The Road to UM
A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO YOUR ARRIVAL IN THE FALL
Welcome to the 'Cane Family!

This road map will guide you as you plan your arrival in Miami this fall.

To ensure a smooth transition to your new life as a Miami Hurricane, pay close attention to the checklist items and their due dates. More information about each checklist item can be found on the departments’ web pages.

We can’t wait to see you on campus. Go ’Canes!

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*International students only*
### Heads up!

All email from the University of Miami is sent to your @miami.edu account. You are responsible for receiving, reading, and responding to all messages in a timely manner, so check your email every day!

*International students only*
Stay Connected
CaneLink

Get to know CaneLink, the University of Miami’s student portal. Understanding how it works will be critical to your success because it’s used for everything, from paying tuition and registering for courses to accessing your grades.

Log in at canelink.miami.edu. Once logged in, select ‘Go to Student Center’ to access your academic records, financial aid, and bill.

For more detailed instructions on navigating CaneLink, visit canelink.it.miami.edu.

Technology

The University provides a number of tools to help you stay organized, connected, and informed. Complete the steps below to make sure you’re taking advantage of all we have to offer.

1. **Check your UM email every day.** ALL University information will be communicated to you via your UM email account (e.g., registration appointments, financial aid, billing, grade, and student life information).

2. **Link your UM email account to the email address you use most frequently.**

3. **Link UM email to your mobile device.** For instructions, visit miami.edu/mobileconfig.

4. **Confirm your permanent address and mobile number in CaneLink** under the Student Services Center and select your preferred contact method. In case of an emergency, the University will send alerts to your preferred address and phone number on file.

5. **Set up delegate/proxy access.** CaneLink provides the option to grant your parent(s) and/or other individuals, known as delegates or proxies, access to your information. We recommend that you grant access to anyone who manages your tuition payments. You always control what’s shared and can make changes anytime. For more information, visit miami.edu/canelinkproxy.
Your education belongs to you.
This is the principle behind our Cognates Program of General Education, which allows you to design an education that is broad, deep, and distinctly you.

What is a cognate?
A cognate is a group of at least three courses (for at least 9 credits) that share a theme or focus determined by the faculty. A cognate may center on a discipline, a problem, a topic, a region, a method, a time period, another language, or an experience abroad, among many other possibilities.

How do I fulfill the cognates requirement?
Select and complete three cognates, one from each of the basic Areas of Knowledge:
- Arts and Humanities
- People and Society
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

How do cognates work with my major requirements?
Every major and minor constitutes a cognate. The typical program is your major plus two cognates, each in a different Area of Knowledge.

How do I choose my cognates?
Your interests, goals, and curiosities should guide your decision. You may select more cognates than the required three. Each cognate you complete will appear on your transcript.

Should I register for a cognate in my first semester?
Most students do not need to select cognates in their first semester, so you should focus on registering for the courses your school or college requires. If you have space for an elective, choose one that really interests you.

Where can I learn more?
The Cognate Search Engine at cognates.miami.edu allows you to explore your options and make your own educational choices.
Musts for All New Students

1. **Complete any course placement or entrance exams and skills assessments required.** You may need to take tests in language and math to ensure proper course placement. Check with your school or college for additional requirements and deadlines.

2. **Send your final high school or college transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admission (P.O. Box 249117, Coral Gables, FL 33124) as soon as it becomes available, and no later than July 1.** You will be unable to fully register for fall classes until your final transcript has been received.

3. **Submit scores and/or grades for AP, IB, and dual enrollment course credit.** To have Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Level H, and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) scores evaluated for University credit, have your scores sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from the College Board or your regional IB office as soon as they are available.

   *All exam scores must be sent directly from the appropriate testing agency. For AP, the University of Miami’s school code is 5815.*

   A minimum grade of a “C” is required for consideration of dual enrollment courses, and no more than 60 credits will be accepted from these programs.

   For a list of credit equivalencies, visit [miami.edu/creditequiv](http://miami.edu/creditequiv).

4. **Take the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment.** The ALEKS will be available free of charge from May 1 – August 26 in CaneLink. You will have five opportunities to take the exam. If you are not satisfied with your placement, you can take the six-month ALEKS Prep and Learning Module and take the exam again.

   For more information on the exam and exemptions, visit [miami.edu/aleks](http://miami.edu/aleks).

5. **Complete UMX100 by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.** The University of Miami Experience (UMX100) is a graded, online, self-paced course specifically designed to assist first-year students in making a successful transition to the University of Miami.

