New Student Survival Checklist for Graduate Students

Congratulations, you’ve been admitted to CU-Denver! The following is a checklist that you can use to ensure that you have done everything you need to by the time classes begin.

1. Faculty and Academic advising
   - Your faculty advisor will act much like your undergraduate advisor – recommending courses and electives, as well as advising you on sequencing of courses. In addition, your faculty advisor will act in a mentoring capacity, giving advice on internships, industry trends and contacts and Thesis/Portfolio information. There are many faculty who can serve in this role.
   - Start by contacting the Faculty Advisor to the MSRA program, Leslie Gaston.
     Email: leslie.gaston@cudenver.edu; Voice: (303) 352-3891; Office: ARTS 288
   - The academic advisor will keep track of your total credit hours and make sure you have fulfilled all of the requirements to graduate. You will likely only need to consult the academic advisor once or twice in your master's career. You can also use your advisor as your campus “Information Booth.” Please call 303-556-2279 to make an academic advising appointment or stop by ARTS 177. You can email questions to: CAMadvising@cudenver.edu

2. Registration
   - Use the SMART system to register as soon as you are eligible, as this will increase the likelihood of securing seats in the classes you want to take. Use the Curriculum handout provided in your welcome packet, or consult your faculty advisor to determine the best courses to take. See “How To Register” handout for step-by-step instructions.
   - www.cudenver.edu/registrar > SMART login

3. Student Housing
   - CU-Denver partners with Campus Village, an apartment-style living facility just west of campus.
     www.cudenver.edu > Student Housing
   - There is also a Commuter Resource Center on campus (Tivoli 269) that has apartment listings & roommate services.

4. New Student Orientation
   - Orientation is required for all new students. Students must RSVP in order to attend. The College of Arts & Media presents on the Arts & Entertainment Industry and provides helpful statistics.
     www.cudenver.edu > New Student Orientation

5. Student ID card
   - Once you have registered, you can obtain a CU-Denver Student ID card. Take a printout of your schedule, and your current photo ID to Tivoli 269. www.tivoli.org

6. Student Email account
   - Email is the official means of communication at CU-Denver. Students are required to use the free student email account, to ensure that all emails (including your tuition bills) are received. Go to any campus computer lab (such as NC 1204) and ask the lab monitor to help you set up your email account. Once set up, you can access your email from anywhere in the world.
     www.cudenver.edu/ITS

7. Tuition & Financial Aid
   - Due to high demand for our classes, we require payment from all students before classes begin to reserve your seat(s) in the course(s). Students must submit their payments or make payment arrangements before the payment deadline or you will be dropped from your courses. www.cudenver.edu > Current Students > Financial Services

8. House Bill 1023
   - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2006 – The Colorado State Legislature passed HB 1023, which requires the University to gather additional information for any student who applies for or received any form of federal, state or local public benefits, including in-state tuition and merit, need or other institutional financial assistance through a state institution of higher education. Students applying for in-state tuition, scholarship money or any other funds from the University must sign an affidavit stating that s/he is lawfully present in the United States and present appropriate identification IN PERSON to the Registrar’s Office.
     www.cudenver.edu/registrar > HB 1023 Info

9. Student Health Insurance
   - Students can get health insurance through CU-Denver, paid for by your student fees. For students who prefer to maintain private health insurance, you must submit a health insurance waiver.
     www.cudenver.edu > Student Life > Student Health Insurance

10. Purchase your books
    - Once you are ready to purchase your textbooks and materials, you have a choice of purchasing them on campus or through private retailers. The campus bookstore is located in Tivoli Student Union.
     www.aurariabooks.com
Campus Resources

There are many campus resources for students, free of charge with your student fees. The following is a partial list.

- Academic Success and Advising Center
  Academic advising for all Arts & Media undeclared and freshmen.
  www.cudenver.edu > Current Students > Academic Success & Advising Center

- Auraria Library
  http://library.auraria.edu

- Career Center
  Internships, résumés, career searches, interviewing skills & more
  www.careers.cudenver.edu

- Center for Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP)
  Minority outreach, peer counseling, workshops, assistance with applying for Financial Aid, cultural events.
  www.cudenver.edu > Student Life > Educational Opportunities

- Center for Learning Assistance
  Tutoring, study skills, time management, etc.
  www.carbon.cudenver.edu/clas

- Counseling Center
  Students get 10 free sessions
  Includes couples, group & family counseling.
  www.cudenver.edu > Current Students > Counseling

- Disability Resources & Services
  Accommodations for learning & organic disabilities
  Temporary accommodations (scribes for broken hands, etc).
  303-556-3450

- Office of Financial Aid
  Financial Aid programs, grants, loans, scholarship, student eligibility requirements
  www.cudenver.edu > Current Students > Financial Services > Office of Financial Aid

- Office of Student Life
  Includes Student Clubs, Student Government, Student Newspaper, Housing, etc.
  Go to www.cudenver.edu > Student Life.

- Scholarship Resource Office
  www.cudenver.edu > Admissions > Scholarship Resources

- Student Advocacy Center
  Peer advocacy and mentoring, etc.
  www.cudenver.edu > Student Life > Student Advocacy Center

- Student Debt Management & Student Employment
  www.cudenver.edu > Current Students > Financial Services > Student Employment

- PE building
  Full gym, workout room, weight room, swimming pool, fitness courses
  303-556-2391

- Writing Center
  Research & term papers
  www.cudenver.edu > Academics > Student Academic Support > Writing Center

- Tivoli Student Union
  Auraria Bookstore, food court, student club offices, credit union, etc.
  www.tivoli.org