

First Year Checklist



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

Before MC: Plan Ahead

- Attend a Parent-Student Information Session or Open House.
- Apply for admission.
- Investigate and apply for financial assistance by visiting www.montgomerycollege.edu/finaid; complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Once Admitted: Orient Yourself to MC

- Schedule assessment tests, if needed.
- Attend a Montgomery Advising Program (MAP) or International Montgomery Advising Program (IMAP), or access the Electronic Montgomery Advising Program (eMAP) to learn how to select courses and take advantage of the resources of the College.
- See a counselor in the Counseling and Advising Department to choose classes for summer/fall registration. First Year Seminar (DS 107), Seminar for International Students (DS 104), Summer Bridge, or FYE Learning Communities are strongly recommended.
- See Disability Support Services if you have a documented disability.
- Use MyMC to register for classes.
- Pay for classes. Get receipt and sticker for student ID card from the cashier.
- Obtain your student ID card.
- Become familiar with MC e-mail system.
- Obtain a parking permit.
- Attend New Student Orientation.
- Buy your books.
- Join the FYE Facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com and become a fan to keep informed of events at MC. Just enter "Montgomery College First Year Experience" in the search box.
- Subscribe and listen to the FYE podcasts. These audio files can be downloaded to your iPod and provide helpful tips from other students to help make your first year a success. To subscribe, follow the steps at <http://podcast.montgomerycollege.edu>.

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September or January

- Review your class schedule through MyMC; attend the first class meeting.
- Be aware of drop and withdrawal deadlines.
- Attend your campus Welcome Week/Open House activities.
- Join a club, attend a leadership workshop or Senate meeting, or volunteer in a service learning project through your campus Student Life Office.
- Plan out your semester and course responsibilities using the *Student Insider's Guide and Planner*.

October or February/March

- See a counselor before registering for your 16th credit to begin an education plan and select next semester's courses.
- Monitor course progress and seek help as necessary. Check midterm grades on MyMC.
- Visit the writing, math, and computer centers to prepare for midterms.
- Attend a student success, academic, and/or transfer planning workshop; attend a transfer fair.
- Access tutoring as needed.

November or March/April

- Explore your major choice and begin your career search: 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 or May

- Visit the writing, math, and computer centers to prepare for finals.
- Seek advising as needed.
- Check final grades on MyMC.