



## New Graduate Student Checklist

Information for newly admitted graduate students including links can be found online:  
<https://www.hood.edu/graduate/admission/admitted-graduate-students>

### Orient Yourself

- Register and attend LIVE orientation for new graduate students
  - U.S. citizens = [General session](#)
  - F1 students = [International student session](#) and [General session](#)
- Complete the New Graduate Student Orientation Modules in [Blackboard](#)
  - Dean's Overview
  - Health & Wellness
  - Graduate Student Association (GSA)
  - Cultural Awareness
  - Funding Your Education
  - Visit Frederick
  - Academic Integrity
  - Your Program Module
- Download and review the [New Graduate Student Manual](#) and/or the [New International Graduate Student Handbook](#)

### Prepare to Succeed in Your Courses

- [Register for classes](#) (1<sup>st</sup> semester only is through the Registrar's office)
- Login to [Self Service](#)
  - Search for courses
  - Register your vehicle
  - View your account balance or statement
- Purchase textbooks or Hood apparel through the [Bookstore](#)
- Login to [Blackboard](#) to find course assignments, syllabi and more
- Familiarize yourself with the [Beneficial-Hodson Library](#) offerings
- Explore your [Dining Options/Meal Plans](#) to fuel up when you have evening classes on campus
- Stop by [Campus Safety](#) between 8 am-5 pm Mon – Fri to get your Student ID (email [security@hood.edu](mailto:security@hood.edu) to arrange alternative days/times)

### Protect Your Financial Health

- Determine your [Tuition and Fees](#) and sign up for a [monthly payment plan](#) through Accounting
- Search for Ways to help [Finance Your Education](#)
  - Scholarships and Grants
  - Graduate and Teaching Assistantships
  - [On-Campus Employment](#)
  - Employer Payment Plans
  - Federal Loans

### Be Tech Savvy

- Sign up to receive [Emergency Alerts](#) and closures
- Forward your Hood email to your preferred account or plan to check it daily
- If you're taking a course on campus, check your WiFi connectivity before your first class
- Contact the IT Help Desk for connectivity, email, or password issues: [helpdesk@hood.edu](mailto:helpdesk@hood.edu), call 301-696-3622, or stop by the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Apple Building

### Build Your Network & Career Confidence

- Attend the orientation events to meet new peers (see first section above under "Orient Yourself")
- Join the [Graduate Student Association](#)
- Explore your [Career Development Opportunities](#)