   You will be automatically enrolled in the course as it is required for all new students. The course opens on **July 1** and your grade will be recorded on your transcript. Access the course via Blackboard at [courses.miami.edu](http://courses.miami.edu). Have questions about this course? Email umx@miami.edu.
Registration and Advising

Each of the University’s schools and colleges has a specific program of course registration and academic advising. Your school or college will send information about registration and advising directly to your UM email.

Registration begins on May 30 and closes on July 10.

The following pages contain relevant information to help you select courses for the fall.

For step-by-step videos on how to register for classes in CaneLink, visit miami.edu/newstudentregister.
School of Architecture

Office of Academic Services
1223 Dickinson Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-3731
academicservices@miami.edu

ADVISING
As a first-year architecture student, you are placed in a predetermined set of classes with other first-year architecture students. This gives you the opportunity to interact with your fellow classmates, while building the academic foundation necessary to be successful in the years to come.

You do not need to contact an advisor before registering for classes over the summer unless you are a Foote Fellow or seeking credit for AP, IB, and/or dual enrollment courses.

To speak with an advisor, call the Office of Academic Services at 305-284-3731, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

REGISTRATION STEPS
1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.

2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.

3. Visit arc.miami.edu/newstudents to read a welcome letter from the program director, computer and software recommendations, and a list of supplies and quotes from vendors to place your order for a supply kit.

4. The School of Architecture will automatically enroll incoming architecture students in Architecture Design (ARC101) and Visual Representation I (ARC111).

5. Students should enroll themselves in ENG105, ARC121, and a math course. Your ALEKS score will determine your math level and in which course you should enroll.

6. Attend the School of Architecture Open House on Friday, August 18, to pick up your supply kit. If you did not pre-purchase a supply kit, a vendor will be on site during Open House.

LOOKING FORWARD
1. Complete your required summer reading, Experiencing Architecture by Steen Eiler Rasmussen, by the first day of classes.

2. Set up your studio space.
We believe our students are most successful when they take ownership of their futures and schedule their own classes.

Advisors can provide information about University requirements and opportunities; however, the advising process promotes and fosters autonomy. You will choose classes based on your individual interests, goals, and passions.

You will have an opportunity to discuss majors, minors, and degree requirements when you arrive.

An advisor will contact you once you have completed the registration steps below and enroll in courses.

**REGISTRATION STEPS**

1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at [miami.edu/newstudentregister](http://miami.edu/newstudentregister).

2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at [miami.edu/aleks](http://miami.edu/aleks).

3. Go to our New Student website, [as.miami.edu/register](http://as.miami.edu/register), and review the College of Arts and Sciences Registration Guide at [as.miami.edu/freshmanguide](http://as.miami.edu/freshmanguide) for
   - requirements for your major and suggested courses.
   - proficiencies for English composition, math, computing, statistics, and languages.

4. Review the Majors and Minors booklet at [miami.edu/as/majorsbooklet](http://miami.edu/as/majorsbooklet).

5. Complete and send the New Student Information Worksheet found at [as.miami.edu/freshmanguide](http://as.miami.edu/freshmanguide) to fys@miami.edu.

6. Register for classes in CaneLink. We recommend enrolling in a total of 15 credit hours.

7. Arrange for official test result reports for any AP, IB, or CLEP exams you took to be sent directly from the testing agency to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

8. After you have completed your registration, email fys@miami.edu to let us know.

9. Check your UM email. Your advisor will review your worksheet and course selections and contact you with any changes by **July 31**.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

Advisors will be assigned in CaneLink in August. At “Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet the dean and your academic advisors. Set up an appointment with an advisor to review your schedule and learn about the requirements for your major, minor, and degree.

Once the semester begins, advisors will be available by appointment or on a walk-in basis.

The Center for Freshmen Advising is always available to first-year students. Please visit [as.miami.edu/fysadvising](http://as.miami.edu/fysadvising) for more information.
School of Business Administration

Merrick Building, Room 104
5202 University Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-4641
newfreshman@bus.miami.edu

ADVISING

We believe successful students are active participants in their futures. At the School of Business Administration, our registration advisors are here to help you think through your choices, understand the registration process, and prepare for classes in the fall. You will have all the information you need during the registration process to review your requirements, enroll in classes, and take ownership of your classes and schedule.

Once you have placed courses into your CaneLink Shopping Cart, our advisors will review your choices and contact you via email.

