

EGYPTIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESANA)



إتحاد الدارسين المصريين بأمریکا الشمالية

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Unit Location

- ✚ **City:** Minneapolis-Saint Paul
- ✚ **State/Province:** Minnesota (MN)
- ✚ **Country:** USA

University

1. University of Minnesota

Current Active Fields

1. Computer Science
2. Department of Soil, Water, and Climate

Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

As most schools in America, University of Minnesota has a variety of positions but it mainly depends on the department. The most famous positions for financial Aid are Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Research Assistants (RAs). RA position requires that you find an advisor who has a good grant and can support you from his/her own project funds.

City Information

Minneapolis is a big city; that gives the advantage of varieties of big cities: public transportation and stores. Housing one bedroom costs from \$600 around campus. A two bedroom apartment will cost around \$750. Couples of Arabic restaurants and stores are available to buy your Middle East food. A big Islamic center attracts Muslim community for prayers.

Weather conditions

The weather in Minneapolis is really cold in winter; it snows from late September until March and some times it stays until April. Summer is really hot. Students coming from Egypt usually get shocked first semester from cold but they get used to it later.

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City Attractions

As a big city, Minneapolis has lots of attractions but the snow makes the museums and malls more than outdoor activities:

1. Bell Museum of Natural History
2. Cathedral of St. Paul
3. Como Zoo
4. Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum
5. Lake Calhoun
6. Mall of America (one of the biggest malls in America)
7. The Minnesota Zoo (2nd biggest zoo in USA)
8. Nicollet Mall
9. Science Museum of Minnesota
10. Walker Art Center & Minneapolis Sculpture Garden

City Drawbacks

As most of the places around the world, some neighborhoods are not safe; some times accidents of robbery happen around the campus but Campus Police are always trying to maintain safety and be around the university all time.

Size of the Egyptian Community

The Egyptian community is average size one.

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