New Student Survival Checklist

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. **Academic Advising**
   - Your advisor will outline your degree requirements and introduce you to the University policies. You can also use your advisor as your campus “Information Booth.” Please call 303-556-2279 ext. 1 or stop by Arts Building 177 to make an appointment.
   - CAM’s advising website has degree sheets, how-to handouts and more: [http://cam.ucdenver.edu](http://cam.ucdenver.edu).

2. **Student Email Account**
   - Email is an official means of communication at CU Denver. Students are required to use and regularly check their student email account.
   - To activate your University email account, go to [www.ucdenver.edu > Quick Links > Web Mail > Denver Campus Students > Account activation](http://www.ucdenver.edu).  

3. **New Student Orientation**
   - First-time freshmen are required to attend orientation before they can register for classes. You may register for orientation via UCD Access. See [www.ucdenver.edu/orientation](http://www.ucdenver.edu/orientation) for more information.

4. **Registration**
   - Use the UCD Access 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. Your advisor can help you determine the best courses to take. [www.ucdenver.edu/UCDAccess](http://www.ucdenver.edu/UCDAccess).
   - See also “How To Register” handout ([http://cam.ucdenver.edu > Student Resources > Forms/ “How To” > How To Register](http://cam.ucdenver.edu)).

5. **College Opportunity Fund**
   - This is the partial government subsidy for in-state, undergraduate tuition. Colorado residents need to authorize these funds. [www.ucdenver.edu/registrar > Students > Policies & Procedures > College Opportunity Fund](http://www.ucdenver.edu/registrar).  

6. **Waitlist Info**
   - Students who choose to put themselves on a waitlist (WL) when they register for classes are highly encouraged to read and make sure they understand the WL policies ([http://cam.ucdenver.edu > Student Resources > Forms/ “How To” > Waitlist Info](http://cam.ucdenver.edu)). WLs require that the students be proactive about monitoring their schedules, regardless of whether faculty advise students they are on the class list or not. Call your advisor with any questions about how WLs work and what your responsibilities are. Students are assessed tuition for WL classes.

7. **Tuition, Financial Aid, and Scholarships**
   - **Due to high demand for our classes, CU Denver requires a $200 tuition pre-payment from all students each semester before they can register for classes.** Students can pay this deposit through the UCDAccess system with a credit/debit card or electronic check. Students who have applied for Financial Aid may be able to have this fee waived. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more info.


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- Tuition and fees: [www.ucdenver.edu](http://www.ucdenver.edu) > Academic Life > Tuition & Fees > Tuition and fees for: Undergraduate Programs > Programs on the Denver Campus. These schedules do **not** include costs for housing, books, parking, health insurance, or supplies.

8. **Student ID Card/Smart Card (New RTD bus and light rail pass)**
- 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 the Campus ID Program in Tivoli 269; 303-556-8385.
- First-time CU Denver students are eligible for a free ID card, but must pick up a voucher from the Service Center, North Classroom 1003.
- RTD bus and light rail pass stickers have now been replaced by the Smart Card College Pass. Students who present a valid Student ID and class schedule may obtain a Smart Card from the Campus ID Program in Tivoli 269; 303-556-8385. Visit [rtd-denver.com/smartcard](http://rtd-denver.com/smartcard) for step-by-step instructions for using your pass.

9. **Student Housing**
- Freshmen are required to live in Campus Village, or petition for a waiver. Campus housing is optional for all other students. [www.ucdenver.edu](http://www.ucdenver.edu) > Campus Life > Student Housing
- Commuter Standards and Wellness and Housing has info on housing, both on- and off-campus. Call 303-556-2444 or stop by Tivoli 227.

10. **Student Health Insurance**
- Students can get health insurance through CU Denver. Coverage is by positive enrollment only (students may also maintain private health insurance). [www.ucdenver.edu](http://www.ucdenver.edu) > Campus Life > Health/Well-Being > Denver Campus Health Insurance; 303-556-6273 or stop by Tivoli 127B.

11. **Parking and Transportation**
- Students who elect to drive to campus can choose between daily fee and permit-only parking lots. Contact the Parking & Transportation Center for information: 303-556-2000 or stop by the Parking and Transportation Center (777 Lawrence Way).
- The Smart Card ID serves as a bus pass for the local RTD bus & light rail service (swipe Smart Card upon entrance). [www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com).

12. **Purchase Your Books**
- Once you are ready to purchase your textbooks and materials (usually 1-2 weeks before classes begin), you have a choice of purchasing them through Auraria Campus Bookstore or through private retailers (Big Dog, Book Byte, Amazon, etc).
- Get a list of what books are required through the Auraria Bookstore: [www.aurariabooks.com](http://www.aurariabooks.com).

That’s it! You are now ready to begin classes. Have a great semester! April 2013