Non-Traditional & Commuter Students
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY· MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

RULES OF THUMB FOR NEW STUDENTS…

- Set up a home calendar with important dates at NMU.
  - When is tuition due?
  - When is the last day to drop a class?
- Keep correspondence, bills, and receipts all in one folder or file.
- Make a list of resource people. Who do you contact for billing questions? What is the number for financial aid?
- Succeed in the classroom:
  - go to class
  - sit in the front of the room and actively participate
  - go to class prepared
  - be interested
  - have a positive attitude
  - keep up with assignments and readings
  - do not miss exams or quizzes
- Practice your problem-solving skills. Ask for advice, but learn how to be independent.
- Talk to your family about finances and a budget for the year.
- Try not to stress out too much!

WHAT IS ON MY.NMU.EDU?

- check email
- update personal information: address, phone number, etc.
- locate general student information: residence, class status, degree, etc.
- sign up for classes
- get class schedule
- see grades
- access and print unofficial transcripts
- look at financial aid information
- obtain tax information (1098-T)
- view billing statements
- pay your bill online
- sign up for payment plans
- purchase parking decal
- check account holds
- find professor’s contact information

PLACES TO GO…

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE (DSO)
- Hedgcock, 227-1700
- Web site: dso.nmu.edu
- First Year Experience
- general questions & concerns
- withdrawals
- Disability Services
  - extended test time
  - note-takers
  - books on tape

WILDCAT EXPRESS OFFICE
- University Center, 227-1686
- Web site: meet.nmu.edu/express
- Student ID Card: Dining Services, Identification, Discounts, Access to Events, CatCa$h, Entrance to PEIF, Library Rentals, and more!

DIVERSITY STUDENT SERVICES
- Hedgcock, 227-1554
- Web site: dso.nmu.edu/dss
- financial advisement
- academic counseling
- student organization support
- personal support
- activities

STUDENT SERVICE CENTER
- Hedgcock, 227-1221
- Web site: www.nmu.edu/ssc
- billing and payments
- request transcripts
- add & drop classes
- overage checks

HELP Desk
- Learning Resource Center, 227-2468,
- Web site: www.acs.nmu.edu/2.0.php
- support for NMU-issued laptops

ACADEMIC & CAREER ADVISEMENT CENTER (ACAC)
- career advising
- All Campus Tutoring
- orientation
- workshops
- GPA calculator
- changing a major
- graduation requirements
- career exploration
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

1. Classes
   o Start the semester by choosing your classes.
   o View your class schedule by logging into my.nmu.edu. Log-in and go to the view schedule tab.

2. Expenses
   o Textbooks may be purchased at the NMU bookstore. Bring your class schedule with you.
   o Bills can be found at my.nmu.edu. Log in and go to the student services tab.

3. Meet People
   o There are lots of ways to get involved. Join a club, find an on-campus job, or take advantage of the many events at NMU.

OCTOBER

1. Time Management
   o Purchase and use a planner.
   o Spend time on campus between classes and use the time to do homework.
   o If you have been thinking about seeking tutoring, go for it! It’s never too early to get help.

2. Meeting People
   o Watch your student announcements for events or go to nmu.edu/salp/student_org for a current list of organizations.

3. Pre-register for Next Semester
   o See your adviser and get ready to register for next semester’s classes. Winter registrations begins in November.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

1. Cold and Flu Season
   o Eat right, take your vitamins, wash your hands, and work out at the PEIF to protect yourself during cold and flu season.

2. Register for Classes
   o Log in to my.nmu.edu and go to the student services tab to sign up for classes.

3. Finals
   o There is a different schedule for final exam week. Double check the time, date, and location of your tests at www.nmu.edu/records.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

1. Congratulations, one semester done!
   o Take a minute and enjoy the sense of accomplishment.

2. Enjoy the Holidays
   o Relax and enjoy the time with family and friends.

3. Commuting through bad weather
   o Be safe and use good judgment. To find out if the university has closed, call 227-brrr or visit www.nmu.edu – both have updated information.

MARCH

1. Pre-register for Fall
   o Again, see your adviser and pre-register for the upcoming semester. Remember, if you are not enrolled for classes, you must return your laptop to avoid fees.

2. Register for Summer Classes
   o Taking summer classes can help you make it to graduation sooner.
   o Contact Financial Aid about summer aid.

3. Spring Break
   o Use this week to relax or play catch-up in your classes.

APRIL

1. Better Weather
   o Try not to let the warm weather distract you – make it work for you instead. Study outside, take a walk to refresh, and be energized by the longer days.

2. Fight Burn-out
   o Make an end-of-the-year to-do list and check things off as you finish them. You will feel encouraged seeing your accomplishments in writing.

3. Graduation
   o Celebrate with friends who are graduating. Before you know it, you too will be walking across the stage!