

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STUDYING AND LIVING ABROAD AT SCSU



ST. CLOUD STATE
UNIVERSITY™

EDUCATION FOR LIFE.

ABOUT ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

If you are looking for a U.S. university that is affordable and at the same time accredited, St. Cloud State University could be your No. 1 choice.

Founded in 1869, St. Cloud State is the largest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and the second largest public university in the state.

Located about an hour northwest of St. Paul-Minneapolis, along the banks of the Mississippi River, the university's 100-acre campus is between downtown St. Cloud and the Beaver Islands, a group of more than 30 islands that form a natural maze for a two-mile stretch of the river.

With students from all over the world, St. Cloud State University is a diverse and welcoming environment for study. SCSU will offer you an accredited degree, solid academic programs and great amenities. It will be your home away from home.

ACCREDITATION

St. Cloud State is an accredited university. It is a member of many academic and professional associations, including:

- Higher Learning Commission
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Council of Graduate Schools in the United States
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.



ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

Location

1869

Founded:

PUBLIC

Type

URBAN

Campus

17,231 (FALL 2011)

Size

93%

Faculty with Ph.D.

More than
100,000

Alumni worldwide

MINNESOTA

The State of Minnesota, the 32nd state admitted to the United States of America, is known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Minnesota is known for its relatively liberal social and political orientation and has a high rate of civic participation and voter turnout. Minnesota ranks among the healthiest states, and has a highly literate population.

MINNESOTA FAST FACTS

State Abbreviation: **MN**

State Capital: **St. Paul**

Largest City: **Minneapolis**

Area: **86,943 square miles**

(MN is the **12th** largest U.S. state)

Population: **5,303,925** (as of **2010** U.S. census)

Name for Residents: **Minnesotans**

Bordering States: **Iowa, Michigan (across Lake Superior), North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin**

Bordering Country: **Canada**

Origin of the name **Minnesota**:

Minnesota is from a Dakota Sioux Indian word that means "cloudy water" or "sky water" and refers to local rivers.

State Nickname: **Gopher State.**

North Star State.

State Motto: "L'Etoile du Nord"

The Star of the North.

State Bird: **The Common Loon.**



FOOD



St. Cloud and its surrounding cities boast numerous ethnic grocery stores and restaurants from Mexican, Somali, Chinese and Thai to Vietnamese, Nepalese, Japanese and Indian.



Finding your favorite foods on campus is easy. We are proud to offer a dining program complete with signature brands and menu selections that include just about every item you can imagine. Ethnic food retailers on campus include Mein Bowl and Ultimate Baja selling Chinese and Mexican cuisine respectively. For more information about our dining services, visit SCSU Dining at: <http://www.scsudining.com>

CLIMATE - WE HAVE IT ALL



St. Cloud has four distinct seasons, with a short spring. Summers are hot, sunny and humid from June to the end of September. Autumn is lovely when the air is crisp and cool, with blue skies and sunshine from October through November. Winters in St. Cloud are filled with snow and prone to cold winds. Snow is common in December, January and February.

You will have winter tales to share with your friends and family back home. Who knows, you may come to enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and snowball fights.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

GRADUATE PROGRAMS BY DEGREE | SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (Ed.D.)

Educational Administration and Leadership, K-12
Higher Education Administration

MASTER OF ARTS AND MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES (M.A. AND M.S.)

Applied Behavior Analysis
Applied Clinical Research
Applied Economics
Biological Sciences
- Cell and Molecular Biological Sciences
- Ecology and Natural Resources
Child and Family Studies - Early Childhood Special Education
Child and Family Studies - Family Studies
College Counseling and Student Development
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Computer Science
Counseling - Community
Counseling - Rehabilitation
Counseling - School
Criminal Justice
Cultural Resources Management Archaeology
Curriculum and Instruction
Educational Administration and Leadership
English
English - Teaching English as a Second Language
Exercise Science
Geography - Geographic Information Science
Geography - Tourism Planning and Development
Gerontology
Higher Education Administration
History
History - Public History
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Information Assurance
Information Media
Information Technologies
Instructional Design and Training
Marriage and Family Therapy
Mass Communications
Medical Technology Quality
Public Safety Executive Leadership
Regulatory Affairs and Services
Social Responsibility
Special Education
Sports Management
Technology Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA) St. Cloud and Twin Cities

Master of Engineering Management (MEM) Twin Cities and St. Paul

Master of Social Work (M.S.W)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

(When on campus you can add certificate programs to your graduate degree)

Autism
Addictions
Chemical Dependency
Design for E-Learning
Geography - Geographic Information Services
Gerontology
Instructional Technology
Library Media Specialist
Marriage and Family Therapy
Parent Education
Reading Teacher K-12
School Counseling
Special Education:
- Developmental Disabilities
- Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
- Learning Disabilities
Teacher Leader
Traffic Safety Education

SIXTH-YEAR CERTIFICATES FOR ADMINISTRATORS

Licensure tracks for:
Director of Community Education
Director of Special Education
K-12 Principal
Superintendent of Schools

SPECIALIST DEGREE

Educational Administration and Leadership

CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE ADMISSION

St. Cloud State offers conditional language admission to qualified graduate applicants who have been educated in a language other than English and whose academic record qualifies them for admission but whose level of English proficiency is lower than academic requirements.

