

New Student Survival Checklist

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

1. Academic Advising

- Your advisor will outline your degree requirements and introduce you to university policies. First-year students should contact the Center for Undergraduate Exploration & Advising at 303-315-1940 or stop by Student Commons Building 1113 to schedule an appointment. Transfer students (with 30+ credit hours) should contact College of Arts & Media Advising at 303-315-7400 (Option 1) or stop by Arts Building 177 to make an appointment.

2. Student Email Account & UCDAccess

- 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 and your UCDAccess portal, go to <https://myaccount.ucdenver.edu>.

3. New Student Orientation

- All new incoming students (freshmen and transfers) are required to participate in orientation before they can register for classes. See www.ucdenver.edu/orientation or call our New Student Orientation Office at 303-315-3503 to register for an orientation session or for more information.

4. Registration

- Use the UCDAccess portal 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. Go to www.ucdenver.edu/UCDAccess.
- For instructions on how to register, see www.ucdenver.edu/registrar → Register for Classes → How To: Search For and Enroll In Classes (pdf).

5. College Opportunity Fund

- This is the partial government subsidy for in-state, undergraduate tuition. Colorado residents need to authorize these funds. Find more information at www.ucdenver.edu/registrar → Student Services → College Opportunity Fund.

6. Waitlist Info

- Students who choose to put themselves on a waitlist when they register for classes are highly encouraged to read and make sure they understand the waitlist policies. See details at www.ucdenver.edu/registrar → Register for Classes → Waitlist.
- Waitlisting requires that students be proactive about monitoring their schedules, regardless of whether faculty advise students they are on the class list or not. Contact your advisor with any questions about how waitlists work and what your responsibilities are. Students are assessed tuition for waitlisted classes.

7. Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Tuition and fees: go to www.ucdenver.edu → Admissions & Costs → Tuition & Costs, call 303-315-1800 or visit the Bursar's Office in Student Commons Building 5123.
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
 - Financial Aid: go to www.ucdenver.edu/finaid, call 303-315-1850 or visit Student Commons Building 5105.
 - Scholarships Office: go to www.ucdenver.edu/scholarships, call 303-315-1850 or visit Student Commons Building 5105.

8. Student ID Card/CollegePass Smart Card (for RTD bus and light rail)

- First-time CU Denver students are eligible for a free ID card but must pick up a voucher from the Lynx Center in the Student Commons Building (1st floor helpdesk). Students who attend a New Student Orientation session will receive a copy of this voucher at orientation.
- Once you have registered, you can obtain a CU Denver Student ID card. Bring proof of current registration (class schedule and tuition bill printed out or on smartphone) and valid photo ID to the Campus ID Station in the Tivoli Station bookstore (located in the Tivoli Student Union). Call 303-556-4286 for more information.
- Ride RTD bus and light rail with the RTD CollegePass smart card. Students who present a valid Student ID may obtain an RTD CollegePass from the Campus ID Station in the Tivoli Station bookstore. Visit www.rtd-denver.com/fares-passes/collegepass for step-by-step instructions on using your pass.

9. Student Housing

- On-campus housing is available and optional. See www.ucdenver.edu/housing.
- For information about off-campus housing, see www.ucdenver.edu/commuterservices.

10. Immunization Policy and Student Health Insurance

- See the Auraria Health Center's website for information on the immunization policy and on what paperwork students will be required to submit: www.msudenver.edu/healthcenter/immunizations/immunizationrequirement. A hold will be placed on the student's registration for the second semester unless paperwork is received beforehand.
- As of August 2016, the University of Colorado Denver is no longer offering an optional health insurance plan for domestic (non-international) students.

11. Parking and Transportation

- Students who elect to drive to campus can choose between daily fee and permit-only parking lots and garages. Contact Parking & Transportation Services for information at 303-556-2000 or stop by 777 Lawrence Way.
- The RTD CollegePass smart card allows students to connect with multiple stops on campus via RTD bus or light rail. See number 8 above for more information.

12. Purchase Your Books

- Once you are ready to obtain your textbooks and materials (usually 1-2 weeks before classes begin), you have a choice of purchasing them through the Tivoli Station bookstore (located in the Tivoli Student Union) or through private retailers.
- Get a list of what books are required through the Tivoli Station at www.tivolistation.com.

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

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