

MAPL Travel Program FAQs

About the MAPL Travel Program

We provide transportation and lodging to faculty and students from the Twin Cities because it makes it possible for advocates and emerging leaders from around the region to participate in our program. Equally important, it helps us fulfill our mission to create a learning community, one that has time to talk, laugh, argue, share, and, yes, to cohere. Our travel program is funded through grants, however, and is subjected to availability of funds. If funding is discontinued, our Travel Program will no longer operate and students will be responsible for arranging their own transportation.

Who is eligible for the MAPL Travel program?

You are eligible to ride in the vans if you are a MAPL student, faculty member or guest speaker and if you live in the Twin Cities or surrounding areas and the meeting location is convenient and accessible to you. You are eligible for lodging if you are enrolled in a Friday evening class and you live 75+ miles from Duluth. At this time, funding for the travel program is limited and we are not able to reimburse students for mileage if they are traveling from a different part of the state.

When and where do Vans Leave the Cities?

Friday, 2:30pm from [Metro State University, Midway Center](#)

Saturday, 6:00am from [Metro State University, Midway Center](#)

We provide you with a permit to park here—just display it on your dashboard.

When and where do Vans leave Duluth?

All vans will depart from the UMD campus at 4pm on Saturday afternoons, following the last MAPL classes.

Some semesters we are able to have a van leave at 1 pm on Saturday if there is enough of a need. We can only send full vehicles.

How to Register for the MAPL Travel program

- Prior to each semester deadline, submit the [MAPL Travel Program registration card](#) to the administrator.
- The travel lists for the semester will be posted to Moodle
- If your plans change, you will need to log in to Moodle and make the changes there
- All changes need to be received by **Thursdays at 12:00 pm** – The list will be pulled from Moodle at this time and sent to both the hotel and the drivers

What if you miss the deadline or your plans change after the deadline?

- **If you can't make it**, contact your van driver about changes. If you can't get in touch with your van driver, contact someone else in your group so that someone in the van knows what is going on. If you don't need a hotel, call the hotel and cancel your reservations. Holiday Inn: (218) 249-9003 ext 2215
- **If you forgot to make reservations**, Show up at Fleet Services and see whether someone else canceled. Perhaps there is an opening. The same holds with hotel rooms. You can try to find someone to room with. Or you can see whether the Holiday Inn has openings and would give you the MAPL rate. Holiday Inn: (218) 249-9003 ext 2215

- **Find other riders or drivers.** If you prefer to ride the vans, but, for some reason, find the times inconvenient or would prefer to carpool, feel free to arrange this with other MAPL students. For liability reasons, we can't organize car pools but you can organize them yourselves.

What if classes are cancelled due to inclement weather?

- Our primary concern is student safety. If classes are cancelled, an email will be sent out immediately notifying students, guest speakers and faculty. So if you are wondering, check your email.
- If time permits, we will also try to post cancellations on our website and notify area radio stations, FACEBOOK and Twitter.
- If you don't have computer access, call a classmate or call the MAPL office.

Expectations for Passengers and Lodgers:

We need your help if we are to continue providing this service to our students and faculty:

- Please clean up your messes in the vans; we can't afford to pay for clean-up.
- Please keep your hotel rooms clean; we can't afford (and you can't afford) to pay for clean-up.
- Please volunteer to drive or pick up the van; this program relies on student participation.
- Please remember that the vans help build our learning community;
- Please communicate with your van members; notify the driver or someone in your van if you are running late or if you aren't coming or if you can't drive.

Lodging:

- We will pay 100% of the cost of the hotel room. Rooms are single occupancy with a king size bed.
- The Holiday Inn requires 24 hour cancellation notification. You may be responsible for covering any costs incurred with last minute room cancellations
- If you don't qualify for hotel accommodations but would like to come up anyway, we can make you reservations at the MAPL rate and you can pay for the room at check in
- Rooms are single occupancy with a king size bed

Volunteer Drivers:

We need your help! The MAPL Travel program relies on student participation and volunteer student drivers. Although individuals have volunteered to drive or pick up the van, things come up; it is expected that students will make adjustments as needed amongst themselves.

What does driving entail?

Driver responsibilities include:

- Pick up the van from Fleet Services in the Twin Cities on Friday
- Be a contact person for people changing or cancelling their reservations
- Meet with cohorts at Metro State University parking lot at designated departure time
- Drive to hotel and/or UMD. Drive cohorts back to the Twin Cities
- Return vehicle to Fleet Services

Driver Requirements

Drivers need to be University of Minnesota students, be 19 years old and have a drivers license valid in the fifty United States or Canada. Restricted licenses are accepted. The driver must pick up the vehicle and must present their license.

Where is Fleet Services?

901 - 29TH AVE SE, MINNEAPOLIS

Directions to Fleet Services:

From the Minneapolis East Bank campus: Follow 15th Avenue SE past the Athletic Building and Van Cleve Park. Take a right onto Como Avenue SE. At 29th Avenue SE, take a right (it's the corner with the Printing Services Building). The entrance to the Fleet Services facility is on the right.

35W from the south: Exit at Hennepin and head east approximately 1.5 miles to 29th Avenue SE. At 29th Avenue SE, take a right and continue across Como Avenue. The entrance to the Fleet Services facility is on the right just past the Printing Services Building.

35W from the north: Follow 35W to MN 280 and continue south. Exit at Como Avenue (the exit curves around). At Como Avenue, take a left heading west to 29th Avenue SE. Take a left at 29th Avenue. The entrance to the Fleet Services facility is on the right just past the Printing Services Building.

From 94: Exit onto MN 280 (heading north) and follow the directions below.

From MN 280: Exit at Como Avenue. Left on Como Avenue to 29th Avenue SE. Take a left on 29th Avenue. The entrance to the Fleet Services facility is on the right just past the Printing Services Building.

[Mapquest](#) - get custom directions from your point of origination.

BUSING TIPS TO FLEET SERVICES (901 - 29TH AVE SE, MINNEAPOLIS):

Metro Transit bus lines serve Minneapolis and St. Paul. Check out these metro buses to see if they will work for you.

[Route 3](#)

[Route 61](#)

For more information, visit [Fleet Services online!](#)