

DISCOVERY

Freshman Year Checklist

➤ GET TO KNOW YOUR RA, DA, AND YOUR FELLOW RESIDENTS

- These people are valuable resources who can help you.
- Your roommate(s) and people in your building are critical to establishing an academic and social network.
- Know where to go for studying. It is imperative to discover the most effective location and method to study for yourself. Possible places could be the Bartle Library and the Discovery Centers located in each community.

➤ MAKE SURE YOU ARE GOING TO CLASS

- Get to know at least one person in your class to help you study. Your residence hall Academic Information Network bulletin board can help you with this.
- Organize your work and be sure to pace yourself. All-nighters are no fun and can usually be avoided with active preparation.
- Create a balanced schedule so you don't get overwhelmed. Your DA can help!
- When scheduling classes, make sure to take a variety of classes. This can help you figure out what you like and what you need to fulfill course requirements.

➤ GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

- Getting involved in clubs or sports is a great way to meet new people.
- Establish yourself in a group to which you are willing and able to commit time and effort.

➤ GET TO KNOW AT LEAST ONE PROFESSOR EACH SEMESTER

- Professors' office hours are the most underutilized resource on campus.
- Professors can help you gain more information about a specific field.
- Make connections early. You never know when you are going to need a recommendation.

➤ GET TO KNOW THE ACADEMIC RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

- Discovery Advisors (DAs), the Discovery Academic Advisor, Faculty Masters and school academic advisors are here to help you.
- Know where to go for printing (Discovery Center Pods, Information Commons, Academic A and West Pods in Science III).
- Know where to purchase and borrow books, (Library, Bookstore, Mando's, Bookbridge, Barnes and Noble).
- Utilize Choices Planner, Discovery's online academic and career exploration tool. See your DA.
- Know where to go for tutoring (CIW Library/Center for Learning and Teaching).
- Learn about the Career Development Center and its different services.