Academic advisors will take walk-ins for the first two weeks of the fall semester, from August 21 through September 1. Beginning September 2, academic advisors will be available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on a walk-in basis, or by appointment.

REGISTRATION STEPS
1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.
2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.
3. Complete your UM Business Profile at bus.miami.edu/profile.
4. Review the Course Selection 411 at bus.miami.edu/selection.
5. Review the registration tutorial available at bus.miami.edu/newfreshmen.
6. Place your course selections into your CaneLink Shopping Cart.
7. Check your UM email. An advisor will contact you with further instructions 24 to 48 hours after placing your courses in your CaneLink Shopping Cart.

LOOKING FORWARD

At ’Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet your dean and academic advisors, and talk with your BUS101 team leader (a current student) about what to expect in your first year.

After classes begin, schedule an individual academic advising session.
School of Communication

5100 Brunson Drive
Wolfson Building, Room 2037
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-5234
communication@miami.edu

ADVISING

We believe that the process of choosing your classes is an opportunity to own your own story, ask the right questions, and focus on what matters. We'll give you all the information you need to complete the process, but it is up to you to define your passion, look at the requirements, and make your choices. If you have any questions along the way, your department has a dedicated advisor to help assist you.

Our advisors will review your schedule and confirm your class choices by July 31.

Advisors will be available for walk-ins during the first two weeks of the fall semester, August 21 through September 6. Beginning September 7, academic advisors will be available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. by appointment. Schedule an appointment at umiami.gradesfirst.com.

REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.
2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.
3. Review the school’s New Student Registration Guide at com.miami.edu/new-students. The guide recommends courses for each major and track.
4. Register for classes in CaneLink. We recommend enrolling in a total of 15 credit hours.
5. Once you are registered, inform your advisor:

   Advertising, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism, and Public Relations
   Marilyn Gonzalez, mcastano@miami.edu

   Communication Studies, Electronic Media, Media Management, and Motion Pictures
   Eva Alonso, eva.alonso@miami.edu

   Undeclared
   Eva Alonso, eva.alonso@miami.edu
   Marilyn Gonzalez, mcastano@miami.edu

Our academic advisors will review your schedule between July 1 and July 31 and reach out to you with any suggestions or changes by July 31.

LOOKING FORWARD

At 'Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet the dean, get to know your fellow students, and talk to your academic advisor about your interests, courses to take, and general education requirements.
School of Education and Human Development

Merrick Building, Room 312
5202 University Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-3711
gfastorini@miami.edu

ADVISING

We believe our most successful students own their education — their classes, their opportunities, and their schedule. While our advisors are here to answer your questions, you will have all the information you need during the registration process to review your degree requirements and select your classes.

Once you have completed your registration, our advisors will personally review your selections and confirm your choices by July 31.

Academic advisors will take walk-ins for the first two weeks of the fall semester, August 21 – September 1. Beginning mid-September, academic advisors will be available by appointment Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Email your advisor to schedule this appointment after September 1.

REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.
2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.
3. Review the school’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/education/register and the recommended courses listed for your specific major and/or track.
4. Register for courses in CaneLink.
5. Once registered, inform your advisor:
   - Educational and Psychological Studies and Teaching and Learning
     Dr. Gina Astorini, gfastorini@miami.edu
   - Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology
     Jacqueline Moreno, jxm1830@miami.edu
   - Sport Administration
     Genene Applewhite, gpa6@miami.edu

Once you are registered, our academic advisors will review your schedule between July 1 and July 31. If they have any questions or concerns, they will reach out to you by July 31.

LOOKING FORWARD

At ’Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet your dean, academic advisors, and fellow students; schedule a session with your advisor; and create a four-year Course Advising Plan (CAP) based on your interests, major(s) and minor(s), and general education requirements.
College of Engineering
1251 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-2404
Advising: 305-284-3100
advising@eng.miami.edu
Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ADVISING
Our experienced advisors are instrumental in creating a learning community — a place where our students work together to achieve excellence.

As an incoming student in the College of Engineering, you will be placed in the IMPACT (Integrated Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry/Communication Track) Program. Classes are selected by your advisor, and you take all or most of your classes with other engineering students. Our unique registration process brings students together to work through their prerequisite courses and support each other as they transition to college life.

Our advisors are available throughout the summer at advising@eng.miami.edu or at 305-284-3100, Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Advisors will take walk-ins for the first two weeks of the fall semester, August 21 through September 1. Beginning September 2, advisors will be available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. by appointment.