Students who accept a conditional language admission must study at our Intensive English Center until they demonstrate English proficiency.

RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION RATES

THROUGH SCSU'S ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL SHARING SCHOLARSHIP

The Academic and Cultural Sharing Scholarship offers the Minnesota resident tuition rate to international students who meet and maintain the requirements for eligibility. The goal of the scholarship is to promote interaction and cross-cultural understanding between international students and members of St. Cloud State and St. Cloud communities.

International students in an F-1 visa status, except those enrolled in "**Market-driven tuition programs**" are eligible to apply for this scholarship. To enjoy this scholarship, a student is required to check in with the Center for International Studies upon arrival, participate in two cultural-sharing activities each semester and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the graduate level, and maintain immigration status.

The scholarship reduces your tuition cost by approximately \$1,950 each semester.



LEADING THE WAY

St. Cloud State is a front runner in graduate assistant salaries and tuition benefits.

- Almost 30% of our graduate students are awarded a graduate assistantship.
- Graduate assistants earn \$10,000 for part-time work (20 hours a week) during the academic year, plus free graduate tuition for up to 8 credits in fall and spring semester.
- All graduate assistants receive in-state tuition rates!
- Enjoy the same holidays and breaks as St. Cloud State professors.
- Experience academic-related opportunities, such as:
 - Program assistant
 - Research assistant
 - Teaching assistant
- Once admitted to a graduate program, you will want to start your graduate assistant job search. Dust off your resume, apply and interview for consideration.

Graduate assistantships may be available for outstanding students. For info about the availability of positions, application requirements and tuition waiver amounts, visit the graduate studies page at: <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/gradtestudies/ga/default.asp>

Graduate Stipend	Minimum Target Workload	Number of Graduate Credits paid for by the Graduate Assistantship
\$10,000/year	20 hours/week	8/semester
\$7,500/year	15 hours/week	6/semester
\$5,000/year	10 hours/week	6/semester
Doctoral Stipend		
\$15,000/year	20 hours/week	6/semester

TUITION & FEES – WE ARE TALKING AFFORDABLE!

St. Cloud State is known for providing affordable, accredited education to its international students. Approximate total annual educational, living and health insurance expenses are:

- **Graduate students - \$18,072 with the ACSS \$21,022 without the ACSS**
- **MBA students - \$21,233**
- **Doctor of Education - \$22,195 on St. Cloud State University campus**
- **Doctor of Education - \$23,545 at the Twin Cities Graduate Center**
- **MEM in Maple Grove - \$18,798 at the Twin Cities Graduate Center**

For tuition and fees details, visit <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/internationaladmissions/costs/default.asp>



GET INVOLVED

Students can choose from more than 250 student organizations that represent the great diversity of our student body. Participation in such organizations instills leadership skills and prepares you to meet your future career goals. SCSU international students have organizations too, representing the countries and continents from which they hail. They are a great way to connect with people from your country and region. It gives you opportunities to network and socialize with students who have similar interests. International student organizations include:

- International Student Association
- PRIVET! Russian Club
- Saudi Students Club
- India Heritage Club
- Asian Students in Action
- African Student Association
- Arab Students Organization
- Korean Students Association
- Liberian Students Association
- Somali Student Association
- Ethiopian Students Association
- Oromo Student Organization
- Pakistan Student Association
- Bangladesh Student Association
- Malaysian Students Association
- Nepalese Students Association
- Vietnamese Student Association
- Ayubowan Sri Lanka Organization
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- International Chinese Student Association

These organizations host cultural nights that are open to the community. For more information about student organizations on campus, visit <http://stcloudstate.collegiatelink.net/organizations>

The university's International Student Association organizes Cultural Café, an exciting event that features a specific country every week – the country presentation is followed by food that is served in that country.



ACADEMIC YEAR

University credit is accumulated on the basis of semester credits. The regular academic year consists of two 15-week semesters (fall and spring). Most international students are admitted in fall and spring semesters. Although the University offers a summer session, international students are not required to take classes during summer. Many international students enjoy traveling throughout the United States in the summer months.

