



# SEMESTER START CHECKLIST

## BE ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFUL

- Begin logging into your UC Merced Email, CatCourses, and UC Merced Connect daily
- [Generate Duo backup codes](#) so you can authenticate & access UC Merced services with Duo if you cannot access your mobile device
- Review [OIT's Quick Start Video](#)
- Download and set-up the [Campus VPN](#)
- Configure and familiarize yourself with CatCourses. Instructors will be adding course information through the start of the semester
- Review [additional OIT resources](#)
- Find your textbooks through the [UC Merced Bookstore](#)
- Review the [Classroom Learning Success CatCourse Module](#) (available August 19th)

## BE WELL

- Review the [DoYourPart website](#) for updated information about campus COVID-19 protocols
- Review UC Merced's resources for [Basic Needs](#)
  - Visit the [CalFresh website](#) to review benefits eligibility or to connect with a staff member
  - Complete [Grocery Bag Pick-Up Form](#) each week to receive a pre-packed grocery bag (if you are living on campus or near Merced)
- Familiarize yourself with [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) & [Health Services](#)
- Learn more about [Financial Wellness](#) and take important steps to control your finances

## BE ENGAGED

- Opt-in to the [Connect Student Success Channel](#)
- Check out the [Welcome Back Festivities](#)
- Have a [conversation with family](#) members about when and how you will communicate as well as discussing boundaries and other issues to ensure you are all on the same page
- Identify ways you will [connect with fellow Bobcats](#)
  - [Join a club](#)
  - Create or join a study group
- Visit the [Success Website](#) to find more ways to connect to the Bobcat community

## MANDATORY TRAININGS FOR NEW STUDENTS

- Review your [Mandatory Training Requirements](#) (*personalized emails were sent to your UC Merced email address*)
- AlcoholEdu
  - Complete Part 1 by September 12, 2022
- Violence Intervention & Prevention Program (VIP)
  - Complete by September 30, 2022
- Mental Well-Being for Students

## CONNECT WITH UC MERCED

- Students First Center: (209) 228-7178
- Information Technology: (209) 228-HELP (4357)
- Health Center: (209) 228-2273
- CAPS: (209) 228-4266
- UCMPD Emergency: (209) 228-2677 (CAT-COPS)
  - Register for [UC Merced Alerts](#)
- UCMPD Non-Emergency: (209) 228-8273



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