

Restaurant suggestions for MINOS+ week in Duluth
(again, thanks to Rik for doing most of this compilation for Minerva last year).

This page has walking distance (about 1 km) from the dorms, opposite page for the hotel folks.

Nicer

At Sara's Table Chester Creek Cafe. Confusing name? Just walk downhill along 19th Ave. until you see the building called "Taran's Marketplace". Huh. Mostly cafe-style, maybe bistro-style menu. More organic, vegan, and gluten free capable than most places. Sensible wine and beer selection.

Pizza and pub

You can walk to Bulldog Pizza, which has a passable beer selection. Sammy's Pizza Woodland will deliver. So will Pizza Luce from downtown. All three offer gluten free, Pizza Luce has substantial vegan options. You'll see signs for a few national chains that deliver, but go with these three local joints, you won't be disappointed.

A new "neighborhood pub" Tavern on the Hill is across Woodland Avenue on the northeastern corner of campus. Groups of faculty have taken to meeting here for discussing committee stuff over beers.

Value

Burrito Union. Longest walk (2km), but you can combine it with a stroll down Chester Creek trail. Part of the Fitgers empire, serves beer from Fitgers and burritos. Think simplified menu like that national burrito chain you know, but a sitdown place that serves better, locally-brewed beer.

Herbert and Gerberts. Sandwich shop. Like one of those national chains, but more like a regional chain, and somewhat better for it, but not as good as the one in the college town of my youth.

Qdoba (chain burritos) and Chilly Billy's (soft-serve yogurt) are in the "Bluestone" complex just off the northeast corner of campus.

A few fast-food joints are nearby. Yuck. Not even value. Steer clear.

Alternative

Mount Royal grocery store has nice-looking pre-prepared sandwiches and meals for takeaway, in addition to fruit and groceries. Near the grocery store, the bottle shop with the beer cave sign is better than the one across the street with the 24 hour tanning sign, but that's obvious, right?

Coffee

There is a Caribou Coffee in the Mount Royal Grocery Store. You may not guess from the Alaska themed name this #2 chain in the U.S. started in Minnesota, before becoming part of the German holding company that also bought Peets a year or two ago.

There is a Starbucks nearby, but your smartphone advertisements radar probably already mentioned it.

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This page has walking distance (less than 1km) from the Sheraton, opposite page for the dorm folks.

Nicer

Midi. Moderately fancy. Mediterranean menu, full bar, wine and beer selection. Some seating has view of the lake.

Va Bene. Moderately fancy, pasta and wine list. Some seating with view of the lake.

Mingle with the beautiful people (?) at Minnesota's "2012 best Martini bar", the Blackwater Lounge.

Zeitgeist Arts Cafe is also across the street, and the Sheraton has its own restaurant (the "501"). Catch an arthouse movie while you're at it at the Zeitgeist.

Pizza and pub

Pizza Luce. Rik's favorite pizza joint. Gluten free and vegan options. Good wine and beer selection.

Fitgers Brewpub. Pub food, but the oldest microbrew pub in town.

Tycoon's Alehouse. Part of the Fitger's empire, more upscale pub food. For drinks, check out the sub-basement bar, find the elevator in the back and go all the way down.

Canal Park Brewing Company. Brewpub celebrating its fourth season in operation. Combines a legit love of beer with a prime tourist location.

A large number of other restaurants are just past CPBC in "Canal Park", tourist central for Duluth.

Longer walk or drive.

New Scenic Cafe, fancy dinner by Duluth standards, 30 minutes drive up the shore, lake views.

Bellisio's in Canal Park is a fancy Italian joint with a huge wine list, part of the Grandma's empire. Went there with Earl and Doug once for the largest wine tab I've ever had.

Many bars over in Superior across the bridge. The Thirsty Pagan is a brewery over there with my favorite pizzas (and good beer, of course).

Alternative

For groceries, drive from Sheraton to Mount Royal near campus or to Whole Foods Co-op (no, not the famous chain, a proper local co-op whose name predates trademark enforcement).

Coffee

The Sheraton will give you coffee, no? Less than 1km walk to Caribou or look for Amazing Grace Bakery and Cafe in Canal Park, just a little past the Caribou.