

Minneapolis Field trip information

Do's Don'ts and Frequently asked questions

Copy the itinerary and hotel information that is on **UMlearn** and leave it with an emergency contact (family or close friends).

We are leaving on Wednesday October 12th. You will sign in at 7:30 am and board the bus. The sign-in is located at the ArtLab Building on the first floor. Sign in includes showing us your border crossing ID and we stamp your hand. Then you can get on the bus. The buses will leave our campus at 8:am. The buses are labeled bus 1 and bus 2. You must use the same bus for the entire trip.

You will get a field trip handout once you have signed in and you are on the bus. It will include your assignment, maps, itinerary and pertinent information for the trip.

Travel insurance is a good idea. Your coverage should be for health and baggage. Cost is around 15 dollars.

American money is necessary. Your breakfast is included but you will be responsible for all other meals. There are ATM's at the Malls at Fargo and Grand Forks. Take some Canadian cash as well. Budget a minimum of \$40 dollars per day.

If you have allergies to certain foods you are responsible for finding places or food to eat. There is a large target store near the hotel and you should find the basics. Pack yourself an allergy free lunch as most gallery cafes do not cater to people with allergies.

Pack seasonal clothing, only what you need and pack it yourself. Bringing a camera, calling card/cell phone, pillow for the bus, aspirin, or gravol are also good suggestions. Be mindful when using cell phones as roaming charges can be very expensive.

For your assignment you should pack a pencil, eraser, minimum of 25 sheets of 8 ½ X 11 paper and something sturdy to draw and write on. For example, a sketchbook or clipboard. Please have an envelope or alternative to hand your assignment in. I cannot keep track of loose paper.

no shipping on the bus

no duty free stops

no liquor or drugs - legal drinking age 21

Anyone that is under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be taking the bus. They will be asked to make their own way back.

Carry all of your documents with you on the bus. (When you're exploring carry your back-up ID)

No food or other perishables and no dangerous or restricted goods are allowed. Do not even think about packing fruit for the trip.

In a border patrol interview, just answer the questions asked: Don't elaborate, joke, act suspicious. Sunglasses and hats off.

Remember, the officer does not have to let you in.

Carry prescription and over-the-counter drugs in their original packaging, not a zip-loc.

They will not let you use the washroom at the border. Once we get through the border we can leave the building and have a break.

After each absence of 48 hours or more You can claim up to CAN \$800 worth of goods without paying any duties.

A partial exemption may apply to alcohol & tobacco.

Keep all receipts, make sure any new goods purchased before the trip are marked with your name.

The customs forms will be provided on the bus back.

Gallery and Museum etiquette

You will be asked to put your backpacks into a locker.....do it. No complaining. You should bring change to feed the lockers.

When I visit large museums and galleries. I start at the top and work my way down to the main floor.

There is ample room and seating to do your assignments. Do not block entrances and generally become an obstacle for other people looking at the work.

You will be having tours at each museum. You are to arrive on time for your tours and you will do tours according to your bus number. Your tour guide should be given the respect they deserve. Listen and ask questions. You will be including information from your tours in your assignment.

Minneapolis Museum of Art: No flash photography.

Only works labeled as part of the collection of the Minneapolis Institute of Art may be photographed.

Sketching museum-owned objects, objects in changing exhibitions, and loaned objects is allowed, but only with pencils or colored pencils. Do not use pens, chalk, crayons, liquids, or markers. Please store pencils carefully while moving through the galleries. Do not use floors, walls, or pedestals as support for sketching; lapboards are required for large drawings."

Walker - no photography

Responsibility:

You will be held personally accountable for any damage you do to the hotel or other facilities.

Avoid Danger: don't do anything illegal, don't flash your money, don't dress as a target, don't explore on your own, don't leave a friend alone in a bar, don't accept drinks from strangers - be respectful!

You will be sharing a room. Each room has 4 occupants with two queen size beds. If you have concerns about personal space (as you will be sharing a bed) then I suggest bringing a sleeping bag. We make every effort for you to share rooms with people you know. You will be able to sign up for your room well before the trip.

Use the safe storage at your hotel. Never leave valuables in your room. Keep a separate record of your credit cards and numbers to call if lost or stolen. Never carry your passport, travel tickets, identification documents, cash, credit cards and insurance papers together.

If things go wrong

Contact me or another chaperone

Use the hotel front desk number listed in your field trip handout if needed.

If you lose valuables or passport call the police as well.