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# PARENT HANDBOOK

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

## PARENTS & FAMILY WEEKEND

Parents and families of new freshmen are invited to visit their sons and daughters on the UMD campus October 24–26, 2008. Meet the Chancellor, come to the Saturday luncheon, attend an athletic event or theatre production, and attend a Sunday brunch. Invitations and registration forms will be sent in early September. We encourage parents to make hotel reservations now! For information on accommodations in the Duluth area, call 1-800-4-Duluth or visit the Parent/Family Website at: <http://parents.d.umn.edu/>.

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

### *Professors, Students, and Class*

Professors at the University of Minnesota Duluth focus their greatest efforts on undergraduate teaching. They are committed to presenting lectures, facilitating discussion, and supervising laboratory work that foster intellectual growth and the acquisition of knowledge. Texts are selected and coursework is assigned and graded with careful attention to the educational development of the class as a whole and of the individuals within the class.

In order to be successful, students must commit an adequate amount of time to their studies. Two hours of out-of-class study is generally expected for every hour that a student is in class. When students spend less time studying it affects their grades, intellectual growth, movement to higher-level classes, and the value of their degree. It is the responsibility of each student to do the careful reading, writing, and thinking necessary to succeed.

At the beginning of each course, every student is given a syllabus that states the instructor's expectations of students. These expectations typically include reading, written work, laboratory work, grading procedures, and class attendance. These are requirements for receiving a satisfactory grade in the course. If students have questions or concerns about the course expectations, these concerns should be discussed with the instructor when the syllabus is received.

Faculty members post "office hours" or times they are available to discuss the course with individual students. If a student has conflicts with an instructor's office hours, an individual appointment may be made.

### *Collegiate Student Affairs Offices*

[www.d.umn.edu/colleges](http://www.d.umn.edu/colleges)

The Student Affairs Office, located in each of UMD's five undergraduate collegiate units, handles information on academic matters pertaining to students of their unit. This includes the following: academic advising, scholastic standing, academic programs, change of major, assignment of academic advisors, grievance and appeals procedures, and undergraduate research.

Students who have questions about their standing in their college or at UMD should go to their Student Affairs Office. Curriculum requirements, academic records, and degree progress information are available for each student enrolled in the college.

## Academic Advising

Academic advising is coordinated by the Student Affairs Offices in UMD's five undergraduate collegiate units. The advising structure for each college differs, but all students are assigned either faculty or staff advisors. Advisors assist students in developing personal, professional, and career goals that are challenging, worthy, and realistic. Advisors also assist students in planning programs of study that help achieve those goals.

Students should make appointments to see their advisors as they plan their classes for the next semester. Advisors also welcome students if they have concerns at other times during the year. Encourage your student to get to know his/her academic advisor and to take full advantage of this valuable resource.

### **Coping Strategy #1**

*"Major? I've had six in the last two months!"*

Deciding on a career or college major is a process that takes time. More than 35% of UMD freshmen enter as "undecided" and many students change majors during their first year. If your son or daughter is undecided about his or her major or career direction, encourage your son or daughter to...

- Look through the UMD Catalog to identify courses that are of interest.
- Use UMD's Liberal Education Program to explore interests.
- Use UMD's Career Information Center to explore how majors relate to careers. After doing initial exploration, make an appointment to see a career counselor in Career Services, 21 Solon Campus Center.

## Registration for Courses and Credits

Course registration takes place one semester at a time. Each course is assigned a certain number of credits. A credit is a unit of academic work. Each credit loosely refers to one hour per week of class or lab time. Most classes are worth 3, 4, or 5 credits.

## Credit Loads

To complete a bachelor's degree in four years, a student usually needs to take an average of 15 credits per semester. However, this does not mean students will be taking exactly 15 credits every semester. The full-time credit load each semester ranges from 12–18 credits, which is typically 4–6 courses. If students are receiving the Minnesota State Grant as part of their financial aid, they must carry a minimum of 15 credits per semester to receive the full grant. The grant is typically prorated if students are enrolled in 12–14 credits.

