



Dear New Lobo,

Are you wondering what you need to do next to get ready for the Fall? You have talked with your advisor and registered for classes. That's a great start. Now, think about how to strategize for success.

- Build your teams: once school starts, take the initiative to form some study groups for your classes as well as a go-to hang-out group for pick-up basketball or movies at the SUB or whatever makes you happy.
- Identify a [Resource Center](#) or [student club on campus](#) that will allow you to meet people, get engaged and connect, whether that's at El Centro de la Raza or BUGS.
- Learn about your [financial aid](#) and "[bursar's bill](#)." What is a bursar's bill? It's a detail of your costs at UNM that you will receive regularly and that you can always check. Quick Tip: Fill out a FAFSA (if you have not done so already) so that we can determine your financial aid eligibility. We also encourage all Lobos to take a workshop offered by fellow students at the [Center for Financial Capability](#). You will set

yourself up for a positive experience at UNM by understanding from the beginning how to plan for college costs.

If you are wondering how to find your classes and where to find your class materials you are not alone. But it's also not a mystery. You can find out where face-to-face classes will be offered by logging into MyUNM ([click here for instructions on how to view our schedule](#)). Also, you will also be able to visit your classrooms during the [Class Crawl](#). Once the semester officially starts, you will be able to log in to [Canvas](#) on MyUNM using your net ID. All of your fully online classes can be accessed on Canvas. Many of your face-to-face, or in-person, classes will have a Canvas site filled with assignments and course materials. Many classes will use books or online materials with access codes that you can order from the UNM bookstore and have ready to pick up. All courses will provide a "syllabus". A syllabus is basically a plan for the semester, with resources, a schedule of readings and assignments, and guidelines about how to succeed in the course.

UNM is built for you. It does take time to explore, connect, and begin to feel at home. It's normal not to know all the answers yet. It's a great strategy to ask questions.

We have your backs, Lobos!

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