Policies

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This publication/material is available in alternative formats upon request. Contact the Office of the Registrar, 9 Hill Hall (218-281-8547).

To request disability accommodations, contact the Office for Students With Disabilities (218-281-8565).

Access to Student Educational Records—In accordance with regents policy on access to student records, information about a student generally may not be released to a third party without the student’s permission. (Exceptions under the law include state and federal educational and financial aid institutions.) Some student information—name, address, electronic (e-mail) address, telephone number, dates of enrollment and enrollment status (full time, part time, not enrolled, withdrawn, and date of withdrawal), college and class, major, adviser, academic awards and honors received, and degrees earned—is considered public or directory information. Students may prevent the release of public information. To do so, they must notify the records office on their campus.

Students have the right to review their educational records and to challenge the contents of those records. The regents policy is available for review on the Web at [http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Grades/Transcripts/RecordsPolicy.html](http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Grades/Transcripts/RecordsPolicy.html), at 200 Fraser Hall, Minneapolis, and at records offices on other campuses of the University. Questions may be directed to the One Stop Student Services Center, (612-624-1111; toll-free from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area at 1-800-400-8636; or 612-626-0701, TTY for hearing-impaired students only).

Students are responsible for updating their personal information, which can be done online through the “Personal Information” link at [http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop](http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop).

Immunization—Students born after 1956 who take more than one University class are required under Minnesota law to submit an Immunization Record. This form, which is sent along with the official University admission letter, must be filled out and returned to the UMC Student Health Service within 45 days after the beginning of the first term of enrollment in order for students to continue registering for classes at the University. Complete instructions accompany the form.

Extracurricular Events—No extracurricular events requiring student participation may be scheduled from the beginning of study day to the end of finals week. Exceptions to this policy may be granted. Any exemption granted pursuant to this policy shall be honored and that students who are unable to complete course requirements during finals week shall be provided an alternative and timely opportunity to do so.

Student Right-to-Know Act—Students may receive, on request, information about campus security and graduation and retention rates at UMC. This information is available from the Office of Admissions, 170 Owen Annex.

Smoke Free Campus Policy—Smoking is prohibited in all UMC facilities except for designated private residence hall rooms. Smoking is permitted outdoors but not within 25 feet of any building entrance. Smokers who choose to smoke outside are asked to properly dispose of smoking materials.

E-mail: The University’s Official Means of Communication—University assigned student e-mail accounts shall be the University’s official means of communication with all students. Students are responsible for all information sent to them via the University assigned e-mail account. If a student chooses to forward the University e-mail account, she or he is still responsible for all information, including attachments, that is sent to the University e-mail account.

Admission

Admission Requirements

Enrolling an academically qualified, diverse student body is essential to UMC’s mission. The academic and social environment of the campus is greatly enhanced by a diverse student body, and students are better prepared to thrive in a multicultural world.

Freshmen

Students are considered freshmen if they are still high school students or if they have earned fewer than 24 college semester credits. Students who have not been granted a standard high school diploma must pass the GED test before they are admitted as a regular student. Minnesota residents aged 19 or older can take the test at the UMC Career and Counseling Services office. This office is also an ACT Assessment residual testing site for students who were unable to test on a national test date. Admission decisions are based on an overall assessment of the following factors.

Automatic Acceptance

• Successful completion of a high school or college preparatory program

• Grade point average (minimum 2.00 GPA)

• ACT or SAT scores (minimum 21 ACT or 980 SAT)

• Strength of the student’s curriculum through high school graduation, including courses that exceed the core subject requirements and any advanced courses (honors, AP, IB, college level)

Additional Review Factors

Students who fail to meet minimum requirements of GPA and ACT or SAT scores will be referred to the Admissions Committee for an admission decision, where the following factors also will be considered.