

# Checklist

for your first semester at Loyola

## Set yourself up for success:

- Read the **Common Text** -- take notes of any favorite quotes or ideas
- Meet your **Messina group** during Welcome Weekend
- Introduce yourself to your **advisor** (you likely met them already over the summer)
- Visit at least one professor during **office hours** (even if it's just to say hello)
- Develop a habit of **checking your Loyola email** *at least* once per day (you can add the Outlook app to your phone for easy access)
- Find your **favorite study spot** – popular spots include the CIE, Humanities Porch, The Study, Starbucks, or the study areas in academic buildings
- Activate your **Handshake Account** and complete your profile (visit [loyola.edu/department/career-center/resources](http://loyola.edu/department/career-center/resources) for more information)

## Events and Networking:

- Attend the **Activities Fair** in September
- Attend the **Academic Exploration Fair** in the fall (or the **Majors and Minors Fair** in the spring)
- **Residential students:** Attend your first floor/hall meeting and meet your RA
  - **Commuter students:** Follow the Commuter Student group on social media
- Follow your favorite student groups, clubs, and organizations on **social media**



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## Locating Resources on Campus:

*Offices around campus don't mind if you stop in to say hello! Below are some resources that students often find helpful in their first semester. Take some time to locate these offices as you learn your way around campus. There are many more resources available, so if you don't see something on this list, you can ask your advisor, RA, or Evergreen for advice or check First-Generation Student Success page of the Loyola website for a glossary of offices and resources on campus.*

Center for Intercultural Engagement (CIE) and ALANA Services  
(Student Center 3rd Floor)

Career Center (Fernandez Center 1st Floor)

Counseling Center (Humanities 150 or online)

Disability Support Services (Newman Towers West 107)

Financial Aid Office (Humanities 211A)

Student Administrative Services (Maryland Hall 140)

The Study (Jenkins Hall 3rd Floor)

