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To ensure that you have a successful experience at USM please review the following next steps:

- **Check your @maine.edu email account regularly**
  Official course notices and payment reminders will be sent via email. If you have questions, please contact the Help Desk or by calling 780-4029. [http://usm.maine.edu/computing/helpdesk](http://usm.maine.edu/computing/helpdesk)

- **Review the Online Orientation Module in BlackBoard**
  When you log into MyUSM Campus Portal [http://my.usm.maine.edu/](http://my.usm.maine.edu/), you can access BlackBoard through the LaunchPad. Under the list of courses, you will see Online Orientation on the right side. Visit the BlackBoard tutorial page for tips. [https://usm.maine.edu/ctel/blackboard-student-documentation](https://usm.maine.edu/ctel/blackboard-student-documentation)

- **Review the USM CORE Requirements**
  Understand what the USM Core is about and review the courses available to fulfill these requirements. [http://usm.maine.edu/core](http://usm.maine.edu/core)

- **Review the Major Requirements**
  Take a moment to review the course requirements for your major of interest, or explore options while you are still deciding. Reviewing the types of course options gives you a better understanding of the major and minors. [http://usm.maine.edu/majors-minors-programs](http://usm.maine.edu/majors-minors-programs)

- **Sign up to take the Math ACCUPLACER or College-Level Math Test** (If applicable)
  All newly admitted students must show they have math readiness in order to register for college level math courses. This is done through SAT/ACT scores or transferring in an equivalent college level math class. In order to ensure you are able to register for the appropriate math and/or science class, make sure you are math ready. [http://usm.maine.edu/assessment/testing](http://usm.maine.edu/assessment/testing)

  If needed, the College-Level Math score will determine if your scores are sufficient to enroll in the MAT 140 course or the MAT 152 course. *(Only needed if you do not have equivalent transfer credits.)*

- **Verify Transfer Credits / Advance Placement / Experiential Learning Credits** (If applicable)
  Verify in MaineStreet if your official transcript has been received and posted. For more information, contact the Transfer Affairs Office at (207) 780-5340.

  You may be eligible to qualify for USM undergraduate credit for having completed any of the following: AP exams, CLEP exams, DANTES exams, work/life experience, military experience, workshops, licenses and certificates. For more information contact the Office for Prior Learning Assessment at (207) 780-4663. [www.usm.maine.edu/pla](http://www.usm.maine.edu/pla)

- **Create a Wish List before your Advising Appointment**
  [http://usm.maine.edu/sites/default/files/orientation/MaineStreet_WishList_0.pdf](http://usm.maine.edu/sites/default/files/orientation/MaineStreet_WishList_0.pdf)