Welcome to the University of Minnesota, a world class institution recognized for its quality education.

Students must be aware of and comply with all state laws. This checklist identifies typical concerns students face.

- **Credit Cards**: A credit card is a financial tool that allows you to buy now with a promise to pay later. Manage it, don’t let it manage you!
- **Social Networking**: When you are communicating with others on the internet, don’t share personal information that you do not wish to be public.
- **Identity Theft**: Identity theft is when your name is stolen by another in order to get credit, cash, goods, services or even commit crimes. Take steps to secure data – lock your mailbox, shred documents containing your personal information, safeguard bank accounts and don’t respond to emails asking for sensitive information. Don’t keep your Social Security card with you and never give it out the number unless absolutely necessary. Report suspected identity theft to the police.
- **Health Insurance**: All University of Minnesota students are required to carry health, hospitalization and medical insurance. If you are not sure that you have insurance coverage, contact Boynton Health Service (612)625-8400.
- **Drivers License**: All University of Minnesota students are required to carry health, hospitalization and medical insurance. If you are not sure that you have insurance coverage, contact Boynton Health Service (612)625-8400.
- **Auto Insurance**: If you drive in Minnesota you must have auto insurance on the vehicle. Always carry proof of insurance in your vehicle. Lack of insurance is a crime.
- **Housing**: Know your rights before you sign a lease. USLS can review your lease before you sign it. Examine the property carefully. Make sure you understand your responsibilities as a tenant.
- **Renter’s Insurance**: If renting a home or apartment Renter’s insurance covers your personal losses.
- **Employment**: Make sure you are eligible to work. Employees have rights. If you experience legal concerns relative to your employment contact USLS.
- **Criminal Convictions or Charges**: For an international student, certain criminal acts could result in deportation. Bad conduct can result in academic discipline and impact your future educational and employment opportunities.
- **Immigration**: If you have questions regarding immigration issues, contact USLS for assistance.
- **Illegal Downloads**: Before you download copyrighted music, movies, TV shows, software or games from the internet, make sure it is authorized and appropriate. You can be held responsible for substantial costs and fees for illegal downloading.
- **Plagiarism and Intellectual Property**: This relates to items created in the mind. You may not copy others work. Assignments done even in a group may require your own final work product. If you are not sure of the instructor’s expectations make sure you find out what is and is not permitted.
- **Alcohol Use and Abuse**: The drinking age is 21. If you are under 21 you may not possess or consume alcohol. Doing so is a crime. Providing alcohol to one who is under the age of 21 is also a crime.
- **False Identification**: It is a crime to use a false I.D. identifying yourself or your age falsely and inaccurately.