

# Study at the

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

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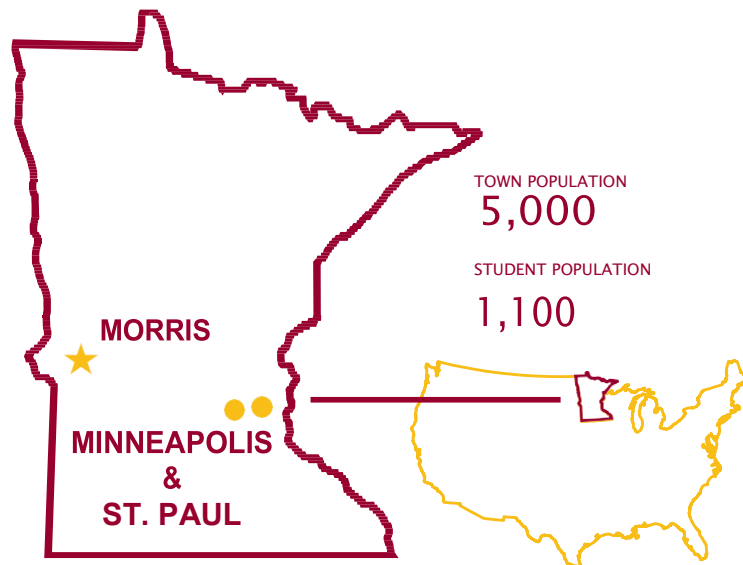
The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) has the total package: a private-style college that's part of a top 10 public research university. Experience a renewable, sustainable education that's also an incredible value.

The University of Minnesota, Morris is located in the state of Minnesota, a state known for its natural beauty, safety, and warm, welcoming citizens.

- [Explore Minnesota](#)

UMM is located in Morris, MN, about 160 miles (250 km) west of Minneapolis & St. Paul. With a population of around 5000, Morris is a comfortable small town in west-central Minnesota. The location provides a unique setting for students to study and engage with the citizens in the area. The university provides ongoing and significant programming that brings cultural and sporting events to Morris.

- [Why Morris? Student Stories](#)
- [UMM campus map](#)



## Academic Information

- Total Student Enrollment: 1,300
- Language of Instruction: English
- [Academic areas](#)
- Program Dates:
  - Fall Semester: mid-August to mid-December
  - Spring Semester: mid-January to mid-May

## International Student Programs

- Professional staff to guide you before arrival and throughout your studies at Morris
- [International Student Programs](#)

## Enrollment information

Students may take classes from different undergraduate programs and make their own courses list for the exchange semester. Students are free to mix and match any courses from any undergraduate program. Many upper level courses (those numbered 3000 and 4000) may have pre-requisites, namely, a course (or its equivalent) or courses that a student is required to take before enrolling in that particular course.

## Language requirements

If your native language or language of instruction is not English, we look for demonstrated English proficiency of: 79 TOEFL (IBT), 550 (PBT); 105 Duolingo English Test; or 5.5 overall IELTS. SAT or ACT examination scores are also accepted. The Morris ACT code is 2155, the SAT code is 6890, and the TOEFL code is 6890.

## About the credits

All the courses at UMM have academic credits. Most of the courses have 2 or 4 US credits, and 1 UMM credit is generally equal to 2 ECTS credits. The number of the credits of each course can be seen in our [university catalog](#) or on the online class search tool, [Schedule Builder](#).

- The number of classes typically taken per term: 3 or 4
- The number of hours per week typical student spends in class: 15
- Number of weeks per term: 16
- In each course, the academic criteria will be explained by each teacher at the beginning of the course and students will receive a syllabus of each course.



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## Application

1. All students who have been nominated by the International Office from their home university, will need to [apply online](#). The \$25 Application Fee is waived for international exchange students.
2. Official transcripts from Home University must be sent directly to the UMM Admissions office with a certified English translation if they are not originally written in English.
3. Submit official score reports for the TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, or ACT.
4. Complete the financial certification information. International students are required to certify their ability to pay for the cost of attendance at Morris by completing the online [Financial Certification form](#). For Exchange students this would be finances to cover housing, meals, health insurance, books, and personal expenses.
5. Once admitted, the \$175 Confirmation Fee is waived. Exchange students are asked to email the Office of Admissions to confirm their enrollment.

