



# University of Minnesota at Twin Cities

## Carlson School of Management

Tired of the hot weather and busy lifestyle of Bangkok? Go for Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes that locates in the northern part of the U.S.

### Pre-arrival

- We recommend signing up for the buddy program from the International Students association of UMN.
- Invest in winter clothes. Wind-proof coats, gloves, scarf, boots are essential.
- Do not get insurance on your own. UMN will require students to purchase theirs. The university's health service also allows you to see the doctor free of charge. Only your specialty medicine is needed. Other general medication can be purchased at drugstores such as CVS pharmacy.

### Arrival

- Most of the courses at Carlson School of Management are 2-credit, 7-week classes. You can search for courses in the course catalog. Your desired courses may appear as full but you should ask the Carlson Global Institute staff.
- Orientation week includes the Twin Cities tour, American culture class and other activities that will help you prepare for the semester and meet other exchange students.

### Transportation

We strongly recommend purchasing U-Pass as soon as possible. The card offers unlimited rides for both bus and light rail train of any route.



### Top 5 tips!

- Learn to use gopher way to connect buildings - the best life saver during winter
- Always check your moodle and UMN email – even before the semester starts
- Layering clothes - convenient for peeling off if needed
- Wind chill - what you need to look for from the weather forecast
- Gopher groceries - best way to get groceries right in front of your door





## Accommodation

We stayed at University Village Apartment because it is fully equipped with kitchen and laundry. Three bus stops and a five-minute walk will take you to the school. There's also the Middlebrook Hall dormitory which locates just across the street from the Carlson School of Management. Although cooking is prohibited, meal plan is a good option.

## Courses and exams

Do not be discouraged to find graduate students in some courses. Massive workloads, assigned readings and group assignments should be anticipated. Although homework may not require submission, you are expected to be prepared for class discussion regarding the homework questions and readings. Note that topics discussed usually appear in exam. Exams are quite easier than BBA TU but it accounts for fewer portions of the grade.

Carlson Global Institute staff; namely Kate and Kirsten, were really nice and helpful when we were seeking for advice about the courses. They

are willing to help exchange students get through peaks and valleys during the program.

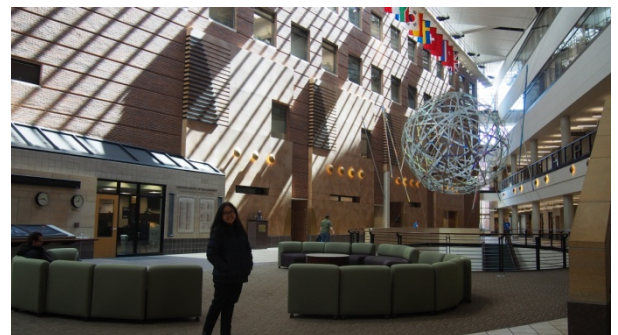


## Lifestyle - Activities

- Groceries - Walmart, Target, Rainbow and Cub Foods – Gopher Grocery (online store) – International specialty market (Asian Market)
- Carlson GLOBE buddy program - meeting other exchange and Carlson students and getting updates on interesting events
- Having dinner with a local family by Carlson Global Institute - meeting new people and knowing more about American culture.
- "Pet Away Worry and Stress" (PAWS) sessions at

the University's Boynton Health Service – animal therapy sessions

- Minneapolis area: Mall of America (the largest shopping mall in USA), Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, Sculpture Garden (Walker Art Center), Lake Calhoun, Minnehaha Park
- St. Paul area: State Capitol, Cathedral of St. Paul
- Ice Skating, Snowboarding, Snow Tubing
- Sport events such as Gopher Hockey Games



Being exchange students at University of Minnesota provide a valuable experience that we could not get elsewhere. Thanks to Thammasat Business School and partner universities for such great opportunities to explore different cultures and deepen our knowledge.