

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. New Student Orientation and Academic Advising

- All new incoming students (freshmen and transfers) are required to participate in orientation (including academic advising) before they can register for classes. See www.ucdenver.edu/orientation, call 303-315-3506, or email our New Student Orientation Office at orientation@ucdenver.edu to register for an orientation session or for more information.

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. 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 → Scroll Down to How-To Guides → Register for Classes

4. 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 → Residency → College Opportunity Fund.

5. 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/student/registration-planning → Join a 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.

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6. Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Tuition and fees: go to www.ucdenver.edu → Tuition & Cost, call 303-315-1800, email bursar@ucdenver.edu, 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, email financialaid@ucdenver.edu, or visit Student Commons Building 5105.
 - Scholarships Office: go to www.ucdenver.edu/scholarships, call 303-315-1850, email scholarships@ucdenver.edu, or visit Student Commons Building 5105.

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

- For information on how to obtain an ID card, please contact the New Student Orientation Office at orientation@ucdenver.edu.
- Most semesters, students obtain an RTD bus and light rail pass via their regular fees. In Fall 2020, due to limited on-campus course work and student presence, the university is not charging this fee and is not providing passes.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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, www.ahec.edu/parking, or 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 7 above for more information.

11. 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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