First Year Experience Checklist

This list is a guide to help you navigate your first year at UMD. It is your responsibility to integrate the list into how it fits your personal and academic goals. These are suggestions to help you throughout your year; it is not a requirement.

Academics:
- Explore your proposed major; learn requirements such as GPA, college and university studies requirements.
- Meet your Academic Advisor.
- Utilize the tutoring services: Math & Business, Writing and Reading, Foreign Language and Science.
- Connect with fellow students in your classes; discuss forming study groups and exchange contact information.
- Connect with an upperclassman in your major or intended major to find out about their experience.
- Explore your department’s website for information about your curriculum, internship opportunities and requirements.
- Get comfortable with COIN. Check your holds, your advisor assignment, schedule and grades.
- Explore the Academic Advising website for information about advising preparation, choosing classes and major exploration.
- If applicable, renew your FAFSA by March 1.

Getting Involved
- Get to know the campus, explore the academic buildings and places of interest such as Campus Center, Library and SAIL office.
- Join at least one club or student organization; Corsair Fair is a great place to start.
- Check the UMD daily calendar of event on your UMD portal for information on campus events and activities.
- Check your UMD email every day; this is our official means of communication with you. You can forward it to a personal email if your prefer.
- Visit the International Programs Office for valuable information on study abroad/study away.

Career Preparation
- Meet with a Career Development Counselor in the Career Development Center to discuss career assessment tools, which will help you identify your values interests, abilities and personality type.
- Visit the Career Development website for assistance in developing your resume, to search careers and for experiential learning opportunities.
- Attend a Career Development Career Fair to know what to expect for future years...