

Carlson Global Institute
International Exchange Program
2026-2027



Minnesota Carlson



University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota was established in 1851 and is Minnesota's flagship land-grant university, boasting five campuses and an enrollment of approximately 52,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Minnesota Carlson

At the Minnesota Carlson, we share a commitment to imagination, engagement, and ambition. Based in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and housed in the University of Minnesota, the Carlson School of Management is a leader in business education and research.

Minnesota Carlson School Facilities

- 42 Technology-Enhanced Classrooms
- 35 Breakout Rooms for Student Groups
- 180-Seat Lecture Hall
- 250-Seat Auditorium
- 22 Interview Rooms for On-Site Recruiting
- WiFi
- Student Lounges
- Experiential Learning Laboratories
- 2 Computer Labs

Why Twin Cities, Minnesota?

- Minneapolis named #8 best city for young professionals in America (Niche 2023)
- Minnesota Named #5 best state for business (The Business Journal 2023)
- Minnesota ranked #8 safest state in the US (WalletHub 2023)
- Minnesota ranked 4th best state to live and work (CNBC 2023)
- St. Paul and Minneapolis ranked #2 and #3 top cities in America for parks (Trust for Public Land 2023)
- Supported by robust public transportation system including bus, rail, commuter train, bike sharing, & more
- Multiple major league sports team such as the Minnesota Vikings (NFL), Minnesota Timberwolves (NBA), Minnesota Wild (NHL)



Fortune 500 Companies Based in Minnesota





Nominations and Application

Students must be nominated by their home school coordinator and then submit application materials to the Carlson Global Institute electronically.

Dates & Deadlines

Fall 2026

Preferred Nomination Deadline

March 1, 2026

Application Deadline

April 1, 2026

Submit Housing Application

May 2026

Acceptance Letter Sent & Request Visa Documents

*July 2026**

Submit Course Preference Form

July 2026

Suggested Arrival in Minnesota

August 28 - 30, 2026

Mandatory Welcome Program

August 31 - September 4, 2026

First Day of Classes

September 8, 2026

Last Day of Exams

December 23, 2026

Spring 2027

Preferred Nomination Deadline

August 1, 2026

Application Deadline

September 1, 2026

Submit Housing Application

November 2026

Acceptance Letter Sent & Request Visa Documents

*October 2026**

Submit Course Preference Form

November 2026

Suggested Arrival in Minnesota

January 8 - 10, 2027

Mandatory Welcome Program

January 11 - 15, 2027

First Day of Classes

January 19, 2027

Last Day of Exams

May 12, 2027

**if all application documents are submitted by the deadline*

Cost Estimate

Tuition: \$0/semester (covered by the Carlson School)

Fees: \$372/semester

Mandatory Health Insurance: \$1,795/semester

Living Expenses*: \$9,360/semester

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES: \$11,527/semester

**Living expenses include average cost of on-campus housing, food, books, and miscellaneous expenses.*

All costs are based on previous year and are subject to change.

Course Selection and Registration

Course offerings are found on Schedule Builder.

- Course load = 12 - 20 UMN credits
- 1xxx, 2xxx, 3xxx, 4xxx = undergraduate courses available to bachelor's and master's exchange students
- 5xxx = both undergraduate and graduate courses. Courses that are held within the graduate level curriculum is only available to master's exchange students
- 6xxx+ = graduate courses and are available to master's exchange students only

Business and non-business courses are available to exchange students. Students will complete a course preference form before arrival and official registration will take place during the mandatory Welcome Program.

Academic Departments

- Accounting
- Business Law
- Entrepreneurial Management Finance
- Human Resources & Industrial Relations
- Insurance & Risk Management
- Management Information Systems
- Medical Industry Leadership Institute
- Marketing
- Public/Nonprofit Management
- Supply Chain & Operations Management

Note: The Economics department is not in the Carlson School and registration in those courses is limited.

GLOBE Buddy Program

The GLOBE student group offers a buddy program and plans monthly social and cultural events to help exchange students make the most of their semester at Carlson. Connect with GLOBE via [Instagram](#) and by [email](#).

Arrival and Student Visa

Travel from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) to campus is convenient by taxi, shuttle, or light rail train. The [GLOBE buddy program](#) also offers airport pickup.

The F-1 student visa is appropriate for most exchange students. Students will receive an I-20 form from the Carlson Global Institute, which they will need to [apply for the F-1 visa](#).



Welcome Program

The Welcome Program is a five-day orientation held the week before the start of classes to help exchange students learn more about the Twin Cities, the University of Minnesota, and the Carlson School of Management. Activities include a Carlson School orientation and tour, registration session, tour of Minneapolis & St. Paul, business site visits, and social and cultural events led by GLOBE.

Attendance is mandatory for all exchange students.



Housing

On-campus: On-campus housing is available and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are encouraged to apply by the housing deadline.

Off-campus: The Carlson Global Institute does not assist with off-campus housing arrangements, but will provide online resources. Review [on-campus](#) and [off-campus housing](#) before applying.

Health Information

All exchange students attending the University of Minnesota are required to enroll in the Student Health Benefit Plan. The cost is \$1,795/semester. Health resources available to exchange students include:

- [Student Health Benefit Plan](#)
- [Boynton Health Services](#)
- [Student Counseling Services](#)
- [Safety and Wellbeing](#)



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