

University of Minnesota Morris
ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge
Action Plan 2016

As a public liberal arts college, the University of Minnesota Morris has a long tradition of civic engagement which includes voter registration and turnout significantly above the rates for individuals within the traditional college student age range. A diverse coalition of partners assembles each election year to work collaboratively to assure student voter registration and participation on the Morris campus. The group is convened by the Director of Student Activities, Political Science faculty, and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The University of Minnesota Morris participates in the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement and the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. The coalition has adopted this Action Plan for the 2016 election cycle.

Coalition representatives:

- University offices and programs
 - Community Engagement
 - Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
 - Political Science discipline
 - Residential Life,
 - Student Activities, Conferences and Events,
 - University Relations
- Student organizations
 - Student Democratic Farm Labor Party (DFL)
 - College Republicans
 - Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)
 - KUMM student radio
 - University Register - campus newspaper
- Stevens County Auditor's Office

About the All in Campus Democracy Challenge www.allinchallenge.org/

Preparing graduates for their public lives as citizens, members of communities, and professionals in society has historically been a responsibility of higher education. The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge recognizes those postsecondary campuses committed to improving democratic engagement, increasing student voter participation rates, and graduating students with a lifelong commitment to being informed and active citizens. It also awards exemplary efforts in these same areas.

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Voter Engagement Efforts:

- All new students were given a voter registration form in their New Student Orientation packet.
- Orientation Group Leaders and Community Advisors were trained in how to fill out voter registration forms for their own registration to assist new students.
- The Campus Connection Guide (New Student Orientation publication) contained a detailed [infographic of how to register to vote](#) and where to find information about voting.
- The Stevens County Auditor's Office provided a secured voter registration box to collect voter registration forms at the Student Center Information Desk beginning in August.
- An email campaign sends weekly e-mail to students with information on voting.
- The Briggs Library created a website on voter registration and elections that that will appear on the local ballot: <http://morris.umn.libguides.com/content.php?pid=592825&sid=4887313>
- The Office of Community Engagement "Soup and Substance" discussion series features political topics: Educated Voters - Sept. 29, Political Discourse - Oct. 27, and What Now? - Nov. 22.
- Politically active student organizations are organizing voter registration tabling in the Student Center, meet the candidate events with local candidates, and get out the vote 'dorm storming'.
- KUMM student radio will host PSAs encouraging voter registration and engagement.
- The University Register student newspaper will publish voter engagement throughout the semester and voter how tos/precinct location information in the issue prior to the election.
- The Stevens County Auditor's Office has provided a large map of Morris voting precincts and polling places for display in the Student Center leading up to the election and on election day.
- The coalition has clarified and ensured shared understanding of requirements for:
 - same day voter registration by students living on campus,
 - campaign rules as they apply to the campus (e.g. candidate access to residence halls, no sound amplification on the mall prior to 5 p.m., etc.)
 - the prohibition of day of the election campaign materials in the Student Center due to the location of the precinct polling place in the building.
- Student Activities, Conferences and Events; student organizations; and the Political Science discipline will again host election night viewing parties in multiple spaces in the Student Center.
- Residential Life and MPIRG will coordinate a floor by floor competition for voter engagement with pizza parties provided for the floors with high self reported voter engagement among the eligible voters in the living area.

Goals and Assessment:

UMM has participated in National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE) since 2012 and will continue using this data to track voter engagement. UMM's 2016 goal is to match or exceed campus 2012 rates – a registration rate of 79.5% and a voting rate of 71.5%.

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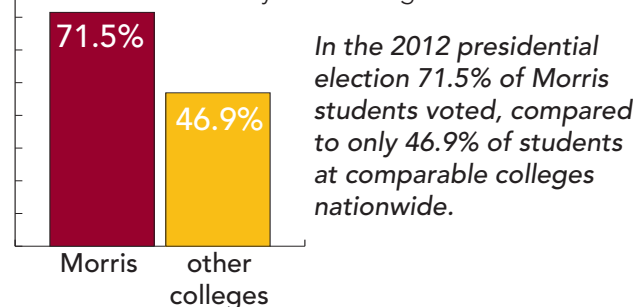
Voter Registration

One purpose of the liberal arts education you receive at Morris is to help you grow as an engaged citizen. Morris students traditionally vote at much higher rates than their counterparts around the nation.