## Grades

Students are graded A–F for most courses, including minuses (-) and pluses (+). Some courses are graded S (successful completion of work) and N (no credit) only, and some courses allow the students to choose A–F or S–N grading options.

Grades are available within a week after the end of the semester. Students can view grades via the web at [www.d.umn.edu/Registrar](http://www.d.umn.edu/Registrar) or request an unofficial copy of their transcript online at [www.d.umn.edu/registrar/transcripts.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/transcripts.html).

Transcripts and grades are confidential information and, by law, are not available to parents or other third parties without written permission from the student for each request.

### Coping Strategy #2

*"I got a C- on my first exam!"*

It is not unusual for grades to drop from standards set during high school. It takes time for students to adjust to the differences between high school and college coursework. Students often need to actively pursue information on how to improve. Encourage your son or daughter to...

- Talk to the professor and/or teaching assistant (office hours listed on syllabus)
- Improve time management skills (maintain a weekly calendar and organize detailed daily plans)
- Utilize the services provided by the Tutoring Center services, 40 Solon Campus Center
- Form a study group with their classmates
- Consider enrolling in UMD College Study Strategies, SSP 1054

## Student Record Privacy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law mandating an institutional policy concerning privacy rights of students. The act prohibits release of student data (except published directory information) to persons other than authorized University officials without the student's prior written consent. Currently enrolled students may withhold directory information, except name, by completing the Directory Suppression form online by the first week of fall semester.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Students are encouraged to make use of a variety of academic support services offered at UMD. The following departments offer services that help students succeed in college and plan careers.

**Advisement Coordination Center (ACC)** works with students and serves as a coordinating link to the collegiate student affairs offices. The ACC has an open door policy for advising students from any collegiate unit who have questions, concerns, or need help.

**African-American Learning Resource Center** provides support to African-American, African, and Caribbean students in reference to academic advising, counseling, and tutoring services. It also coordinates efforts for campus-wide cultural events, such as Black History Month, that increase the understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity.

**American Indian Learning Resource Center** provides support for the retention of American Indian and Alaskan Native students by providing services and activities that help them succeed at UMD. AILRC staff provides academic, financial, and personal counseling as well as assist students through the admission, orientation, and registration processes. ([www.d.umn.edu/ailrc](http://www.d.umn.edu/ailrc))

**Asian Pacific/Islander Learning Resource Center** offers advising, counseling, and tutoring to Southeast Asian and Asian American students. In addition, the Asian Pacific American Student Association sponsors social and cultural events.

**Career Services** offers professional, confidential help with identifying and achieving career and educational goals. Counselors help students choose courses, majors, and careers; deal with academic difficulties; identify internship and employment possibilities; research graduate and professional schools; and learn job-seeking skills. Career Services' Web pages include extensive information on job search tips and links to Internet resources (<http://careers.d.umn.edu>).

**Disability Services & Resources** assists students with disabilities to achieve academic and physical access to educational, social, and recreational opportunities at UMD. Specific accommodations and services depend on the student's documented needs and are provided upon request. Commonly provided services include assistance with adaptive technology, assistance with note taking, sign language interpreters, test accommodations, priority registration, problem resolution, advocacy, and screening and/or assessment for UMD students encountering learning difficulties. ([www.d.umn.edu/access](http://www.d.umn.edu/access))

**First Year Experience & Students in Transition** assists students through their transition to college. They sponsor programs and services that enhance new student success such as: academic orientation, Bulldog Bash, freshman newsletters, Parents' and Family Weekend, workshops, registration assistance, Introduction to College Learning, and individual assistance. First year students and their parents are encouraged to contact First Year Experience & Students in Transition whenever questions and concerns arise. ([www.d.umn.edu/fye](http://www.d.umn.edu/fye))

**Hispanic/Latino/Chicano Learning Resource Center** provides academic advising, counseling, and tutoring to Hispanic, Latino, and Chicano students. The center works closely with other student organizations on campus to coordinate campus-wide efforts toward cultural diversity, such as Latin American Awareness Month and Fiesta.

**Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Services (GLBT)** provides services to the campus and cooperates with the broader community in order to address the harmful effects

of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification. The GLBT Services office at UMD was created to serve students, faculty, and staff in order to improve the campus climate for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender people. ([www.d.umn.edu/student/MLRC/glb](http://www.d.umn.edu/student/MLRC/glb))

**Introduction to College Learning** (listed as SSP 1000) is a one to two credit, University-wide orientation course. The course promotes success by exposing students to information technology and academic success strategies. Through classroom activities, students make connections with peers and discover valuable campus resources. Introduction to College Learning offers two registration options. The fall semester course meets one to two hours each week and provides a small, interactive classroom atmosphere. The summer session course gives students an opportunity to spend four days and three nights on campus before the start of fall semester. For more information, contact First Year Experience at 218-726-6393.

**Supportive Services Program** offers courses, advising, workshops, and seminars in college educational skills and leadership training. The courses are listed every semester in the class schedule and include College Writing Strategies, Basic Math & Algebra, College Study Strategies, Personal Development, Introduction to College Learning, T.A. Training, and Tutor Training.

**The Tutoring Center** offers free tutoring on a walk-in basis in Accounting, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Spanish, and Writing. Some Biology courses are supported by hour-long supplemental instruction sessions. Schedules are available in the Tutoring Center each semester. Tutors are high achieving undergraduate students who have been identified by an academic department as qualified to tutor selected courses in that department. Tutors are required to complete a tutor training class during their first semester of tutoring and will earn an academic credit for their service hours. ([www.d.umn.edu/tutoring](http://www.d.umn.edu/tutoring))

**Women's Resource & Action Center** works to empower women, both individually and collectively. Its services are available to both males and females and include a drop-in center, a library with books and magazines, and referral to campus and community services. It also sponsors annual events such as Women's History Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ([www.d.umn.edu/student/MLRC/WRAC](http://www.d.umn.edu/student/MLRC/WRAC))

## CAMPUS LIFE

### Kirby Student Center

[www.d.umn.edu/kirby](http://www.d.umn.edu/kirby)

The Kirby Student Center provides services and facilities used by the entire campus. The Kirby Information Desk cashes checks, sells newspapers, provides bus schedules, provides campus event schedules, and operates a "lost and found." The first floor of Kirby houses public telephones, the bookstore, computer corner, and the Student Activities Office. Several automatic bank tellers are located on the second floor of KSC. The Kirby Student Center telephone number is 218-726-7163.

## Student Activities

[www.d.umn.edu/kirby/activities](http://www.d.umn.edu/kirby/activities)

There are more than 150 registered student organizations representing a wide variety of interests at UMD. The activities and programs organized and sponsored by these groups supplement the educational opportunities found in the classroom. A directory of student organizations is available online at the website above. New students are encouraged to respond to ads and invitations to join the campus groups. Every fall semester the organizations focus their efforts on reaching out to new students to help them become active members of campus life. The Student Activities office phone number is 218-726-7169.

## Residence Life

[www.d.umn.edu/housing](http://www.d.umn.edu/housing)

A variety of furnished housing is available at UMD for students who wish to live in University residence halls, suites, and apartments. The University offers housing to 1564 students in traditional residence halls, 96 students in suites, and 1359 students in apartment-style units. Research has shown that students who live on campus are more active in academic and extra-curricular activities than commuters, have a lower drop-out rate than other students, and are generally more satisfied with their college education. Typically, many freshmen live in the residence halls and suites, while most sophomores, juniors, and seniors live in the apartments. Some freshman students live in apartments. Because student residents live in a community of people who are much like themselves, residence life offers a unique support system. All university housing facilities are staffed with trained Resident Advisors (RAs) who serve as peer counselors, programmers, policy enforcers, and sources of referral. Although RAs are not professional counselors, they serve as good initial contacts for students who are experiencing personal, academic, or social difficulties. The residence halls, suites and university apartments are located within walking distance to classes, the library, sports facilities, shopping centers and campus activities. The Housing & Residence Life Office telephone number is 218-726-8178.