FALL SEMESTER

Late August - Early December

SPRING SEMESTER

January - Early May

SAFETY



From the moment you step onto our campus, your safety and security become our responsibility. St. Cloud State's Public Safety Department, which is open 24 hours a day, works to provide the safest environment possible. For information, visit the web at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/publicsafety/default.asp>

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING



If you decide to live on campus, you can choose from a variety of living options, including **gender-based floors, coed floors, traditional residence halls and high-end apartment living.**

Coborn Plaza Apartments is a high-amenity, high-value, fully-furnished **455-student housing complex** that offers studio, two-room and four-room units.

Living on campus enables you to immerse yourself in the collegiate experience, enriching your personal and academic growth. The St. Cloud State campus boasts **10 residential halls with about 3,500 students** living on campus.

The residential halls are located in the heart of campus, next to classrooms, professors, athletic facilities, eating establishments, public transportation, numerous campus services and student organizations.

The residential halls have everything to make your living away from home comfortable. You will have access to the Internet, laser printers, kitchen and laundry facilities.

Shoemaker Hall and Miller Center Library have video Skype stations which give students the opportunity to chat with and call their friends and family living far away.

There are Mac computers with built-in webcams on campus to facilitate the process of bridging distance between countries and continents.

On-campus living means that you need to make only one payment at the beginning of your semester. The rest of the semester you can concentrate on your studies and campus activities without having to worry about meeting a rent deadline. However, on-campus housing is not mandatory.

For more information about St. Cloud State Residential life, visit <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/reslife/>

MANY HOUSING CHOICES

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Many graduate students elect to look for housing opportunities in the community. The housing market in St. Cloud is affordable.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The St. Cloud community offers more than **10,000 apartments** within a 10-mile radius of campus. There are **50 apartment complexes** located directly on bus lines that St. Cloud State University students can ride for **FREE**. A wide variety of living situations are offered from efficiency apartments to homes with eight or more bedrooms. Public schooling is available to children of SCSU students.

WHAT'S THE COST?

Prices and quality can vary, so please plan on spending a day online or in town to tour your top choices.

- **Studio apartments** may range from **\$300 to \$400** per month
- **One-bedroom** apartments may range from **\$450 to \$550** per month.
- **Two bedroom** apartments may range from **\$550 to \$650** per month
- **Quads** (four bedrooms with four persons) may range from **\$250 to \$300** per person, per month.
- **Homes with six to eight bedrooms** may range per person from **\$250 to \$350** per month.



Most apartment complexes design their leases to accommodate university students. Students will find leases generally available for either nine, 10 or 12 months. A few facilities will offer a six month lease. Currently, there is an abundance of housing options in St. Cloud so students have been able to negotiate for perks such as a free garage, first month rent or last month rent free, etc.

PARENTS AND FAMILIES



We value the thoughts and opinions of our students' families – we know you play a very important role in your child's higher education decision-making process. At St. Cloud State, your loved one will have access to accredited, affordable higher education in a safe environment. Our faculty and staff try to address the needs of our international students in every possible way, which is why many of our international students consider St. Cloud State as their second home. To know more about what we have to offer, visit <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/parents/default.asp>

ATHLETICS & RECREATION



Enjoy a Minnesota tradition. Get chilly and ready to hit the ice with our men's and women's hockey teams. Enjoy football, basketball, volleyball, baseball and many more sports – American style! The university also offers intramural sports and intercollegiate competition in club sports, such as rugby, crew, lacrosse and cycling. Our students enjoy a beautiful recreation and fitness center with all the latest equipment and even a massage center and juice bar.

Rock climbing, camping, hiking and canoeing are a just a few of the active choices St. Cloud State offers its students. For more information, visit <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/campusrec/facilities/>

TRANSPORTATION



St. Cloud enjoys being at the crossroads of Minnesota. Major freeways, including Interstate Highway 94 and U.S. Highway 10, pass through the city.

A **FREE** Campus Clipper bus provides direct service between popular off-campus housing and St. Cloud State. A free on-campus shuttle service is also available to students. These services are available to students at no cost. For more information about transportation, visit <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/parking/transportation.asp>

All SCSU students can ride the St. Cloud city buses **FREE** within the metropolitan area with a St. Cloud State student ID. Students can use a campus ID card to travel wherever the city bus system travels. For more information, visit www.ridemetrobus.com



GET READY TO APPLY BECOME A HUSKY

Join more than 1,000 international students representing five continents! You will be part of an exciting campus with over 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Our students represent Minnesota communities and many other U.S. states, 86 countries from Albania to Zimbabwe. These students bring with them a broad range of geographic, ethnic, cultural, religious and economic backgrounds, creating a diverse, fun and active campus community.

HOW TO APPLY TO ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Students can choose from more than 60 graduate programs.