REGISTRATION STEPS
1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.
2. Review information about the College of Engineering Freshmen Registration Process at miami.edu/coe/ugreg.
3. Fill out the College of Engineering Information Form available at miami.edu/coe/ugreg.
4. Save the completed College of Engineering Information Form as “yourlastname_firstname” and send it to advising@eng.miami.edu.
5. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.
6. Send an electronic copy of any AP, IB, GCE, and dual enrollment courses to advising@eng.miami.edu.
7. Arrange for official test result reports for any AP, IB, or CLEP exams as well as transcripts from dual enrollment courses to be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

The Engineering Advising Office will enroll you in your courses once the College of Engineering Information Form and ALEKS Math Placement Assessment have been submitted. Enrollment is completed by the end of June.

LOOKING FORWARD
At 'Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet the dean, speak with academic advisors, and get to know your fellow students.
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

Ungar Building, Room 210
1365 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33124
305-284-2180
marsci@miami.edu
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ADVISING

Every semester is an opportunity to own your education, your classes, your schedule, your success — and our advisors are here to help you along the way.

In mid-May, you will receive our Registration Guide via email. It includes a list of recommended first-semester courses and explains the registration process step by step.

Academic advisors will take walk-ins for the first two weeks of the fall semester, August 21 through September 1. Beginning September 2, advisors will be available to you during their advertised office hours.

The Marine Science Office is available to assist you and answer your questions Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on a walk-in basis or by appointment.

REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.
2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.
3. Check your UM email for the Rosenstiel New Student Registration Guide.
4. Send an electronic copy of any AP, IB, GCE, and transcripts from dual enrollment courses to marsci@miami.edu.
5. Arrange for official test result reports for any AP, IB, or CLEP exams and transcripts from dual enrollment courses to be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.
6. Place your course selections into your CaneLink Shopping Cart.
7. Enroll in the courses recommended for your major.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our office will review your class schedule and email you with any recommended changes by mid-July.

At 'Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet the dean, speak with academic advisors, and get to know your fellow students.
Frost School of Music
Gusman Hall, Room 128C
1314 Miller Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-6920
smoore@miami.edu

ADVISING
As a new student in the Frost School, you must complete registration before orientation. Further instructions, including the Frost Course Registration Guide, will be emailed to you in late May.

The Frost Course Registration Guide will introduce you to our innovative curriculum while walking you through the registration process. If you qualify to place out of a course due to audition results, test scores, or transfer credits, you will have the opportunity to revise your schedule during orientation in August. Until then, refer to the Frost Course Registration Guide for enrollment and registration information.

If you have questions regarding registration, contact Senior Academic Advisor Katie Bessemer at k.bessemer@miami.edu.

REGISTRATION STEPS
1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister.
2. Complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment at miami.edu/aleks.
3. Respond to the Keyboard Studies Self-Evaluation email before June 1.
4. Review the Frost Course Registration Guide for your degree program and instrument at miami.edu/frost/register.
5. Place the recommended courses into your CaneLink Shopping Cart and enroll.

LOOKING FORWARD
Advisors in our Undergraduate Studies Office will review your schedule by June 15 and recommend any changes. A hold will be placed on your CaneLink account after your schedule is approved.

At ’Cane Kickoff, you will have the opportunity to meet the dean, review your fall schedule with your assigned advisor, and complete any required auditions or placement examinations.

The results of the theory assessment taken during your audition will be sent to you separately. The Keyboard Studies Placement Exam is optional, and will determine if you are placed into Keyboard Studies Level I-IV. Classical, contemporary, and jazz keyboard students will not need to take the Keyboard Studies Placement Exam.

After orientation, advising appointments with Katie Bessemer may be scheduled at umiami.gradesfirst.com. Email your individual advisor for information about their preferred method of scheduling. The Frost School of Music Undergraduate Studies Office is located in PLF 108 N and accepts walk-in appointments for general inquiries Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
School of Nursing and Health Studies

5030 Brunson Drive, Room 142
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-4325
sonhs@miami.edu

ADVISING
Every semester brings you one step closer to graduation and you should own every part of the journey. From registration to graduation planning, we want you to take charge of your education. The process below will help you understand your degree requirements and select your courses.

Once you have completed your registration, our academic advisors will personally review your first semester schedule and contact you by orientation with any necessary changes.