### Coping Strategy #3

#### *"My roommate is an alien from Mars!"*

Whether best friends from high school or perfect strangers, roommates will experience ups and downs. As much as possible, students are encouraged to solve problems with one another. Cooperative living comes about through each roommate's careful efforts. Encourage your son or daughter to...

- Talk with the roommate BEFORE moving in together, discuss potential conflict areas (community versus personal property; neatness versus pig sty; early bird versus night owl) and set up a room use schedule (times for... being alone, no visitors, quiet, television on/off, etc.)
- Discuss conflicts as they arise and negotiate solutions BUT don't turn a molehill into a mountain
- Gain advice from an upper division student (Resident Assistants are a valuable resource)

- If conflicts escalate, seek out campus resources (Residence Life personnel and Health Services counseling staff)

## Religious Worship

The UMD Council of Religious Advisors is located in the Kirby Student Center. Several religious denominations and faiths are represented on campus, some of which conduct services on campus. There are also churches and synagogues within walking distance of the campus. New students have an opportunity to submit an interest form during orientation.

## Health Services

[www.d.umn.edu/hlthserv](http://www.d.umn.edu/hlthserv)

UMD Health Services (HS), located on campus between Lake Superior Hall and Goldfine Hall, is designed to serve the unique needs of students. HS is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. When HS is not open, students are directed to nearby urgent care centers or emergency rooms. For general information or to make an appointment, call Health Services at 218-726-8155.

The student service fee pays for unlimited visits to Health Services including exams for general illnesses, injuries, physicals, and preventive and gynecological care. Other services are offered at a reasonable cost and can often be billed to your insurance companies. These services include medications, lab, x-ray, immunizations and allergy shots, and elective minor surgery. HS is able to bill many insurance companies and will assist with the billing process.

In addition to medical services, HS also offers mental health counseling and educational events. Students seek counseling for concerns ranging from roommate problems to depression. Educational events are focused on student health issues such as alcohol and other drug use, safer sex, safety on campus, healthy student lifestyles, and more.

The Health Services staff includes qualified health professionals and is accredited by the American Association of Ambulatory Health Care and the International Association of Counseling Services. All health records are confidential and cannot be released to parents or other third parties, including other University departments, without the written consent of the student.

### Coping Strategy #4

*"I miss the wallpaper in my bedroom!"*

Homesickness is a natural feeling for many students living away from home. Even after the initial transition period, homesickness might continue to surface at particularly stressful times. Students often call home for encouragement and reassurance while working to find their niche in their new environment. Students who work through these feelings experience a high level of personal growth and development. Encourage your son or daughter to...

- Take an active role in making friends (leave residence hall door open, introduce self to new acquaintances, form study groups, hang out where students are, join other students in the dining center)

- Get involved in campus activities (meet students with common interests through student organizations and intramural sports)
- Limit weekend trips home
- If feelings persist, seek support through UMD Counseling Services

## Student Employment

[www.d.umn.edu/umdhr/studentjobs](http://www.d.umn.edu/umdhr/studentjobs)

Student employment information can be accessed via the student employment web site. Each job posting includes the name of the hiring department and contact person, a brief position description, and the minimum qualifications of the position. There are two types of employment: college work study (qualified applicants are awarded college work study as part of their financial aid package) and miscellaneous employment (available to students enrolled in at least six credits per semester).

Common student positions include food service workers, office assistants, custodial staff, and computer and science lab attendants. New students should keep in mind that they may need to begin in an entry-level position with the potential of moving onto more responsible positions as they gain experience.

