The University of Minnesota, founded in 1851, is one of the most comprehensive universities in the world, and ranks among the most prestigious. The University’s mission is threefold: Research and Discovery, Teaching and Learning, and Outreach and Public Service.

Through this mission, the University prepares students to live and work in a global society, and partners with people and organizations across Minnesota and the world to engage students, faculty, and staff in addressing society’s most pressing issues.

**RANKINGS**
The University of Minnesota is one of the world’s top universities and ranks high in many key measures:

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

OUR CAMPUSES
The University of Minnesota has five campuses located across the state of Minnesota. The campuses offer a range of options to students who come from Minnesota, all 50 states, and 130 countries.

Twin Cities: comprehensive, public research institution and the University’s flagship campus
Crookston: baccalaureate institution with focus on experiential learning and pioneer of online and distance education
Duluth: comprehensive regional university and a leader in natural resources and freshwater research
Morris: small, residential, liberal arts university with deep commitment to civic engagement
Rochester: distinctive health sciences and biosciences education and strong partnership with the famed Mayo Clinic, also located in Rochester

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
The University of Minnesota is one of only four in the nation with schools of engineering, medicine, law, veterinary medicine, and agriculture. Twin Cities colleges include:
- Carlson School of Management
- College of Biological Sciences
- College of Continuing and Professional Studies
- College of Design
- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Food, Agricultural & Natural Resource Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Science and Engineering
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Law School
- Medical School
- School of Dentistry
- School of Nursing
- School of Public Health
- University of Minnesota Extension

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY AND ALUMNI
University of Minnesota faculty and alumni have achieved important positions on the world stage and received some of the most prestigious awards.
- 2 U.S. vice presidents
- Prime Ministers of Iceland, Tunisia, and U.K.
- Ambassadors to/from Morocco, Norway, Iceland, Japan, Uganda, and others
- 1 Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
- 26 Nobel Laureates, including Peace Prize
- 3 Pulitzer Prize awardees
- 7 Rhodes Scholars

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

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**RESEARCH**
The University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus is the 9th most active public research university in the U.S. with $955 million in annual research spending.

Driving Tomorrow, the Strategic Plan for the Twin Cities campus, is a focused framework for accelerating advancement of excellence in research, teaching, and outreach. The strategic vision is:

*To be preeminent in solving the grand challenges of a diverse and changing world.*

The plan focuses on five Grand Challenges research areas where the University is especially positioned for great impact:
- Assuring Clean Water and Sustainable Ecosystems
- Fostering Just and Equitable Communities
- Advancing Health Through Tailored Solutions
- Enhancing Individual and Community Capacity for a Changing World
- Feeding the World Sustainably

**A HISTORY OF DISCOVERIES**
University researchers have been responsible for some of the world’s most innovative and life-changing discoveries:
- First successful open-heart surgery and first pancreas and bone marrow transplants in the U.S.
- Discovery of non-invasive method that enables thoughts to control robotic devices
- Invention of the “black box” flight recorder, cardiac pacemaker, and GORE-TEX®
- Discovery of Ziagen, one of the most effective drugs to combat HIV/AIDS
- Development of cold-hardy apple varieties, including Honeycrisp, Zestar!, and SweeTango

**LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**
Joan T. A. Gabel became the 17th president of the University of Minnesota on July 1, 2019. She leads the University’s mission by honoring its legacy as a place of discovery and opportunity, while emphasizing solutions inspired by Minnesotans that serve the state and change the world.

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**GREAT LOCATION**
The University of Minnesota is located in the state of Minnesota, which is known for its friendly people, its lakes and outdoor activities, and a diverse mix of business, arts, and culture.

- Population: 5.64 million (2019)
- 14th largest metropolitan area (Minneapolis-St. Paul)
- 21st largest state
- Area: 225,181 sq km
- Known as the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” with 11,842 lakes covering 12,336 sq km
- The Mississippi River begins its journey in Minnesota, flowing from the headwaters of Lake Itasca south to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico
- Home to 17 Fortune 500 companies, including 3M, General Mills, and Best Buy
- Major international airport (MSP), which serves as Delta Airlines’ second-largest hub
- Diverse immigrant community including the largest Somali and 2nd largest Hmong populations in the U.S.

The Twin Cities and the state of Minnesota are a great place to live with consistent, high rankings in a number of categories:
- #1 cleanest city in the U.S. (Travel + Leisure Magazine)
- #2 best state to live in (U.S. News & World Report)
- #2 healthiest city (American College of Sports Medicine)
- #2 top digital economies (Information Technology and Innovation Foundation)
- #3 in quality of life (Forbes)
- #4 best place to raise children (Kids Count report)
- #4 state for business (CNBC)
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance (GPS Alliance) is the central international office for the University of Minnesota system. The GPS Alliance works closely with campuses, colleges, units, faculty, staff, students, and the community to comprehensively internationalize the University.

INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

The University of Minnesota highly values institutional collaboration with universities abroad. Our partnerships include faculty, students, and staff, as well as research and traditional reciprocal relationships. We encourage partnership development at the collegiate and department levels, where there is the most stake in success and sustainability. Contact the GPS Alliance (global@umn.edu) to discuss options for exchange and partnership.

The University’s GO Minnesota program offers semester and summer study options for international undergraduate and graduate non-degree students, with or without a traditional institutional exchange agreement. Learn more at gominnesota.umn.edu.

GLOBAL COMPETENCE FOR ALL

The Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus initiative includes all learning experiences through which students, faculty, and staff gain global and intercultural competencies. The University seeks to develop faculty and staff capacity to enrich curricula and develop pedagogy that focuses on global learning outcomes. Whether the learning happens on campus or through study abroad, the goal is to ensure that all students have access to global learning experiences.

Globally competent faculty, staff, and students will demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and perspectives necessary to understand the world and work effectively to improve it.

LEARNING ABROAD

The University of Minnesota is a nationally recognized leader in learning abroad. More than 30% of students have an experience abroad before they graduate. The Twin Cities campus is among the top U.S. research institutions with more than 3,000 students going abroad on credit-bearing programs.

**Top Destinations for Study Abroad (2019)**

1. Spain
2. Italy
3. United Kingdom
4. Denmark
5. Australia
6. Ireland
7. China
8. France
9. Costa Rica
10. Canada

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The first international students—from Canada and Denmark—were recorded at the University in 1874. The Twin Cities campus ranked 27th among research institutions in international student population with 6,912 students in 2018–19.

**Top Locations for International Students (Fall 2019)**

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INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

The University has about 485,000 living alumni in Minnesota, the U.S., and around the world. International alumni chapters are currently located in Australia, Brazil, China (Beijing, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Xi’an), Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Iceland, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan.

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