As a student at Morris you may choose to vote as a resident of Morris, or you may vote absentee in your hometown. If you have voted in Morris before but have moved since that election, you will need to register again, and you may have a new polling place. Find your polling place at pollfinder.sos.state.mn

2012 Student Voting Rates

To vote in Minnesota you must register.



What major elections take place in Minnesota on November 8, 2016?

- President of the United States
- United States House of Representatives
- Minnesota State Senate
- Minnesota House of Representatives

VOTING AS A MORRIS RESIDENT

Whether you live on campus or off, you may choose to vote as a Morris resident.

Registering ahead of the Election

We highly recommend that you register ahead of time. This both saves time on election day and ensures that you will not run into complications as you follow the registration process. You must register by October 18 to guarantee that your registration goes through in time.

Registration forms are available at the Office of Student Activities and may be dropped off in the box at Higbies.

VOTING ABSENTEE

You may choose to vote absentee in your hometown. If your hometown is in Minnesota, visit mnvotes.org to find out what procedures you should follow.

If you live in another state, check with your home state to find out how to register and vote absentee. Visit vote.usa.gov to get started.

Here are some important things you need to know as you fill out your Minnesota registration form:

What address should I use?

- If you live on campus, you must use your campus mailing address on the form. You will vote in Oyate Hall on election day.
- If you live off campus, you must use your residential street address on the form. Do NOT use your campus mailing address. You will vote at a location in the community corresponding to your local address. Visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn and enter your address to find your polling place.

7 mark one box and provide the number that applies to you:
 I have a MN-issued driver's license or MN ID card number: []
 I do not have a MN-issued driver's license or MN ID card.
The last four digits of my Social Security Number are: XXX-XX-[] [] [] []
 I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, a MN-issued ID card, or a Social Security Number.

How do I fill out box 7? (it can be confusing)

- If you have a Minnesota drivers license/ID card, you MUST select this option in box seven of the registration form. Failure to do so constitutes voter fraud. Do NOT use the social security number option if you have a Minnesota drivers license/ID card.
- If you are from another state or do not have a Minnesota drivers license or ID card, then you should select the social security number option in box seven.

Minnesota voters can register online ahead of time. Visit mnvotes.org.

