U Card Information for New Students

Your U Card is your University of Minnesota Student ID card. You will use your U Card to access University buildings, as your University Library card, to charge books to your Student Account at the University Bookstore and more! You will receive your first U Card from the U Card Office on your campus. **You must present an approved primary form of a government issued photo ID (i.e. Driver's license, passport) to receive your first U Card.** Please visit ucard.umn.edu for more information.

**Upload a Photo for your U Card!**

You have the option to upload a photo of your choice for your U Card. Upload your photo at z.umn.edu/photoupload. This will also save you time when you go to get your U Card.

**Get your Preferred Name on your U Card**

If you would like to have your preferred name printed on your U Card you will need to go to your MyU - My Info - Click The Edit Pencil By Your Name - Add A New Name - Select Preferred Name and then fill in your preferred name. If you currently have a U Card please refer to our replacement policy. You will need to update your preferred name 24 hours prior to uploading your U Card photo. If you do not plan to upload your U Card photo be sure to update your preferred name 24 hours prior to your orientation date.

**Twin Cities Campus students:** If you would like to avoid long wait times, please visit the U Card Office to pick up your U Card between July 31st, 2017 - August 16th, 2017 or August 31st, 2017-September 1st, 2017.

**Rochester Campus students:** Incoming students are required to upload a photo for their U Card at least 1 week prior to Orientation - z.umn.edu/UMRUCardPhoto. Make sure to indicate you are a Rochester Campus student. U Cards are created in the Twin Cities office and mailed to the Rochester Campus every two weeks.

**Gopher GOLD™**

You also have the option to load money onto your U Card into your Gopher GOLD account. Loading money into your Gopher GOLD account will allow you to make purchases all over campus using your U Card. The Gopher GOLD™ Account is the University of Minnesota declining balance account on the U Card — it is not a bank account. **Gopher GOLD is the only way to pay for printing on campus.** Please visit gophergold.umn.edu for more information.