

## How to Register for Parent Orientation

Once your student selects an Orientation date, you can sign up for Parent Orientation at [www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent).

You are not automatically registered for Parent Orientation when your student selects a date. Use the link above to register. We encourage students and parents to attend on the same day. You are welcome to come on another date if you cannot come on the same day as your student.

## Cost of Attendance

**\$25 advance registration/\$35 on-site registration**

Parent Orientation includes a continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, a full day of workshops, and printed materials.

# REGISTER FOR PARENT ORIENTATION

As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student's transition to college life. That is why we want parents and family members to attend an Orientation program. Being a parent of an international student means you have options as to what type of Parent Orientation program to attend:

- **Parent Orientation:**  
University wide orientation program hosted by Orientation & First-Year Programs
- **International Parent Orientation (IPoP) Program:**  
hosted by International Student & Scholar Services
- **Chinese International Parent Orientation Program (CHIPoP):**  
hosted by International Student & Scholar Services and delivered in Chinese language

At all programs, you will learn about the business of interacting with the University and its many resources. At the Parent Orientation program, you will become aware of the transitional issues students experience during their first year at the U of M and some strategies for supporting them through this transition. Even if you're familiar with the U of M campus, Parent Orientation offers relevant and timely information on tuition expenses (including how the tuition bill can be paid), health insurance, safety on campus, academic expectations, academic advising, registration, and University resources.

Parent Orientation is on the same dates as student Orientation. The IPoP program is on Tuesday, August 23 and the CHIPoP program is on Friday, August 26. More information regarding the IPoP and CHIPoP programs can be found on the next page.

For the Parent Orientation program schedule, visit [www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent](http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent).

# INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION (IPoP) PROGRAM

This half-day program on Tuesday, August 23 will address any international student and parent-related questions. This session is a supplement to the one-day Parent Orientation program. There is no additional charge for this program.

For questions about IPoP, please e-mail [ipop@umn.edu](mailto:ipop@umn.edu). We are able to respond in different languages, if needed.



## CHINESE INTERNATIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM (CHIPoP):

Chinese speaking international parents are invited to join a one-day alternative orientation session on Thursday, August 25. This session is delivered in Chinese language and addresses specific questions and concerns of Chinese parents.

To read more about this program in Chinese language, go to [www.iss.umn.edu/programs/parent/default.html](http://www.iss.umn.edu/programs/parent/default.html).

For questions about CHIPoP, please e-mail [lixx0887@umn.edu](mailto:lixx0887@umn.edu).

## ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

As students begin their careers at the University, it is important that they register for classes on their own with the guidance of their academic advisers, and that they begin making their own decisions about their academic futures.

Encouraging students to be self-sufficient will help them develop confidence, improve problem-solving skills, and enhance their overall experience at the U of M.

# PARENT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS



## On Campus

AUGUST 24 OR 25:

On-campus lodging is available at Comstock Hall. The rate for one person is \$44, and each additional guest is \$27 per night. You will be able to check into your room at 3:00 p.m., or earlier if your room is ready. Your room will have basic amenities such as linens and towels.

To make your reservation:

[z.umn.edu/orientationhousing](https://z.umn.edu/orientationhousing)

AUGUST 29:

There is no on-campus overnight option.

## Hotels

The following hotels are close to Orientation activities. When making your reservation, let them know you are visiting the University of Minnesota. A discount may apply.

### **DAYS HOTEL ON UNIVERSITY (EAST BANK)**

[www.daysinn.com/hotel/08225](https://www.daysinn.com/hotel/08225)

1-800-375-3990 or 612-623-3999

### **COURTYARD MINNEAPOLIS DOWNTOWN (WEST BANK)**

[www.courtyard.com/mspdc](https://www.courtyard.com/mspdc)

612-333-4646

Get a University of Minnesota discount using promotion code "ZU8"

### **THE COMMONS HOTEL (EAST BANK)**

[www.commonshotel.com](https://www.commonshotel.com)

1-800-822-6757 or 612-379-8888

Get a University of Minnesota Orientation discount at The Commons by using promotion code "UORI"

# STAY CONNECTED TO CAMPUS



Once school begins, here are some great ways for parents and families to stay connected with the University. First, families will receive the Parent and Family Program Update email newsletter every other week during the academic year and periodically during breaks. Also, follow the Parent and Family Program on Facebook.

## **Family Membership to the U of M Alumni Association**

Join the U of M Alumni Association with a Family Membership. The Family Membership program provides families, including your student, with all of the great benefits of the Alumni Association, while also supporting programming and events for family members when they visit campus. Alumni Association membership will also connect your student with mentoring and career development resources. Families receive a subscription to *Minnesota Alumni*, the award-winning Alumni Association magazine that highlights what's happening at the U.

Membership also includes a 20% discount at the University Bookstore, including apparel and gifts, along with Academic pricing on select Apple products (discounts as much as \$100 on select products); alumni rates at The Commons Hotel on campus, member ticket rates for Northrop Dance, U of M Theater Arts and School of Music Performances. Registration information is available at [parent.umn.edu/membership](https://parent.umn.edu/membership). Stop by the table at the Resource Fair during Orientation.