Welcome to the #YoteLife

Here's your new-student checklist to help you get ready for life as a USD Coyote.

**Important Next Steps:**

- Set up your USD account. [apps.usd.edu/accounts/pickup](apps.usd.edu/accounts/pickup)
- Install Duo Security on your USD account. [usd.edu/duo](usd.edu/duo)
- Submit your $100 university housing deposit and housing application or housing exemption request to live off campus. [link.usd.edu/HousingPortal](link.usd.edu/HousingPortal)

All students must complete either the housing application or housing exemption form prior to enrolling in classes. As soon as you complete the housing application, submit a short biography in the housing portal and begin looking for a potential roommate.

Starting in March, you will be able to self-select your room. Access to room selection will be prioritized for new students by when the housing contract was signed. After April 15, University Housing will assign rooms to any remaining students who did not self-select.

**Costs, Financial Aid & Billing:**

- Understand your costs by reviewing tuition and fees at [usd.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees](usd.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees).
- Submit your FAFSA online at [www.StudentAid.gov](www.StudentAid.gov) by using USD’s code of 003474. USD suggests submitting your FAFSA by April 1.

Federal income information from 2020 will be used to determine financial aid eligibility for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students and parents are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) within the FAFSA. This tool imports your income directly from the IRS and reduces the chances your information will need to be verified later by the college.

- View your Financial Aid Self-Service.

Financial aid awards are typically released by mid-April. When your financial aid has been awarded, you will receive an email in your USD account directing you to access your award via Financial Aid Self-Service. Review all information with your award letter before accepting your financial aid package. Please call the Office of Financial Aid at 605-658-6250 with any questions.

- Beginning in early August, your bill will be available online at your SDePay account. All statements are sent electronically and you will not receive a paper copy of your bill. Access SDePay in the Student tab of your Financial Aid Self-Service.

- Create a plan that works for your family to pay your bill. A variety of options to cover out-of-pocket expenses include personal check, payment plan, low-interest student loans and Parent PLUS Loans. [link.usd.edu/PaymentPlan](link.usd.edu/PaymentPlan)

**Register for Classes:**

- Select a registration option. (Check the email used on your application for instructions and options.)
- Complete your registration survey at [link.usd.edu/22RegistrationSurvey](link.usd.edu/22RegistrationSurvey)
- Placement tests may be required. You may schedule a test at another Board of Regents institution or national testing site. We encourage testing prior to registration.
- After your advising appointment, your class schedule will be available in Registration Self-Service.

**After You Register for Classes:**

- Buy or rent your textbooks online. [usd.edu/textbooks](usd.edu/textbooks)
- Get your Coyote Card student ID when you’re on campus or request it online at [link.usd.edu/coyote-card](link.usd.edu/coyote-card).
- Purchase your parking pass. [parking.usd.edu](parking.usd.edu)
- If you plan to work, explore our Coyote Careers job search portal and consider applying to Coyote Career Kickstart. [usd.edu/kickstart](usd.edu/kickstart)

**Required Documents for Enrolling:**

- Final official high school transcripts after you graduate high school.
- Final official college transcript for evaluation of any dual enrollment credit.
- Official AP or CLEP exam scores
- Immunization records (Fax to 605-312-9017, mail to USD Student Health, 20 S. Plum, Vermillion, SD 57069 or email usd.immunizations@sanfordhealth.org)

**Movie in Day & Welcome Week**

- Move-In Day is August 19, 2022. For move-in & Welcome Week information, visit [usd.edu/welcomeweek](usd.edu/welcomeweek) or call 605-658-6231. We'll see you in August!

To access the links in these steps, go to [usd.edu/NewStudentChecklist](usd.edu/NewStudentChecklist).