## Continuing Education

[www.d.umn.edu/ce](http://www.d.umn.edu/ce)

Duluth Continuing Education (CE) offers educational opportunities to members of the local community who are generally not full-time students. Some undergraduate and master's degrees and selected certificate programs are offered through CE in partnership with collegiate units. CE also offers special credit and noncredit conferences and workshops. Most of the courses that CE offers are held in the evening in order to serve people who work during the day. For more information, contact Continuing Education at 218-726-7888.

## Non-Degree Credit Courses

Two courses offered at UMD cannot be counted toward the bachelor's degree. These courses cover material that is below the level of difficulty required to meet the University of Minnesota Duluth's standards for bachelor's degree work. Students may sometimes be recommended to take these courses to cover material required to prepare for other college-level courses.

**These courses are:**

SSP 0103 Basic Mathematics and Introductory Algebra  
Math 0102 Euclidean Geometry

The amount of time and effort these courses require is proportional to the equivalent credits assigned to them. Non-degree credits appear on a student's transcript in brackets. They will not be counted in the total earned UMD credits or toward graduation and course grades will not be calculated into the student's grade point average (GPA).

The credit for non-degree courses may be used in determining financial aid eligibility. The credit also may be used to meet

intercollegiate athletic eligibility requirements if the student also earns 24 degree credits during the academic year. Student athletes must discuss the terms of eligibility with the Athletic department.

## **Personal Safety**

The campus is patrolled by uniformed police officers seven days a week, 24 hours a day. They serve the campus safety and security needs and are available around the clock to respond to emergencies. If the need arises, students may contact Campus Police, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 726-7000. During non-office hours, students should call 911 (for any reason) to request Campus Police assistance.

UMD has very little trouble with violent crime; however, since theft is a problem on many college campuses, it is recommended that students mark all personal property. Items such as purses and backpacks should not be left unattended and valuable property should never be left inside a car, even if locked. Students living in the residence halls are encouraged to carry their own personal property or renter's insurance if they are not covered by their parents' homeowner's insurance. They are also urged to keep doors locked at all times to prevent thefts or unauthorized entries.

UMD's "Safewalk" Escort service is available Sunday through Thursday from 8–11 p.m. Volunteers can be reached at 218-726-6100 or in the Greek Life office near the Kirby Student Center Lounge.

## **Student Right-to-Know Act**

The University of Minnesota upholds the Student Right-to-Know Act, which ensures that information related to graduation rates, athletically related student aid, disciplinary proceeding outcomes, and campus security policy and crime statistics be disclosed to current students and to any applicant for enrollment. The Campus Security Act brochure is available upon request.

## **Transportation**

**Duluth Transit Authority (DTA):** Bus schedules are available at the Kirby Information Desk. DTA service is free for UMD students, faculty, and staff.

**Greyhound & Jefferson Lines:** These companies provide bus service to from Duluth to destinations around the state. Schedule information can be obtained at the Kirby Information Desk.

**Ride Board:** Students have their own network for finding and sharing rides. The ride boards on campus advertise rides and riders needed by fellow students. The Ride Board is located on the first floor of Kirby Student Center, at the entrance to the Kirby Games Room.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

### **Paying Tuition**

[www.d.umn.edu/umdbo/sar.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/umdbo/sar.html)

A billing statement is emailed to students via their UMD email accounts at the beginning of each semester. Tuition and fees are due approximately three weeks from the date of their billing statement. Late fees will be charged for payments received after the due date.

The Student Accounts Receivable office manages the billing and payment of tuition, fees, on campus housing, and other departmental charges. These charges may be paid on an installment plan. To be eligible for installment payments, the minimum installment listed on the billing statement must be paid by the due date.

#### **Tuition and fees may be paid:**

**By mail:** Mail check or money order and the student's UMD ID number to: UMD Cashier's Office, 140 Darland Administration Building, 1137 University Drive, Duluth MN 55812.

**In person:** Cashier's windows are located in the lobby of the Darland Administration Building. Hours: 8:30 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday.