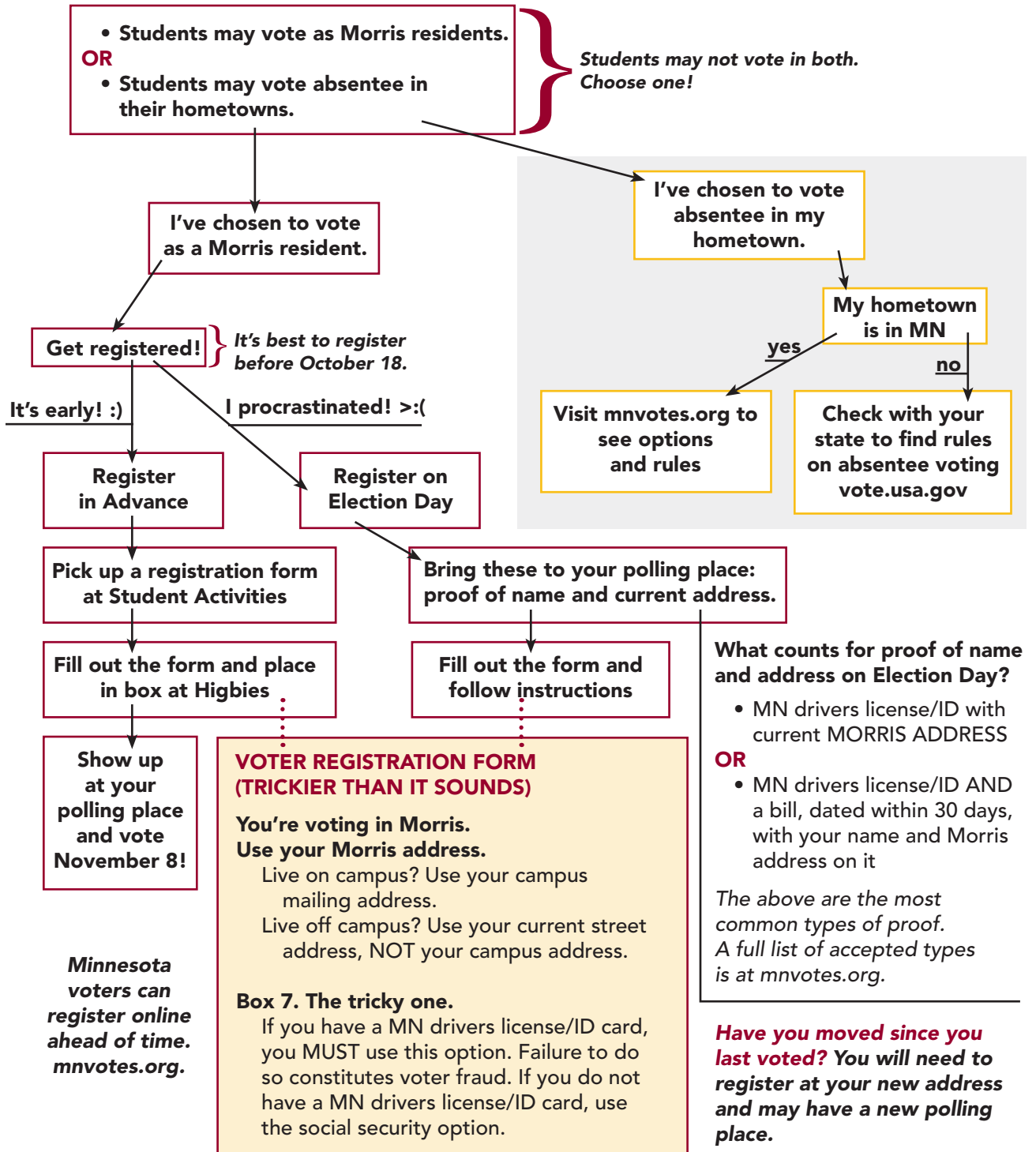
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First, this is really important information.
Go back and read it.

Now:

Election Day = Tuesday, November 8

Your polling place is determined by your address.
Live on campus? Vote on campus in Oyate Hall.
Live off campus? Vote in your neighborhood. Find your polling place at pollfinder.sos.state.mn



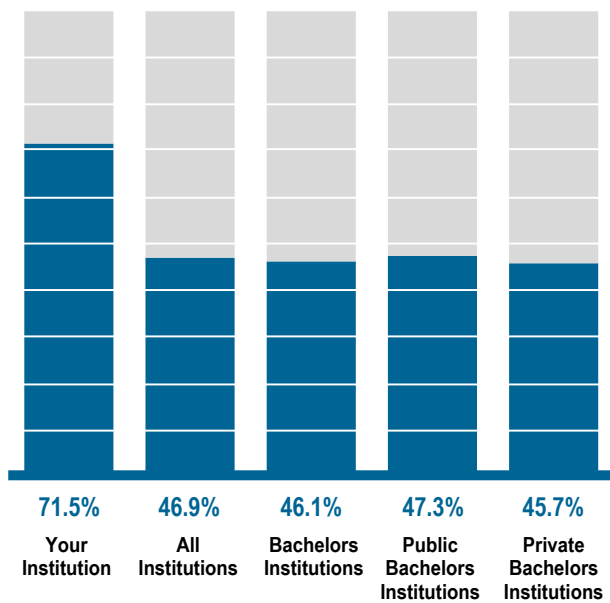
Still have questions? Stop by Student Activities.
Staff have been trained in voter registration.

How Your Institutions' Numbers Compare

BY CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

See how your campus voting rate compares to others in your institution's Carnegie classification. This comparison data allows your campus to understand your voting rate in the context of similar institutions.

2012 Presidential Election



2014 Midterm Election

