary and may change during the summer months. There are extensive vending machines located on the second floor in McNeal Hall. A microwave and change machine are also available.

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