Join your fellow Gophers for the fall semester in Beijing! You will live and study together through a program created by the University of Minnesota for new undergraduates in China.

- **Take UMN courses with a cohort of students in China**
- **Make friends with other Gophers**
- **Connect virtually with student groups, activities, and services in Minnesota**
- **Enjoy specially planned excursions, engagement with the UMN China Office and alumni, and more**

### Who can participate?

All new freshmen living in China who have been admitted to the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities for fall 2020 are eligible.

### What are the dates?

The program is tentatively scheduled to follow the University of Minnesota academic calendar, which starts on September 7. In accordance with the University’s COVID-19 plan, the residential portion of the program will end on November 23 when all UMN in-person courses move to remote or online learning.

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### What courses will I take?

You can choose to register for any UMN courses that are offered online this fall. Several of the most popular courses taken by program participants will be offered on-site in Beijing, so you can experience online instruction in a classroom environment together. You can remain registered for your current courses or an advisor can help you select from course offerings such as:

Based on current course registrations, the most popular courses are WRIT 1301; MATH 1271, 1272, and 1371; STAT 3011; ECON 1101; PSY 1001; PHYS 1301W; AMIN 1003; GEOG 1403 and 1502; ESL 3202 and 3402; JOUR 1001; COMM 1101; AMST 2011; CSCI 1133; and MGMT 1001.

In addition, all students will take a 3-credit class on modern American history taught in person by an instructor in Beijing. The credits will count toward your degree requirements as elective credits.

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**Where will I live and study?**

The program will be based at Capital Normal University in Beijing; however, UMN controls all aspects of the program and participants will not be considered CNU students. You will live with other UMN students in an on-campus dormitory in a double room that includes a bathroom. Participants will have access to CNU facilities like libraries and recreation centers.

The University of Minnesota is partnering with CET Academic Programs to provide local support including housing, classrooms, orientation, excursions, a full-time resident director, and other services. CET is a U.S.-based organization that designs and administers innovative study abroad programs. CET has been a partner of the University of Minnesota for more than a decade, and Gophers regularly study abroad with CET in China and across the globe.

**How much will the program cost?**

In addition to UMN tuition and fees, a program fee of $7,000 will cover your housing, a basic accident and emergency insurance plan, excursions and activities, and administrative support. Meals and travel costs are not included.

**Where can I get more information?**

Send your questions to Molly Portz at global@umn.edu.

**Next Steps:**

- Register by August 11 using [this form](#).
- Pay a non-refundable deposit of $3,500USD (which is 50% of the Program Fee).
- Do not change your current course registration. An advisor will help you adjust your schedule to best fit this program, if needed.