**Drop box:** Deposit check or money order (no cash) along with the student's UMD ID number in the payment drop box located next to the Cashier's Office, Darland Administration Building Lobby.

**Online:** The UM Pay electronic billing and payment system will automatically send an email notification to the student's U of M email address when the bill is ready to be viewed online. Students will need their U of M Internet ID and password to log into the UM Pay System. Students can authorize a parent or other third party to view and pay the bill online. Authorized payers will need to use the login name and password provided by their student. Once logged in, authorized payers can view students' tuition bills online, view students' billing and payment history online, pay students' tuition bills online by deducting the amount from a checking or savings account, and download and print a copy of the students' bill for sending check payments via US Mail. Payment by credit card is not an option.

### **Financial Aid**

[www.d.umn.edu/fareg](http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg)

Most financial aid payments will be automatically credited electronically to individual student accounts by the Student Accounts Receivable office when the aid is ready for disbursement. If the aid is more than the student owes, the student will receive a check for the surplus. Some private scholarships, alternative loans and some agency grants have checks disbursed to students. These checks may be picked up in the Student Assistance Center, 21 Solon Campus Center.

UMD participates in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. These loans are the same as other student loans except that the federal government, rather than a bank or credit union, is the lender and delivers proceeds electronically through UMD.

If there are problems processing the financial aid application, or if the FAFSA or loan application was filed late, the awarded aid might not be available by the time classes begin. Questions should be directed to the Student Assistance Center, 21 Solon Campus Center or 218-726-8000.

To be considered for financial aid at UMD, students must comply with the general eligibility requirements, which are described at [www.d.umn.edu/fareg/eligibility\\_general.htm](http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg/eligibility_general.htm). The following steps outline the financial aid process for students:

1. In order to apply for federal and state financial aid, students and parents must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which becomes available January 1, 2008. The fastest way to apply is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). In order to sign the FAFSA electronically, students and parents will need separate Personal Identification Numbers (PIN). We recommend that both of you apply for your PINs on the FAFSA website before you complete the application. If you prefer, you can obtain a paper FAFSA from the Student Assistance Center and mail it to the Federal Processing Center. Please include UMD's federal school code (002388) on your FAFSA so we can receive it electronically from the Federal Processing Center.
2. Once the Federal Processing Center receives the FAFSA, it will determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) based on your FAFSA answers and send your FAFSA electronically to UMD. We will review the application and will contact students via their UMD email accounts if additional documentation is needed.
3. When the award package is ready, we will contact students via their UMD email accounts. Students will be directed to a link to view and accept or decline the financial aid award(s) on the UMD Financial Aid and Registrar website: [www.d.umn.edu/fareg](http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg).
4. If students accept any federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans, they will need to complete a Master Promissory Note with the same PIN they received from the Federal Processing Center. They also need to complete an Entrance Counseling session if they are first-time borrowers. Perkins Loan recipients need to complete a Perkins Promissory Note online as well. All of the above documents are linked to the financial aid website at [www.d.umn.edu/fareg](http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg).
5. Financial aid awards will be applied toward tuition, fees and other charges on the billing statement. If any excess funds remain, a surplus check will be sent to the student's current mailing address. Surplus checks can also be deposited into a checking or savings account. This can be arranged by either going in person to Student Accounts Receivables, windows 15 or 16 in the Darland Administration Building or online by clicking on Direct Deposit at <http://hrss.umn.edu>

## Costs

[www.d.umn.edu/registrar/tuition\\_and\\_fees.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/tuition_and_fees.html)

The list shown here includes tuition and fees that typically appear on the billing statement. The dollar amounts below reflect 2007–2008 per semester rates for Minnesota residents; tuition and fees for 2008–2009 will be determined this summer by the University Regents. The UM Pay electronic billing and payment system will send an email notification to students' UMD email addresses when the bill is ready to be viewed online. Refer to the "Paying Tuition" information above for details regarding payment.