## Cost Estimates for one semester on exchange (2021-2022)

Tuition and student fees	Covered on exchange
International Student fees	\$550
Housing and Food	\$4,761
Health Insurance	\$1,734
Books (estimate)	\$400
Personal Expenses (estimate)	\$850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,295</b>

## Transcript Details

Exchange students must request an official transcript to be sent to the home university after their program of study at UMM. The transcripts are released to the student's home institution if the student(s) has no outstanding financial obligations to UMM.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Application Deadline

**Spring Semester:** November 1

**Fall Semester:** June 1

*We would appreciate receiving the application form before the deadline.*

### Arrival Date for Airport

A week prior to the start of classes for both Spring and Fall semesters.

*Specific dates to receive students at the MSP airport will be communicated to the students once they are admitted to UMM.*

*As a service to new international students, International Student Programs (ISP) will provide transportation from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) to the University prior to the international student orientation. Please complete the [Arrival Form](#) and the ISP staff will make the necessary arrangements.*

### Orientation Session

The [International Student Orientation](#) is held a week before the start of classes for both spring and fall semesters. The orientation is mandatory and offers:

- Sessions that address health and medical insurance issues
- Programs about cultural adaptation
- Information on weather adjustment
- Discussion regarding liberal arts education
- Sessions about U.S. educational systems
- Community building and social events to engage with other students as well as Morris faculty and staff
- Opportunities to go shopping and take care of banking needs.

### Classes Start

**Spring Semester:** mid-January

**Fall Semester:** mid-August

### Spring Break

Mid-March

### Final Exam Week

Last week of the semester for both spring and fall semesters



## Medical Coverage

It is a University of Minnesota requirement each international exchange student purchase the [Student Health Benefit Plan \(SHBP\)](#). This plan is a cost-effective, comprehensive health plan designed to meet the unique needs of students. Health plan network and claims administration services for the SHBP are provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, giving you access to thousands of providers and hospitals in its worldwide network.



## Housing and Meal Plans

At the University of Minnesota, Morris, more than 50 percent of students choose to live on campus. The Office of Residential Life is committed to creating a positive residential living experience, a vital complement to Morris's academic programs.



Clayton A. Gay Hall



Spooner Hall

The housing options are highlighted at the [Residential Life website](#). Here you find details, housing rates, and photos for the housing options. The residential halls have:

- Wireless and wired internet access; Cable TV hook up; wired phone line
- Laundry facilities; use of washers and dryers is free to campus residents.
- Furniture: twin-size beds, mattresses, drapes, desk, desk chairs, and dresser for each person

*Dishware, flatware, kitchen utensils and cookware are not provided in residence hall kitchens.*

Each residence hall have furnished floor lounges for study and recreation as well as kitchenette areas. Recreation areas equipped with various gaming tables and vending machines are available as well. Washers and dryers are also in every hall.

**Applying for a Room** is [done online](#).

### **Meal Plans**

All students living in the residence halls are required to have a meal plan. [Dining plan details are presented here](#).



Dining Hall

### **Student Visa**



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulates the student visa process in conjunction with the host institution. All students coming to the United States to study are required to secure the needed student visa.

After a student is admitted to UMM, the UMM International Student Programs (ISP) officials will issue the required document for the student to secure the required visa. This document for the F-1 student visa, the

Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," is sent to the student, who then arranges online the visa interview. [The visa process is outlined here](#).

The ISP officials will assist with any questions through the process to obtain a student visa.

### **Campus Services**

UMM's campus has much to offer to international students including cultural and sports activities. International students excel academically and enjoy a rich social life at Morris. International students are very involved in campus activities. A few examples are [Asian Student Association](#), [athletics](#), [dance ensemble](#), and [choir](#).

In support of international students, the International Student Program Office:

- [Coordinates rides for international students from the airport to Morris](#);
- Plans and implements a comprehensive, mandatory international [student orientation](#);
- Issues immigration documents including I-20s;
- Advises and supports students on many issues such as immigration, academics, adjusting to the United States, health and safety, student engagement, and other matters that affect students;
- Supports [student organizations](#), such as the International Student Association, Asian Student Association, and Korean Culture Club;
- Plan cultural [programs and events](#) to engage students, both international and domestic, across campus and throughout the academic year.