

Student Checklist after Orientation

Register for Classes

Your academic advisor will help you plan and register for classes. Registration for most classes takes place online through your <https://my.nmsu.edu> account. After registration, your advisor will help you obtain an official copy of your registration document, which includes details of your class schedule.

Get your Student ID Card

Student ID cards are available from NMSU ID Card Services, on the 2nd floor of the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on NMSU's Main Campus, (575) 646-4835. There is no charge for your student ID card and it does not expire. You will need your Student ID card to access many services on campus and you may be able to get discounts from many local businesses.

Apply for Financial Aid

Begin by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://fafsa.gov/>. DACC's School Code is **E00876**. Then check the status of your application through your <https://my.nmsu.edu> account or with DACC's Office of Financial Aid (DASR 109, 527-7696). You will need your Student ID card to receive services.

Purchase your Textbooks

Once you have registered for classes, order your textbooks before classes start. Textbooks may be purchased at the DACC bookstore where the class is offered, or online through the [NMSU Barnes and Noble website](#). You will need your registration document in order to purchase books tax-free from the campus bookstore. Remember to save your receipts for returns or exchanges. Additional services include student credit accounts for books and price matching.

Get a Parking Permit

Parking permits are required for paved lots/streets at DACC's Espina Campus. Comply with parking signage to avoid parking tickets. Permits are available at the East Mesa Cashier's Office in DASR 102B, 527-7516, or at NMSU Parking Services (located with ID Card Services on the 2nd floor of the Barnes & Noble Bookstore) or at <http://park.nmsu.edu>.

Pay Your Bill

Regardless if you qualify for financial aid or not, it is your responsibility to make sure your account is paid and in good standing with the Cashier's Office. You can check your account online through your <https://my.nmsu.edu> account or contact the DACC Cashier's Office at DASR 102B, 527-7516; DAGC 100, 882-6800; or DASP 106, 874-7780.

Make Time to Study

To be successful in college, students need to spend lots of time studying and preparing for class. Generally, students need to study 1-2 hours outside of class for every one hour inside class. College instructors likely will not remind you to do your work, so it's up to you to take responsibility for your academic success. Consult with your academic advisor and the professionals in the Academic Readiness Center (ARC) early in the semester for help.

Check your NMSU Email Regularly

Students need to check their NMSU email weekly, since this is NMSU's official method of communicating with students. Check your email at <https://my.nmsu.edu>.

Learn how to use the STAR Degree Audit

STAR Degree Audits list all of the courses you will need for your desired degree, and show you how the courses you choose are helping you progress toward meeting your degree requirements. Share your audit with your academic advisor to make sure you are interpreting it correctly and taking the courses that will most benefit you. The website for the STAR degree audit is <https://degreeaudit.nmsu.edu>.

Plan to See Your Academic Advisor Regularly

Mark your calendar now to check in with your academic advisor about a month into the semester. Also plan to meet with your advisor to plan your second semester courses before class registration begins.

- Registration for Spring classes begins in early November (meet with advisor in October).
- Registration for Summer/Fall classes begins in April (meet with advisor in March).

If you are considering pursuing a bachelor's degree, spend a half hour exploring the following website before your next academic advising appointment <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/transfer/>.