REGISTRATION STEPS
1. Read UM’s New Student Registration Guide at miami.edu/newstudentregister and complete the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment, if applicable, at miami.edu/aleks.
2. Visit sonhs.miami.edu/arf to complete and submit the School of Nursing and Health Studies Academic Reference Form (ARF) by June 1.
3. Immediately after submitting your ARF, and if registration is open, register for courses through CaneLink; otherwise, wait until May 30 when registration opens to register. Check out the “Registration Process Using CaneLink” section of miami.edu/newstudentregister for a video tutorial on how to register through CaneLink.

Starting May 22, you will be able to add courses to your CaneLink Shopping Cart and validate your schedule, but keep in mind this does not register you for courses. May 30 is the last day to change your degree or major through the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Any changes after this date must go through the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Though you may register through late June, we recommend doing so by May 31 so as not to delay your billing or our advisors’ ability to review your schedule.

Advisors will review all new student schedules between June 21 and August 4 and contact students if adjustments are needed.

LOOKING FORWARD
At ‘Cane Kickoff, you have the opportunity to meet the dean, your academic advisors, and your fellow classmates. You’ll also create the draft of your graduation plan and schedule a one-on-one advising session, if needed.

Throughout your undergraduate career, the academic advisors in the Office of Student Services will be available on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Living at the U
**On-Campus Housing**

All first-year freshmen are required to live in University housing for their first two academic semesters. This policy does not apply to freshmen who:

- have been out of high school for more than one calendar year.
- live with their parents or a legal guardian in Miami-Dade or Broward Counties.
- are married and/or have dependent children.
- for disciplinary or administrative reasons, may be denied the privilege of living on campus.

To apply for a freshman residency waiver, download the form from [hrl.studentaffairs.miami.edu](http://hrl.studentaffairs.miami.edu) or request it via email at housing@miami.edu.

**APPLY ON CANELINK:** Access the application under UM Housing. You can also view a sample housing agreement, an application tutorial, and the housing rates for the coming year at [miami.edu/housing](http://miami.edu/housing).

**MAKE YOURSELF A PRIORITY:** Students who apply early receive greater priority for selecting single rooms, making room changes, and receiving earlier room selection appointment times for future academic years.

**PREPAY TODAY:** You will be required to submit a $500 prepayment as part of the application process. You will also have to select a meal plan at the same time. The prepayment will be applied to your University student account.

**FIND A ROOMMATE:** The housing application process includes a section where you can complete a roommate profile by answering a series of questions about your lifestyle preferences, academic and social pursuits, and other roommate-related topics. If you would like to join the roommate search process, you’ll be assigned a username and asked to provide a brief description of yourself. The program then suggests potential roommates based on your profile responses.

See someone you like? Email them. The deadline to confirm each other as roommates is **May 15** but, if you have not already done so, you can still submit a mutual request to the Department of Housing and Residential Life at housing@miami.edu.

Visit the Housing and Residential Life website for more information, including what to bring to campus, fees and rates, and other housing services at [miami.edu/housing](http://miami.edu/housing).
Meal Plans

All undergraduate students living in one of the five residential colleges must purchase a meal plan as a part of their housing contract. Students who do not choose a meal plan during their housing enrollment will automatically be signed up for the unlimited meal plan. The deadline for meal plan enrollment is June 15.

In CaneLink, under Housing, select ‘Housing Application Process.’ Step 10 provides an option for choosing a meal plan. Students can select/change a meal plan up until one week after classes begin.

If you wish to increase your meal plan after that date, select ‘Meal Plan Change Request’ under Dining Services to email the department. Please provide your name and student number, along with your current and new meal plan choice.

Students living off campus may choose from any of the resident meal plans as well as any of the meal plans specifically designed for commuters. Meals and declining balance remaining at the end of the fall semester will roll over to the spring, but will expire at the end of the spring semester.

In CaneLink, under ‘Dining Services,’ select ‘Add Block Meals’ to email Dining Services. Please provide your name, student number, and meal plan choice.

For complete information, including all meal plan rates, dining hall locations, hours, menus, and nutrition information, visit the Dining Services website at miami.edu/dining.
Commuter Students

At the University of Miami, we understand that our commuter students have unique needs. That’s why we created a number of resources just for you.

**COMMUTER ASSISTANTS (CAs):** Your CA is here to help you with any questions or concerns you may have as you transition into the UM community. You will learn who your CA is during ‘Cane Kickoff.

**GREAT START:** We encourage you to participate in Great Start, an overnight pre-orientation program to connect with other commuters, explore student organizations, and learn all about being a ‘Cane before ‘Cane Kickoff in August. See page 33 for details. [miami.edu/greatstart](http://miami.edu/greatstart)

**PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION:** Check your email throughout the summer for information about parking on campus. Visit [miami.edu/parking](http://miami.edu/parking) for additional information regarding parking rates, campus shuttles, public transit, carpooling, and UBike.

