Freshman Checklist

Before You Arrive

- Review core requirements and course offerings and choose tentative classes on topics that interest you.
- Look at the Academic Calendar. Notice important dates and deadlines.
- Don’t worry if you feel unprepared. There is always someone to help you figure things out when you arrive on campus.

During Your First Semester

- Read your course syllabi carefully and map out the due dates for all of your class assignments and exams.
- Take time each week to prioritize tasks and plan goals for the upcoming week. Pay attention to how efficiently you use your time.
- Visit your professors during office hours. Fostering relationships with faculty members is an integral part of the college experience.
- Touch base with your student council representatives and find out how you can get involved in campus activities.
- Attend the club fair and choose a small number of extracurricular activities for your first two semesters on campus.
- Meet with an academic advisor to help plan out your courses and discuss your current academic interests.
- Visit the Career Development Center to explore various career paths, work on your resume and learn job search techniques.
- Take care of yourself. Don’t underestimate the importance of eating and sleeping regularly and spending time socializing with friends. It’s all about finding the right balance.
- Ask for help! Don’t wait until it is too late. Students who reach out for support are better able to handle the challenges of the academic transition to university.