<b>Tuition</b>	<b>3850.00</b>
Tuition is charged per credit. (13 credits @ \$296.15 per credit)	
<b>Basic internet/email access</b>	<b>5.40/credit</b>
A computer fee of \$5.40 per credit is assessed as follows:	
Per credit (12 or fewer credits)	5.40
Per term (13 or more credits)	68.00

This permits basic access to individual email accounts and the Internet.

### Collegiate Equipment and Technology Fee (for students registered for 6 or more credits)

Liberal Arts	150.00
Science and Engineering	150.00
Education/Human Service Professions	125.00
Fine Arts	250.00
Graphic Design Students	250.00
Business and Economics	100.00

### Student Service Fee 244.12

This is a mandatory fee for students registered for six credits or more. It contributes to student-run programs and organizations that provide social, recreational, and non-academic services for students, such as the student newspaper, student government, dances, movies, and sports programs. A portion of this fee also supports Health Services.

### Orientation fee 40.00

This fee is charged to all new students to cover processing and program costs for their first registration.

### Hospitalization/University Insurance Fee 782.00

The University Board of Regents requires that all students registered for six credits or more have health insurance coverage. Students may waive the purchase of the University sponsored plan by supplying the name, telephone number and policy number of their insurance at the time they register. If the fee appears on the fee statement it means the student did not waive its purchase. The student will be covered by the policy and will be held responsible for payment. If this fee appears on the fee statement and the student does not want to be covered, he or she must have it removed before the end of the second week of the semester by supplying proof of other coverage. For more information on the University-sponsored plan, contact the Student Assistance Center at 800-232-1339.

**MPIRG****4.12**

This is an optional contribution to Minnesota Public Interest Research Group. MPIRG is a student-run advocacy group that addresses public and social issues; students choose whether to contribute each time they register.

**SLC****3.25**

This is an optional contribution to Student Legislative Coalition. SLC lobbies to express student views on University quality, affordability, and accessibility; students choose whether to contribute each time they register.

**University Fee****500.00**

This fee helps to cover infrastructure and administrative support costs in a wide variety of areas. This fee is assessed to all students; \$450.00 is the level of the fee for students enrolled in 10 or more credits. (Less than 9 credits – per credit \$50)

**Other fees**

Special fees are charged for specific courses, such as courses that require computer lab access, private music lessons, or science courses. See descriptions online by clicking on “Course Fees” at [www.d.umn.edu/registrar/tuition\\_and\\_fees.html](http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/tuition_and_fees.html)

# RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

## Online Resources

The UMD Parent and Family website is a great source for up-to-date information regarding campus resources, campus events, and much more. To access the Parent and Family website, simply go to <http://parents.d.umn.edu>. First Year Experience & Students in Transition sponsors a monthly online newsletter for parents that provides timely information regarding transition issues, billing, registration, campus resources, and campus events. Refer to the website during the first week of each month to review the newest issue of the parent newsletter or sign up for a monthly email notification by visiting the website above and clicking on "Email Notification".

## Parent/Guest Access—FERPA

A student may use the online, self-service application called Parent/Guest Access. This will allow a third party (a spouse, parent, etc.) with access to view the following: Enrollment Summary, Financial Aid Status, Grades, Holds, Student Account, View Financial Aid Awards. To learn more about the Parent/Guest Access go to: [www.d.umn.edu/fareg/parent\\_guest.htm](http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg/parent_guest.htm)

## Recommended Reading for Parents

### Parenting the College-Bound Student

- Coburn, K.L. and Treeger, M. (2003). *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Today's College Experience*, 4th ed. New York: Harper Collins.
- Kunkel, J. (1991). *Pack up Your Pupil: A Guide to Help Parents Move Their College Bound Children from Home to Campus*. Robert Erdmann Publishing.
- Pasik, P. (1998). *Almost Grown: Launching Your Child from High School to College*. New York: Norton.
- Salvi, L.N. and Hunt, M.J. (1994). *When Your Kids go to College*. Novalis, NJ: Paulist Press.