Campus Safety and Security

1. **Update your emergency contact information.** Keep your emergency contact numbers up to date to ensure timely awareness of campus safety notifications.
   
   In CaneLink, select ‘Go to Student Center’ then ‘Personal Information’ and finally select the Emergency Contact hyperlink to edit.

2. **Have your computer marked for safety.** The University of Miami Police Department (UMPD) will mark any student’s property to aid in recovery in the event it is lost or stolen. Typical items that can be marked include smartphones, tablets, laptops, bookbags, and textbooks.
   
   To make an appointment to have your computer marked, call 305-284-1105.

3. **Register your bike (it’s mandatory).** Get a free lock when registering your bike on the first floor of the Flipse Building. If your bike is lost or stolen, UMPD can help locate and return your bicycle. [miami.edu/bikeregister](http://miami.edu/bikeregister).

4. **Download UGuardian.** The free safety app has options for virtual safety escorts and one-touch button to call UMPD or 911. Visit [miami.edu/uguardian](http://miami.edu/uguardian) under the Services and Programs tab to download.

5. **Save the following phone numbers to your phone** before you arrive on campus:
   
   - **305-284-6666** Uniformed UMPD employees are available as Safety Escorts 24/7. Call from your phone or from any blue light phone.
   - **305-298-6128** Safe Ride provides rides from residential areas around campus 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.
   - **305-284-1105** UMPD Crime Prevention Office
   - **305-284-3096** Parking and Transportation

6. **Familiarize yourself with campus emergency** preparedness information and resources at [prepare.miami.edu](http://prepare.miami.edu).

Learn more about support services specifically for commuter students, including Commuter Assistants, at [miami.edu/csi](http://miami.edu/csi).
For details, including documentation guidelines, visit umarc.miami.edu/arc/ODS.

Disability Services

Students with disabilities in need of accommodations must complete an Accommodation Request Form and submit current, appropriate, and comprehensive documentation of the disability to the Office of Disability Services by June 1.

Requests received after June 1 will be reviewed but a decision and accommodations may not be available before classes begin.
Health Insurance

All full-time students are required to have comprehensive health insurance coverage, whether it be through the University’s plan or a personal plan. You must choose to accept or waive the University plan coverage and fee as soon as possible and no later than July 25.

Detailed instructions to waive the University plan coverage are provided on the student health website at miami.edu/healthinsurance.

International students must purchase the medical insurance offered through the University of Miami at the time of registration unless they provide proof of agency or government sponsor coverage that has been reviewed and approved by the University Student Health Center prior to registration. The annual premium for this coverage is added to each student’s fees.

Immunizations and Health Records

All students are required to complete and present proof of immunization no later than August 25.

1. Visit miami.edu/immunizations to print out the form and have your medical provider complete an immunization compliance form.
2. Log in and enter all immunization information at mystudenthealth.miami.edu for verification.
3. Upload the completed immunization form to mystudenthealth.miami.edu. If you plan to live on campus, you will also be asked at the completion of the upload to document that you have received or were informed of the hepatitis and meningococcal meningitis immunizations.

Alcohol and Drug Education

All incoming students are required to complete Campus Clarity: Think About It, UM’s two-part course on alcohol, drug, and sexual misconduct education. Failure to complete any portion of the courses will result in your inability to register for spring courses.

The link to Part 1 will be emailed to your UM email address from admin@campusclarity.com by July 11. If you do not receive the link, email alcohol.pier21@miami.edu from your UM email address for access. Part 1 must be completed by August 16.

The link to Part 2 will be emailed by September 25 and must be completed by October 25.
Money Matters
Bills and Payments

You can pay your tuition invoice through CaneLink. Failure to pay your balance due or submit your Financial Guarantee Letter prior to the **August 1** deadline will interfere with your ability to move into on-campus housing in the fall and may result in the cancellation of your enrollment at the University.

In CaneLink, under the Finances tab, you can pay your balance, view your account details, and accept/decline your financial aid awards.

**THE MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN (MPP)** allows you to divide your educational expenses into four convenient monthly payments per semester. MPP participants may budget their tuition, fees, on-campus housing, and meal plan expenses as a part of their regular monthly payments during the fall and spring semesters. Participants are billed in equal monthly installments once the MPP enrollment has been completed. A non-refundable 3 percent administration fee is charged and added on to the monthly payments.