Graduate admission requirements

International applicants are evaluated for admission based on the following criteria:

- Undergraduate **GPA** and previous graduate **GPA** of at least a 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- **International transcript evaluation requirement.** Applicants who have been awarded a bachelor's and / or graduate degree from an international higher education institution (recognized by the country's Ministry of Education) need to submit a **NACES evaluation** preferably completed by the **WES organization**.
- **GRE or GMAT scores** may be required depending on your intended program of study. Scores must be sent directly to SCSU by the issuing agency.
- Official **TOEFL, IELTS** or other approved English proficiency. Scores must be sent directly to SCSU by the issuing agency.
- **Statement of intent.** An essay describing why you have chosen your intended program of study.
- Three completed **recommendation forms**.
- **Other applications materials requested** by the chosen program of study.
- **Financial documentation.** As required by U.S. immigration, F-1 international students must submit proof of financial solvency for the first year of your education at St. Cloud State.

For more details about graduate admission, visit

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/internationaladmissions/apply/graduate.asp>

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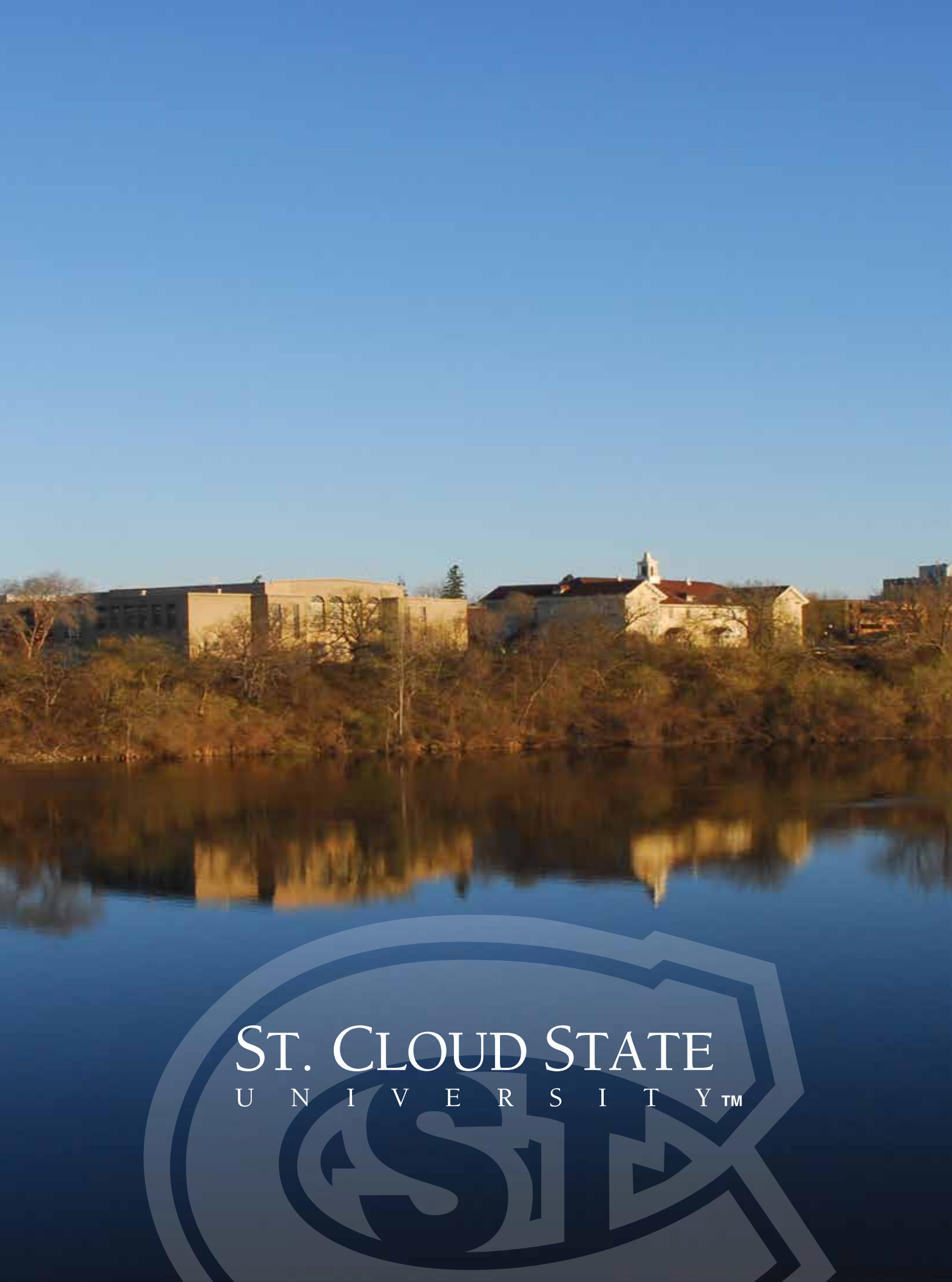
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