

Finding Common Ground

This is a tool to help students learn about their similarities and differences during the first or second class period. You can change the descriptions in the boxes to adjust to the demographics in your class, but try to include descriptors that would match the various types of diversity in your class.

Student Instructions: Chat with your classmates until you find a student who identifies with one of the descriptions in the boxes below. Ask that person to sign their name in that specific box, and then ask them a follow up question to find out more details! The goal is to talk with as many classmates as possible, so each of your classmates should only sign one box in the grid below.

Someone who has been skydiving	Someone who drinks coffee every day	Someone who has travelled to three or more countries	Someone who likes to cook in their free time	Someone who can speak three or more languages
Someone who recently moved to the U.S. from another country	Someone who bikes to class every day	Someone who has lived in Minnesota for more than 3 years	Someone who has travelled to 15 or more states in the U.S.	Someone who is learning a new language
Someone who has a part-time job on campus	Someone who drinks tea every day	Someone who has the same or similar major as you	Someone who is in a U of M student group	Someone who loves the cold Minnesota winters

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