Payments can be submitted once enrollment is completed. Be sure to finalize financial aid requirements early, before signing up for the MPP. (There is a 2.5 percent surcharge for credit card transactions.) You can also make payments at the cashier’s window (Student Account Services, 1252 Memorial Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146) or mail a personal check to:

University of Miami
Monthly Payment Plan
PO. Box 249146
Coral Gables, FL 33124-4610

**DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR STUDENT REFUNDS** means you don’t have to wait for your refund check to arrive in the mail. You can have your refunds deposited directly into your checking or savings account.

Students may sign up for direct deposit of their student refund checks via CaneLink, under the Finances section. Simply select ‘Enroll in Direct Deposit’ from the drop-down menu and confirm your selection. Only U.S. bank accounts can be used for this service.

**FINANCIAL GUARANTEE LETTER:** If your tuition is paid by a third-party or government sponsor, you must submit a Financial Guarantee Letter to thirdparty.osas@miami.edu.

A third-party sponsor refers to any organization that formalizes a contract with the University and provides a guarantee letter assuming financial responsibility for a student’s or group of students’ tuition and fees. Students must provide the Office of Student Account Services with an updated Financial Guarantee Letter from the sponsor prior to the beginning of each semester and before the payment due date.

**FLORIDA PREPAID:** If you would like your Florida Prepaid funds to be applied to your cost of attendance, submit the authorization form available at miami.edu/fpp to the Office of Student Account Services by **June 15**.

**TUITION REMISSION:** Eligible dependents of University employees may receive tuition benefits based on the length of time of employment. Visit miami.edu/benefits for eligibility and requirements.

For more information on tuition, fees, and billing, visit miami.edu/osas.

For more information about the MPP, visit miami.edu/mpp or call the Office of Student Account Services at 305-284-6430 (option 6).

For more information on third-party and government sponsors, visit miami.edu/osas and select ‘Payments,’ ‘Third Party Sponsor,’ then ‘Florida Prepaid.’

For the most up-to-date content, visit miami.edu/RoadtoUM | 29
Financial Aid

Students who have applied for financial assistance are eligible to be considered for need-based aid. To accept or decline any portion of your awards:

1. **View and complete your pending To-Do items in CaneLink.** You cannot receive financial assistance until all requested documentation is received and reviewed by the Office of Student Financial Assistance and Employment (OSFAE).
2. **Check your UM email often for award notifications** or requests from OSFAE.
3. **View your financial assistance awards in CaneLink** by selecting ‘Go To Student Center’ and then ‘View Financial Aid.’
4. **Accept/decline all or any portion of your awards and loan offers** in CaneLink.
5. **Confirm Terms and Conditions** for financial assistance at miami.edu/terms.
6. **Finalize your registration plans by September 6** to avoid disbursement issues due to insufficient enrollment. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits to ensure that financial assistance is processed.
7. **Notify OSFAE** of any outside resources you will receive, such as outside scholarships and veteran’s benefits. Email the information to ofas@miami.edu.
Veterans

Veterans or dependents of veterans are entitled to V.A. educational benefits under Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, and 1606. Contact UM’s V.A. Certifying Official at veterans@miami.edu or 305-284-2294 by August 1. Veterans benefits may be considered as a resource when determining eligibility for need-based institutional assistance. Contact a financial aid advisor at 305-284-6000 (option 2) for additional information.

Student Employment

Federal law requires that all new student employees complete an I-9 form and present supporting documentation to verify their identity within three business days of their first day of work.

Examples of acceptable documentation include either a valid U.S. passport OR driver’s license AND a social security card or birth certificate.

A complete list of acceptable documents is available at miami.edu/ose.

To find a job, follow the easy steps found on your CaneLink account under the Student Employment section. Job postings are updated daily in the system.
Orientation
& Arrival
Pre-Orientation Programs

Pre-orientation programs at the University of Miami provide small group experiences for new students to ease the transition into the larger campus community.

The programs provide opportunities to connect with new and returning students in order to develop a base of peers. Students explore their interests, discover opportunities for personal growth through campus involvement, and engage in activities that promote community development and establish a sense of belonging at UM.

**GREAT START (June 24-25 or July 15-16)** is designed for new first-year commuter students from Miami-Dade and Broward Counties who will be commuting to campus during their first year at UM. Discount prices are available for students who sign up early at [miami.edu/greatstart](http://miami.edu/greatstart).