### Personal Development

- Scharf-Hunt, D. and Hait, P. (1990). *Studying Smart: Time Management for College Students*. Harper Perennial.

### Academic

- Santrock, J.W. and Halonen, J.S. (2003). *Your Guide to College Success: Strategies for Achieving Your Goals*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

## Motels and Hotels in Duluth

Duluth is a popular tourist location, especially during the summer and fall months. When you're planning a trip to Duluth to help your son or daughter move into the residence halls or to attend Parents' and Family Weekend, be sure to make your reservations early. For a complete list of motels/hotels in the Duluth and surrounding areas, contact the Duluth Convention and Visitor's Bureau (1-800-4-Duluth) or check online at [www.visitduluth.com](http://www.visitduluth.com).

- Best Western Edgewater (2400 London Road) 800-777-7925
- Comfort Suites Canal Park (408 Canal Park Dr.) 800-517-4000
- Comfort Inn West (3900 W. Superior St.) 800-228-5150
- Country Inn & Suites (9220 W. Skyline Pkwy.) 218-628-0668
- Days Inn (909 Cottonwood Ave) 218-727-3110  
or 800-DAYSINN
- Fairfield Inn (901 Joshua Ave) 800-228-2800
- Fitger's Inn (600 East Superior St.) 800-726-2982
- Hampton Inn (310 Canal Park Dr) 800-426-7866
- \*Holiday Inn Duluth (200 W 1st St.) 218-722-1202  
or 800-477-7089
- Inn on Lake Superior (350 Canal Park Dr) 888-668-4352
- \*Suites at Waterfront Plaza (325 Lake Ave S) 218-727-4663  
or 877-766-2665
- Motel 6 (I-35 & 27th Ave W) 218-723-1123
- \*Radisson Hotel Duluth (5th Ave W & Superior) 218-727-8981
- \*Sheraton Duluth Hotel (301 E Superior St) 218-733-5660
- Super 8 (4100 W Superior St) 800-800-800

\*These hotels offer special rates to parents and families of UMD students. When making a reservation by phone, simply indicate you are coming to Duluth for UMD's New Student Move-In, Parents and Family Weekend and/or any UMD function.

## *Campus Resources*

Admissions	726-7171
Advisement Coordination Center	726-7779
American Indian Learning Resource Center	726-6379
Athletics (Intercollegiate)	726-8168
Career Services	726-7985
Collegiate Student Affairs Offices	
Business & Economics	726-6594
Education & Human Service Professions	726-7074
Fine Arts	726-7262
Liberal Arts	726-8180
Science & Engineering	726-7585
Counseling (Health Services)	726-7913
Directory Information-UMD	726-8000
Disability Services & Resources	726-8217
Financial Aid	726-8000
First Year Experience & Students in Transition	726-6393
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Services	726-7300
Health Services	726-8155
Housing Office	726-8178
Library	726-8102
Multicultural Center	726-6522
Parking Services	726-7433
Police (UMD)	726-7000
Religious Advisers	726-8737
Student Employment Office	726-7912
Supportive Services Program	726-8728

## ***UMD Calendar 2008-2009***

### **Fall Semester 2008**

August 28	On campus housing move-in begins for new students
August 28–September 1	Welcome Week and Bulldog Bash
September 2	Fall semester classes begin
October 24–26	Parents' and Family Weekend
November 27–27	Classes excused
December 12	Last day of Fall semester Classes
December 15–19	Final exams
December 20–January 19	Semester Break

### **Spring Semester 2009**

January 19	On campus housing opens
January 20	Spring semester classes begin
March 16–20	Spring break
May 8	Last day of spring semester classes
May 11–15	Final exams
May 16	Commencement

### **May Session 2009**

May 18	May session classes begin
May 25	Classes excused
June 5	Final exams; end of May session



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