

# First Year Student Checklist

This checklist is to guide students successfully through their first year at Montgomery College (MC).

## Before MC: Plan Ahead

- Investigate financial assistance through <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/finaid>
- Apply for admission
- Schedule assessment tests if needed
- Attend a Montgomery Advising Program (MAPP), International Montgomery Advising Program (IMAP), or EMAP online session to learn more about MC
- See a counselor to register for classes. First Year Seminar class (DS 107), Seminar for International Students (DS 104), Summer Bridge, or a FYE Learning Community is strongly recommended.
- Pay for classes. Get receipt and sticker for Student ID card from the cashier.
- Obtain Your Student ID card with paid receipt from cashier (Germantown and TP/SS Student Ids: Student Life, Rockville: Student Services.)

## Once Admitted: Orient Yourself to MC

- Attend New Student Orientation
- Obtain a parking decal
- Buy your books
- Apply for financial aid by January 1 each year for the next academic school year.

## September and February: Get Involved

- Attend the first class meeting
- Be aware of drop and withdrawal deadlines
- Attend the Welcome Week/ Open House Activities
- Join a club, leadership workshop, Senate meeting, or volunteer in a service learning project through Student Life Office
- Attend Transfer Days
- Plan out your semester and course responsibilities using the Student Insider's Guide

## October and March: Discover Campus Resources

- Complete Education Plan and see a counselor to plan for next term classes
- Monitor course progress and seek help as necessary: Check midterm grades on My MC.
- Visit the writing, math, and computer centers to prepare for midterms
- Attend a student success, academic and/or transfer planning workshop
- Access tutoring as needed

## November and April: Explore Career Options

- Explore your major choice and begin your career search: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studev/careerstep1.html>
- Update your resume and cover letters and practice interviewing techniques
- Go to a Campus Job Fair
- In November, participate in National Career Month campus activities

## December and May: Prepare for Finals

- Study for final exams
- Seek advising as needed