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION (August 15)** is designed to provide international students with information that will assist in their transition to living and studying in the U.S. For more information, visit [miami.edu/issss](http://miami.edu/issss).

**HORIZONS (August 15)** is designed to provide first-year students with a preview of campus life and the diverse community at UM. Registration is open June 1 – August 1. For more information and to register, visit [miami.edu/msa/horizons](http://miami.edu/msa/horizons).

**HILLEL FRESHFEST (August 15-16)** is designed to provide incoming Jewish students with an immersive experience and opportunity to connect to Jewish Life on campus. Registration is open now through August 11. For more information, visit [miamihillel.org/freshmen](http://miamihillel.org/freshmen).

'Cane Kickoff

All new students must attend 'Cane Kickoff, the mandatory five-day orientation for incoming undergraduate first-year and transfer students. A schedule will be posted online in early August. Visit [miami.edu/orientation](http://miami.edu/orientation).

'Cane Kickoff Fall 2017 will take place on:

- **August 16 – 20** for incoming undergraduate first-year and transfer students
- **August 16 – 17** for families of first-year and transfer students

New students will have access to the registration system by following the prompts through CaneLink as soon as the enrollment deposit is paid. To register, select the Orientation Registration link. Students may add information for parents and family members who intend to participate in the optional programming provided. You will receive a confirmation email once you submit all of your information.
Arrival and Move-In

When you arrive on campus for ’Cane Kickoff, there are five key things you’ll need to do:

1. **Check in for ’Cane Kickoff** at the Shalala Student Center on **August 15 or 16**. All new first-year, international, and transfer students must check in upon arrival. Family members should also check in at this time.

2. **If you will be living on campus, check in to your residential college** by following the steps mailed to your permanent address in June. Specifics can also be found at [miami.edu/housing](http://miami.edu/housing).

3. **Pick up your ’Cane Card.** Your ’Cane Card is the official on-campus identification card at UM. New students living in Eaton, Hecht, or Stanford Residential College will have their ’Cane Card picture taken and receive it when checking in for housing. All other students living on campus or off campus will take their ’Cane Card picture and receive it at the University Center on **August 16 or 17**. All students are required to carry their ’Cane Card for identification purposes while on campus. The ’Cane Card can also be used to:
   - access buildings, including residential areas, library, and wellness center.
   - borrow books from the library.
   - access athletic events.
   - pay for food at various dining locations on campus.

4. **Review all To-Do items in CaneLink and/or the Road to UM** to ensure there are no outstanding tasks before classes begin.

5. **Confirm you have arrived on campus.** Follow the link to the arrival confirmation form in your CaneLink To-Do list.
International Students

Visa and Entry
For detailed instructions on applying for an F-1 or a J-1 visa to enter the U.S., visit miami.edu/visaapp.

Please note: U.S. consulates will increase the screening of visa applicants and restrict the number of visa appointments held each day. Longer waits for interview appointments and for passports with visas to be returned after the interview are likely. Please take this into consideration when making plans to apply for an F or J visa. For detailed information on how to apply for an F or J visa and approximate wait times for visa interviews and visa application processing, visit the U.S. Department of State’s website at state.gov.

I-20 (F-1) OR DS-2019 (J-1) ISSUANCE:
Scan a copy of the first page of your passport and your bank or government sponsorship letter (financial guarantee) stating the availability of $67,000 U.S. dollars per year. To view a sample bank letter, visit miami.edu/bankletter.

Email copies of both documents to mydocuments@miami.edu for issuance of an I-20 or DS-2019 to apply for a student visa.

SEVIS FEE AND STUDENT VISA:
Review your I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1) forms. Contact the Department of International Student and Scholar Services at isss@miami.edu immediately if there are any errors on your I-20 or DS-2019 form.

Pay your I-901 SEVIS fee at fmjfee.com. Print the fee receipt as proof of payment and take it with you to your visa appointment and when you travel to the U.S.

Apply for a student visa to enter the U.S. (citizens of Canada and Bermuda are exempt). Student visas cannot be obtained in the U.S.

ENTERING THE U.S.:
When traveling to the U.S., carry your original Form I-20 or DS-2019 along with your passport, visa, and I-901 SEVIS fee receipt. Do not put these documents into your checked baggage.

Present your documents to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer at the U.S. port of entry when you arrive. You may arrive no earlier than 30 days before the start date listed on your Form I-20 or DS-2019 form.
Important Dates & Deadlines
# Fall 2017*

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