# **So I’ve Met with My Advisor and Registered for Classes…. What’s Next?**

The following is a set of recommended “next steps” for new students to complete before beginning their first semester at Missoula College. Some or all may apply to you; note that some are required.

[ ]  Set up your UMConnect Email Account**.** (Required) It is imperative that all students begin using their UM email account right away. You MUST use this email to communicate with UM faculty and staff. Important student announcements are sent to this email address and is used by professors to contact students with information related to their courses. Go to [the UMConnect login page](http://www.umt.edu/umconnect) to access your email.

[ ] Purchase your Griz Card**.** (Required)Students need their Griz Card student ID to check out materials from the Mansfield Library, access their dormitory, or purchase items on their meal plan (among other things). Griz Cards may be purchased at the Griz Card Center located on the first floor of the University Center on the mountain campus. The cost is $15 and you must bring a photo ID (government-issued ID or a high school ID). For a full list of services and more information, please refer to the [Griz Card website](http://www.umt.edu/grizcard).

[ ] Acquire your Missoula College parking pass**.** (Required, if parking a vehicle on campus.) Parking on the Missoula College campus is free, but students must have a parking pass in order to do so. You may [order your parking pass through the Missoula College website](http://mc-um.mc.umt.edu/registration/mcparkingpermit/). Students are required to pay their registration bill prior to being issued a parking pass. The passes may be picked up from the Cashier’s window within a few business days of submitting your application online. If you will be parking on the mountain campus, you will need to purchase a mountain campus parking pass through Cyberbear.

[ ] Purchase your textbooks**.** (Required) A list of course material requirements is available on [the Montana Bookstore website](http://montana.secureweblogin.com/info/textbooks/5000000116465/) a few weeks before the semester starts. Note that course materials are split into two search categories based on the campus the course is housed on (i.e. materials for Missoula College courses are listed under a different “term” designation than mountain campus classes in the materials search function).

[ ] Verify your contact information is up-to-date in Cyberbear**.** Having current contact information in Cyberbear is crucial, as this phone number and mailing address will be used UM staff and faculty the contact you. (Emails from UM employees are sent to your student address.) To change your contact information, log in to Cyberbear and click on “Personal Information.” Then use the “Update Address(es) and Phone(s)” link to update your information, if need be.

[ ] Familiarize yourself with the Park-N-Ride/UDASH shuttle system**.** During regular semester weekdays, the UDASH shuttle busses run from Missoula College to the mountain campus every twenty minutes. There are also several other routes from different Park-N-Ride parking lots near campus. Review the [ASUM Transportation website](http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/Transportation/default.php) for more information, including run times and how to get trip planning assistance.

[ ] Make http://my.umt.edu your web browser’s homepage (or bookmark it).

[ ] If you have transfer credits from another institution or AP/CLEP test scores**,** ensure documentation has been sent to the Missoula College Admissions office for evaluation. Official transcripts from the institution awarding credit (including dual-credit) must be sent to Missoula College.

[ ]  Put a reminder in your calendar to set an appointment with your advisor to discuss registration for the next future semester. Make an appointment in mid-March for Fall semester registration, and mid-September for Spring semester registration. Refer to [the Missoula College Advisor Directory](http://mc.umt.edu/aac/Advising/Who.php) for advisor and department contact information.