

# FIRST YEAR Checklist

*Must be completed prior to your arrival this semester.*

- Review the materials from your Orientation** including the QR code (cling) we provided to review important information on the student handbook website.
- Complete “**Alcohol & Marijuana Wise**” and “**Sexual Assault Prevention**” courses by the start of the semester. These courses will be available the Monday after you attend Orientation—check your UWM email.
- Set up your Multi-Factor Authentication login using these directions: [kb.uwm.edu/54768](https://kb.uwm.edu/54768)
- Mark **Fall or Winter Welcome** on your calendars, first week of the semester! Find more info at [uwm.edu/welcome](https://uwm.edu/welcome).
- Be on the lookout for communications about Panther Academic Welcome and review [uwm.edu/paw](https://uwm.edu/paw) to see how you'll participate in this tradition!
- Submit your final high school transcripts to the **Office of Undergraduate Admissions**:  
Vogel Hall, Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
P.O. Box 749, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0747
- Submit your **FAFSA**: Free Application for Federal Student Aid [www.fafsa.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov).
- Use your PAWS ([uwm.edu/paws](https://uwm.edu/paws)) account to accept your financial aid and pay your tuition.
- Tuition can also be paid directly to the Cashier's Office located in **Mitchell Hall, room 285**. Installment payment plan information is available at [uwm.edu/onestop/finances/billing-and-payment](https://uwm.edu/onestop/finances/billing-and-payment) or 414-229-4915.
- Check your UWM email account for emails from **Financial Aid, Housing, instructors**, and your **Student Success Center Peer Mentor**.
- Log in to “**Presence**” using your ePantherID and password to create a profile and check out the student organizations that UWM has to offer.
- Check out UWM's Virtual Bookstore ([uwm.ecampus.com](https://uwm.ecampus.com)) to purchase your course textbooks.
- Check out the **PantherShop** for great UWM merchandise and supplies.
- Get your **Milwaukee County Transit System U-Pass** as early as a week before the beginning of the semester at Transportation Services (Union G25), just bring your Panther Card.
- Submit your AP, IB scores and/or other college credits**. Contact the appropriate testing agency to get your scores sent to UWM.
- Contact your **Academic Advisor** if you have questions about your schedule or if you are interested in changing your major. Your Academic Advisor's name is listed on the right-hand side of your PAWS home page.
- If you feel comfortable, allow your parent/guardian to view your financial information in PAWS by granting them third party access. Log into PAWS; select “Campus Personal Information”; select “Grant Access to Others” and follow the directions.