Sophomore Year Experience Checklist

This list is a guide to help you navigate your sophomore 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:

- Identify your major and/or strengthen your commitment to your major.
- Meet your academic advisor to discuss your curriculum and develop an academic plan; meet with a faculty member in an area of interest to discuss career opportunities.
- Utilize the tutoring services: Math & Business, Writing and Reading, Foreign Language and Science.
- Consider enhancing your academic program with a minor.
- Connect with classmates and consider forming study groups.
- Explore your department’s website for information about your curriculum, internship opportunities and requirements.
- View your academic progress on COIN under advisement report to ensure you’re making progress toward your degree.
- Begin to explore research opportunities within your major and/or experiential learning opportunities.
- 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

- Take time to do something new at UMD. Connect with others who have different interests or backgrounds.
- Attend an event that you haven’t participated in before.
- Pursue an organization that supports your major/career interest.
- Join at least one club or student organization; Corsair Fair is a great place to start.
- Check the UMD daily calendar of events 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 you prefer.
- Consider Study Abroad; 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 your career and experiential learning opportunities.
- Consider ways to learn more and connect to your prospective career field with activities such as informational interviews, job shadowing, service learning or internships.
- Visit the Career Development website for assistance in developing your resume, and have it reviewed by a career counselor.
- Attend a Career Development Career Fair to know what to expect for future years.